

# Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA)

Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka

## Essay Writing Competition 2020 for UG, PG and General Public (Kannada and English)

### Topics and Instructions

#### 1.0 Introduction

In the digital era technology has become increasingly integrated into our daily lives, the ease of word processing documents, as well as the development of applications that integrate our work across multiple devices, has made the purpose of handwriting almost redundant. However, handwriting still has much more utility than it is often given credit for. It reinforces our reading and language processing skills, improves our memory and one can retain learning better when working with new ideas through handwriting instead of typing. Research has also found that writing creates unique pathways in the brain that helps in remembering the content more than those who typed them.

Essay is an important tool for improving writing skills. It develops ability to structure an argument and capacity to write lucidly, coherently and persuasively. It provides an important set of skills and intellectual capacity.

Keeping this perspective in mind. KSTA is conducting essay writing competition for Under Graduate (UG), Post Graduate (PG) and General Public (GP) in Kannada and English.

#### 2.0 Topics for Essay Competition 2020

Under Graduate Level	Post Graduate Level	General Public
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Post Covid 19: Socio-economic Challenges</li><li>• ಕೋವಿಡ್ 19 ನಂತರದ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ-ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಸವಾಲುಗಳು</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Post Covid 19: Role of Science and Technology in Economic Revival</li><li>• ಕೋವಿಡ್ 19 ನಂತರದ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಪುನಶ್ಚೇತನದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಮತ್ತು ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಪಾತ್ರ</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covid 19: Lessons for the Future</li><li>• ಕೋವಿಡ್ 19: ಭವಿಷ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಾಠ</li></ul>

### **3.0 Length of Essay**

The essay shall be no longer than 3000 words or 10 pages written double spaced on an A4 size sheet. There is no down limit, although essay shorter than 750 words are not considered.

### **4.0 Suggested Structure for Essay**

Essay may be structured with sections viz., introduction, body, conclusion and list of references. This is only an indicative and expected basic structure. The entrant may include other sections which they feel necessary and relevant.

### **5.0 Evaluation Criteria**

The essays will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- ✓ Relevance to the topic & originality (30%)
- ✓ Connectivity, coherence, structure and keeping to the word limit (20%)
- ✓ Creativity & presentation (30%)
- ✓ Language, legibility, fluency, competence (spacing between letters, words, and lines; consistency of letter size and forms; neatness and general appearance) (20%)

### **6.0 How to submit your essay**

- Send your hand written essay (hard copy) through post to the following address and scanned copy (pdf format) to our e-mail : [essay.ksta@gmail.com](mailto:essay.ksta@gmail.com)
- Address: Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Prof. U R Rao Vijnana Bhavana, Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road, Near Horticultural Science College Entrance, GKVK, Vidyanarayapura Post, Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560 097
- The file name of scanned copy (pdf format only) should be kept as [name-category]. Here name = your name (excluding initials) and Category = Under Graduate (UG), Post Graduate (PG) and General Public (GP). E.g., If your name is Vivekananda and you are submitting under category Under Graduate, then the file name would be Vivekananda-UG.

- Submit your identity, address and age (Aadhar/Voter ID/College ID) proof along with your essay (Hard copy through post and soft copy to the email provided above). Follow above nomenclature procedure while naming the scanned copy (in jpeg format).

## **7.0 Special Note**

- Instructions/guidelines provided in this document are in addition to already published Instructions/guidelines in the website.
- Plagiarism is not accepted and will be dealt with strictly at the time of assessment and will be rejected.
- Only one essay is allowed per participant per language. A Participant can submit essay both in Kannada and English. In case it is found that any participant has submitted more than one entry in a particular language, all submitted entries by that participant will be considered invalid.
- Use any ballpoint pen or fountain pen for writing. please use only black ink and white coloured paper (plain or lined).
- At the end of your essay (not on the front), provide your details viz., name, address, age as on January 1, 2021(age proof should be attached), contact number and e-mail.
- Do not cross out or make erasures. Do not send 'rough drafts.' If you make a mistake, start over.
- Selected essays will be published in the website with the name, photo and details of the participants without the need of prior permission. Sending your essay to us itself gives us the authority to publish it from our side anywhere, online or in digital magazines. However, participant can tell in the very beginning that they are not interested in publishing the article anywhere.
- All entries become the property of KSTA and will not be returned

## **8.0 Important Dates**

- Last date of Submission: January 11, 2021
- Announcement of Result: February 28, 2021; through email, website, Facebook
- Issue of Prize and Certificate: February 28, 2021; through Video Conference mode and post