



Republic of Guyana Jubilee Essay Writing Competition 2020

Theme: Guyana Together: Reflect, Celebrate, Transform

The following are the guidelines for the competition

1. There are four categories of entry: -
 - A 9 yrs – 11 yrs
 - B 12 yrs – 14 yrs
 - C 15 yrs – 17 yrs
 - D 18 yrs – 25 yrs
2. Essay should Centre on themes from topics for selection.
3. One topic should be selected according to category limit. It must be presented in Standard English, type written in Times New Roman 14 point font and double spaced EXCEPT for Category A which must be handwritten.

Category Limit

- A 9 yrs – 11 yrs 120 – 150 words
 - B 12 yrs – 14 yrs 200 – 300 words
 - C 15 yrs – 17 yrs 400 – 450 words
 - D 18 yrs – 25 yrs 500 – 600 words
4. All entries must be accompanied by an Entry Form as specified below.
 5. Essays will be judged on Language Structure, Content and Organization.
 6. Only Guyanese resident in Guyana are eligible.
 7. Entries must be submitted to Regional Departments of Education.
 8. Closing date for entries is Friday, February 15, 2020 at 16:00h.

9. Prizes will be awarded as follow:

Category A, B, C

- First Place 1 Trophy + a book voucher valued at \$ 50 000
- Second Place 1 Trophy + a book voucher valued at \$ 40 000
- Third Place 1 Trophy + a book voucher valued at \$ 30 000

Category D

- First Place 1 Trophy + \$ 100 000
- Second Place 1 Trophy + \$ 70 000
- Third Place 1 Trophy + \$ 50 000

10. Relatives of the adjudicating panel are not permitted to enter the competition.

11. The judges' decisions are final.

12. NB. Entrants should be aware that all prize – winning and short listed essays will be published in the Media. Copyright will belong solely to the respective writers.

JUBILEE ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION 2020	
ENTRY FORM	
Name.....	
Date of Birth.....	Age.....
Address.....	
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Region.....	Contact No.:
Email Address.....	
Category.....	Topic.....
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Signature	Date.....

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Mashramani 2020

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Suggested Topics for the Competition

Categories

9-11 years

- You love Mashramani celebrations but you do not think that there are enough national activities for children. Write a letter to the Mashramani Committee in which you suggest an activity that you would like to be included. Ensure that you give *three (3)* reasons why you would like this particular activity to be included.
- Your school has never participated in any of the Children's Mashramani Competitions. Write a letter to your headteacher giving *three (3)* reasons why your school should compete in any of the competitions.
- Imagine that you are selected as a youth ambassador for Guyana and that you get to meet the President. What would you suggest that students can do to prepare themselves to become involved in the oil industry?

12-14 Years

- Guyana has struck "First Oil". Write a letter to the Minister responsible for Culture, describing/explaining how the money gained from oil can be used to make a difference in our celebrations for future Mashramani celebrations.
- Your friend who lives in another country has never heard about our Mashramani Celebrations on the 23rd February each year. Write a letter to your friend convincing him/her to visit Guyana this year to celebrate with you and all Guyanese our 50th year as a Republican nation.
- Guyana is rich in natural resources and with proper management we can transform the economy. Write a letter to either of a newspaper stating your views on the topic.

15-17 Years

- February 23, 2020 will mark 50 years for Guyana. Trace the history of Republic Celebrations citing *three (3)* major differences between the celebrations then to now.
- The government has announced that Guyana has produced first oil. Write a letter to the President detailing three considerations that can be taken into account to ensure that all Guyanese benefit from the production of oil.
- Write a letter to the Editor of any local newspaper outlining *three (3)* ways in which Guyanese can work together to ensure National unity among the six ethnic groups.

18-25 Years

- Guyana will be exporting oil and gas before June, 2020. Write an essay of not less than 450 words giving your view as to how the Oil and Gas Industry will have an impact on the lives of Guyanese and Guyana's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- Guyana will be celebrating 50 years as a Republican nation on February 23, 2020. Write an essay of not less than 450 words stating how the Guyanese culture has been transformed over the years.
- My country's journey to a promising future. Write a letter to the Editor of any local newspaper expressing your views on the topic.