

2022 Essay Contest Rubric

Category	Excellent (5 points)	Good (4 points)	Fair (3 points)	Poor (2 points)
Clarity of Explanation	The writer gives enough clear and precise explanation backed up with evidence to prove his/her point.	The writer gives mostly clear and precise explanation, mostly backed up with evidence to prove his/her point.	The writer gives somewhat clear and precise explanation, somewhat backed up with evidence to prove his/her point.	The writer lacks clear and precise explanation and lacks evidence to prove his/her point.
Organization	The essay is very well organized, and the reader can precisely follow the writer's logic.	The essay is mostly organized. The reader can follow the writer's logic most of the time.	The essay is somewhat organized. The reader cannot always follow the logic presented by the writer.	The essay is not very well organized, and the reader gets lost many times in the logic of the writer.
Language	Demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, correct spelling, and capitalization.	Mostly demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar, and usage, correct spelling, and capitalization.	Somewhat demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar, and usage, correct spelling, and capitalization.	Does not demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, and usage, correct spelling, and capitalization.
Sticks to the topic of the Essay Contest.	The writer always sticks to the topic.	The writer mostly sticks to the topic	The writer somewhat sticks to the topic	The writer does not stick to the topic.
Writer's point of view regarding the topic	The writer expresses a clear and precise point of view as to his/her opinion regarding the topic.	The writer mostly expresses a clear and precise point of view.	The writer expresses a somewhat clear point of view.	The writer lacks a clear point of view.
The topic as described in the Gathas.	The writer has a deep understanding of the concept as described in the Gathas.	The writer has a good understand of the concept as described in the Gathas.	The writer has a superficial understanding of the concept as described in the Gathas.	The writer lacks the understanding of the concept as described in the Gathas.
Reference to the Gathas	The writer proves his/her point of view about the topic with strong and clear references (song and verse number) to the Gathas.	The writer uses references from the Gathas (song and verse number) but the reference is somewhat clear and strong in proving his/her point of view about the topic.	The writer uses references from the Gathas (song and verse number) but the reference is not clear or strong in proving the writer's point of view about the topic.	The essay lacks any reference to the Gathas.

Essay Contest Grading Rubric

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CATEGORY	Points Possible				Points Earned	Final score
Clarity of Explanation	5	4	3	2	X3	
Organization	5	4	3	2	X2	
Language	5	4	3	2	X1	
Sticks to the topic of the Essay Contest	5	4	3	2	X2	
Writer's point of view regarding the topic	5	4	3	2	X2	
The topic as described in the Gathas	5	4	3	2	X3	
Reference to the Gathas	5	4	3	2	X1	
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