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Inaugural Victoria wide 'Indian Essay Competition'

Introduction

Australia is a unique country with a rich heritage of cultural awareness and acceptance. We are one of the most multicultural nations in the world. In 2011, there were 5.3 million first generation Australians (27% of the population) who were born overseas but now live in Australia.

With so many Australians having been born overseas, the harmony of our society together is built by understanding and acceptance.

Victoria is a proud state known for its cultural diversity and capacity to harness its many benefits. Unity in diversity makes our State a great place to live, and draws admiration from around the world.

A sincere commitment of the government has been in developing educational strategies to ensure that all Victorian young people, especially students, are equipped with the knowledge and skills required to participate effectively in Victoria's rich global society.

Such cultural knowledge and linguistic expertise gives our State a competitive edge in an increasingly globalised market.

This essay competition by *Celebrate India Inc.* is one small step towards improving such knowledge and skills.

Topic for the Essay/Descriptive Writing

Write an essay/descriptive writing (between 300 to 350 words) discussing similarities and differences between the Indian festival of Diwali and Christmas.

Note: Assessment will be based on the structure, point of arguments, spelling and expression.

Prizes to win-

- 1st - **One return air ticket to India and one additional ticket for the guardian**, Sponsored by **Air India** with Rs.51,000 spending money sponsored by **The Indian Weekly**.
- 2nd - Sponsored by the Consulate General of India, Melbourne
- 3rd - Sponsored by the Consulate General of India, Melbourne

The School with the most entries will win a 6-week **AFL Leadership program**, which includes a visit by an AFL player.

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Teacher's Resource Kit 2014

This kit will provide resources that will assist in exploring the essay topic.

- (A) National Portal of India – <http://india.gov.in/topics/art-culture>
- (B) www.diwalifestival.org/
- (C) *Incredible India* lists all festivals celebrated in India with their meanings.

For Diwali festival: Visit <http://www.incredibleindia.org/experience-india/fairs-and-festivals/52-october-october/71-diwali>

- (D) *Celebrate India Inc.* has information and past videos of Diwali festivals.
Visit: www.celebrateindia.org.au
- (E) Wikipedia site gives details of Diwali festival and its significance as well as information on Diwali celebrations in Australia.
- (F) Wikipedia site gives details of Christmas festival and its significance.

Important Dates

30 July: Enrol your school by completing the form on the website of *Celebrate India*. Schools to appoint their representative/contact person for this competition.

30 Aug: The school's representative to collect all entries from students of years 5 & 6 and assess the top 5 entries.

15 Sept: School representative to **post the top 5 entries** to *Celebrate India Inc.* along with a signed declaration form (Appendices 2) by the Principal of the school declaring the total number of entries received by their school.

5 Oct: Panel set up by *Celebrate India Inc.* will finalise the winners of all prizes and notify the school representative of the winning entries and the procedure for prize collection.

25 Oct: Winners will be presented with their prizes at the Diwali celebrations at Federation Square, Melbourne.

For all other enquiries, please contact *Celebrate India Inc.*

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Celebrate India Inc.'s mission:

To celebrate multiculturalism, denounce racism, promote social harmony and mutual respect.

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Terms and Conditions for the 'Indian Essay Competition 2014'

(A) GENERAL:

1. The 'Indian Essay Competition' 2014 ('Competition') for Primary Schools in Victoria is conducted by *Celebrate India Inc.*
2. The Competition starts on 30 July 2014 and ends at 5pm on 15 September 2014.
3. 'Essay' or 'Descriptive writing' refers to an Entrant's original submission to the Competition through their school.
4. Neither entrants, their parent(s)/guardian(s), teachers and schools, nor any other person, will be compensated for any use of the Essay, now or in future.

(B) ELIGIBILITY

1. Entry is open to children attending a primary school in Victoria, Australia ('Entrant').
2. Entrants must be in either Year 5 or 6.
3. Maximum one entry per Entrant.
4. Entrants may not enter under a different name or using false information.
5. Once an entry is submitted, it cannot be amended or replaced.
6. If an Entrant wishes to withdraw from the Competition, their school representative should contact *Celebrate India Inc.*
7. *Celebrate India Inc.* is not responsible for late, lost, improperly submitted or damaged entries.

(C) DISQUALIFICATION/ NON-ELIGIBILITY

1. Children/wards of the executive committee members of
 1. *Celebrate India Inc.*
 2. Staff of the Consulate General of India, Melbourne and
 3. Sponsors,are ineligible to participate in this competition.
2. Entrant will be disqualified from the competition if they approach any members of the organisation or its panel members.

(D) GUIDE FOR SCHOOL'S REPRESENTATIVE

Notify Celebrate India of school's intention of participation by completing the form on its website (www.celebrateindia.org.au)

1. Teachers to encourage students from their classes (year 5 and 6) to start/finish their essay in time.
2. Ensure all students understand the conditions of entry.
3. No outside assistance in writing the essay should be given.
4. Collect all essays by 30 August 2014 for school assessment.
5. Post the 5 best entries from the school to *Celebrate India Inc.* by 15 September.
(PO BOX 33, Taylors Lakes, Vic 3038)
6. Must ensure that each entry has full name, age, grade of the student and school's name. (Appendices 1)
7. Each school's representative must supply a signed declaration from the principal informing the total number of entries from the school.
(Appendices 2)

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Appendices 1

Entry form for *Celebrate India Inc.* 'Indian Essay Competition 2014'

(To attach on the Essay/Descriptive writing of each student)

Name of student.....

Grade of student:

School:

Name of school's Representative:.....

Contact Tel;

Email of the representative;

Name of student's parent or guardian:

.....I hereby understand and agree to the above Terms and Conditions:

Signature of parent or guardian:

(on behalf of the student named above).

Date:.....

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Appendices 2

Celebrate India Inc. 'Indian Essay Competition 2014'

Declaration by the school principal

I,.....
principal of the
(name of the School)
declare that our school receivedentries
from the students of year 5 and 6.

We will keep each entry until the competition concludes
and will be happy to share, if so required by the panel of
Celebrate India Inc. in case our school is in a winning
position for the school prize.

.....
(Signature of Principal/nominated representative)

Date:.....



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