

CUTS INSTITUTE FOR REGULATION & COMPETITION

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GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL LEVEL ESSAY COMPETITION, 2014

THEME

The themes for the competition are 'Competition Policy & Law' and 'Economic Regulation' in India. The essay should depict/highlight the socio-legal and policy issues, with special reference to India. The participants may choose any one of the following sub-themes for their essay:

Category A: Competition Policy and Law	Category B: Economic Regulation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolving Competition Regime: Implications for Market Structure • Emerging Trends in Competition Law • Compliance: Role of Competition Commission of India • Intellectual Property and Competition Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution of Independent Regulation in Infrastructure Sectors • Regulatory Challenges and Opportunities in Key Infrastructure Sectors (Electricity, Telecom, Water & Transport) • Public Private Partnership for Infrastructure Development

ELIGIBILITY

The following eligibility criteria will be applied to all students submitting an essay:

- The contest is open to post-graduate and research students from recognised universities/institutes.
- The participant must hold an undergraduate degree and currently enrolled in a recognised university/ institute. Students who have successfully completed three years of five year integrated degree programmes are also eligible to participate.
- There shall be only one entry per participant.
- Co-authorship is allowed to the extent of having not more than two authors. Co-authors are subject to the above mentioned eligibility criterion.
- Participants in a joint submission must be from same college/institute.
- Members and Staff of CIRC and other partner institutions are not eligible.

ESSAY FORMAT

The Essay must be written according to the following format:

- The Essay should be no more than **4000 words**, including, headings, sub-headings, footnotes, research references, bibliography, tables, charts and figures, etc.
- The word limit **excludes** the Synopsis/Abstract, which should be no more than 250 words.
- It should be written in English (UK).

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- It must be typed in Microsoft Word with Times New Roman, Font size 12, 1.5 linear spacing, on A4 size paper with 2.56 cm margin on each side.
- Footnotes should not include discursive analysis. Endnotes must not be used. Footnotes must be typed in Microsoft Word with Times New Roman, Font size 10 with no linear spacing. All footnotes should be in OSCOLA Format, available on:
http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/published/OSCOLA_4th_edn_Hart_2012QuickReferenceGuide.pdf
- The Essay should have a suitable title, not exceeding 12 words.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Each essay submission shall be made as follows:

- It must include **two cover pages**. The first cover page should include the paper's title, name of the participant(s), name of the college/institution, year of study, mail/email address and phone number. The second page should include *only* the title of the essay and abstract.
- All essays must be submitted through electronic copies in **'.docx'** format to essay2014@circ.in, along with scanned copy of verification form and declaration of authorship form (in **'.pdf'** format), on or before 25th March, 2014.
- Verification Form and Declaration of Authorship can also be sent by post/courier at **Essay Competition 2014, C/O: CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition, R-75, I Floor, Block-R, Greater Kailash-1, New Delhi- 110 048**, on or before 25th March, 2014. However, any essay submission for which verification form and declaration of authorship are not received on or before 25th March 2014, stands rejected.
- Plagiarism/improper or missing citation, whether advertent or inadvertent, can lead to the **disqualification** of the entry. Winner of the competition may be disqualified retrospectively in the event plagiarism is detected after declaration of the results, or if the author(s) in question published its paper before or after the competition without the prior approval of the organisers.

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

All the entries will be evaluated anonymously by fellows and faculties of the CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) and some eminent external experts. Entries shall be marked out of 100 in accordance with the following criteria:

Marking Criterion	Marks Allocated
Title of the essay	10
Structure of the essay including clarity of argument	15
Range of issues discussed	15
Level of analysis	20
Use of authorities, references and evidences	15
Originality and innovation	10
Presentation (including grammar, literature & format)	15
TOTAL MARKS	100

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- The decision of the judges regarding the allocation of marks for the paper shall be final. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the organisers shall be final and binding.
- No feedback will be provided to participants on the essay submitted.

NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS & PRIZES

The top 3 entries in **each** category, i.e. category A and B, will receive the following awards:

- **First Prize:** Certificate of commendation and cash prize of Rs. 20,000/- (each).
- **Second Prize:** Certificate of commendation and cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- (each).
- **Third Prize:** Certificate of commendation and cash prize of Rs. 5,000/- (each).

Apart from the abovementioned awards, certain other selected essays entries may receive certificate of commendation. The certificates and prize distribution will be done in a specially organised event at New Delhi. The selected essays shall be published by CIRC in an appropriate format.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

CIRC reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the Competition Rules at any point of time without notice to participants or any other parties. Further, CIRC reserves the right to take any decision on any matter not mentioned in the Competition Rules. Any such decision taken by CIRC shall be final and binding upon all parties. The Copyright in the essays awarded shall vest with CIRC and may reproduce them in any appropriate format, with due credit to the authors.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT PARTICULARS
January 15, 2014	Release of Themes for Essay Competition.
March 25, 2014	Deadline for Submission (email) of Essay, Verification Form and Declaration of Authorship.
April 15, 2014	Results to be published on the competition website.
End of April	Award Ceremony

For any further query, please contact: essay2014@circ.in

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