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All Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) National Competitions 2017

Conservation of Petroleum products and environment protection is an important cause for our country. In order to reach out to young sensitive minds to carry forward the message of fuel conservation, the best way is to give them an opportunity to express themselves in colour and words.

With the above objective in mind, the Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India is conducting the following four competitions:

- Essay writing
- Painting
- Quiz for selecting School District, State and Zonal teams. Zonal teams shall participate for National Finals.
- Individual Quiz for achieving Bronze, Silver or Gold Level in which any child in prescribed age group can participate.

For effective communication, students may choose to present their ideas and messages for conserving petroleum products and reducing emission, in English, Hindi or Regional languages. Detailed instructions for conducting the competitions are available on the portal www.pcracompetitions.org and also enclosed herewith.

The awards for the competitions will be given in the form of cash prize, laptops and a study tour to Singapore.

Essay Competition		
	No. of Prizes	Prize Details
First	23	Singapore Trip and Laptop
Second	23	Laptop & cash prize of Rs.20,000/-
Third	23	Laptop & cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-
17 Consolation prizes for Hindi and English only	34	Tablet

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Painting Competition		
	No. of prizes	Prize Details
First	2	Singapore Trip and Laptop
Second	2	Laptop & cash prize of Rs. 20,000/-
Third	2	Laptop & cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-
97 Consolation Prizes per category	194	Tablet

Quiz Competition		
	No. of Prizes	Prize Details
First –School Team	2	Singapore Trip and Laptop
Second-School Team	2	Laptop & cash prize of Rs. 20,000/-
Third-School Team	2	Laptop & cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-
Fourth-School Team	2	Laptop
State Level Winners Consolation Prize	Two per State/UT	Tablets
District level Winner	Two per district	Gift Voucher, trophy and certificate

The final results will be announced in December 2017. The awards will be distributed during the Saksham month period 16.01.18 to 15.02.18.

School Heads are required to ensure maximum participation of the students for making these competitions a grand success for a better tomorrow.

For any further queries, the schools may contact PCRA on 011-26715360 or email at contact@pcracompetitions.org.

Biswajit Saha

(Dr. Biswajit Saha)
Additional Director (ART&I)

Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions as indicated below with a request to disseminate the information to all the schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, ND-16
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054

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6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar –791 111
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair - 744101
8. The Director of Education, S.I.E., CBSE Cell, VIP Road, Junglee Ghat, P.O. 744103, A&N Island
9. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini
10. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A – Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001
11. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
12. The Under Secretary (EE-1), MHRD, Govt. of India, Department of SE&L, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-01
13. All Regional Directors/Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions
14. All Additional Directors /Joint Directors/Deputy Directors/Assistant Directors, CBSE
15. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this circular on the CBSE Academic website
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20. SPS to Controller of Examinations, CBSE
21. SPS to Director (Information Technology), CBSE
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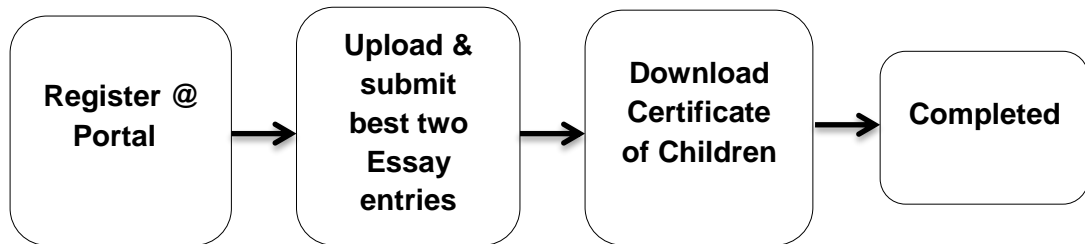
ESSAY COMPETITIONS INSTRUCTIONS

1. Only schools in India recognized by Central and State Boards of India, can participate.
2. It is mandatory for the schools to conduct the competition in school premises in a fair manner. It is requested that all eligible (maximum number of) students take part in this competition, as this is in National interest.
3. Schools to conduct Essay competitions in one or more of the following languages- Hindi, English, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Maithili, Dogri, Nepali, Bodo and Santhali.
4. **Eligibility:** Students of classes 7, 8, 9 & 10.
5. One student can participate in only one language.
6. Essay should not exceed 700 words.
7. Student must submit essay in his/her own handwriting.
8. **Topic:**

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9. **Time Limit:** 1 Hour
10. School is required to evaluate the entries, and upload Best two entries in each language, in which the competition has been conducted at the school, on www.pcracompetitions.org. For further details, please refer to this portal.
11. **Competition Period:** 15.07.2017 to 15.09.2017. Last entry on or before 15.09.2017.
12. The topic of essay competition may be displayed prominently, at least a week in advance. Schools to advise students to prepare in advance for the scheduled competition. This shall enable the participants to obtain relevant information from various sources. This exercise is focused on increasing awareness in young minds for the National cause of Conservation of Fuel and Environment protection.

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Participation Process:-



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IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

1. The decision of the Jury/Expert committee will be final and binding in respect of all matters concerning the competition.
2. Plagiarism will lead to cancelation of entry.
3. In case the participation in a particular language is very low, the prize winning entries shall be evaluated by an expert/jury, appointed by PCRA. If the best entries do not conform to the general standard of entries in other languages, PCRA reserves its right to rationalize the prizes for that particular language. The decision of PCRA in this regard will be final and binding.
4. The essay & painting entries submitted would be the sole property of PCRA, with right to use and right to edit for any purpose it considers appropriate.
5. Children of employees of PCRA are not eligible for the prizes.
6. Schools should try to hold the competitions as early as possible to avoid last minute rush in submission.
7. The final results shall be announced in December 2017. The awards will be distributed during the Saksham month period 16.01.18 to 15.02.18.



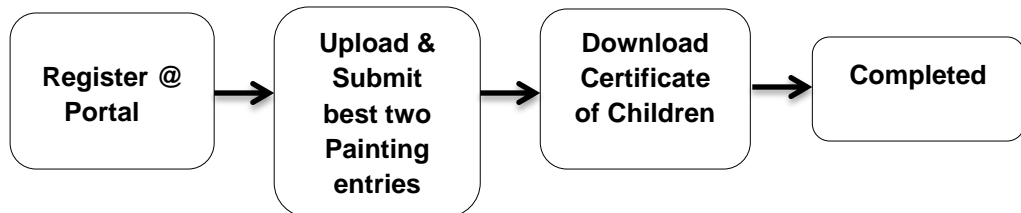


PAINTING COMPETITIONS INSTRUCTIONS

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2. It is mandatory for the schools to conduct the competition in school premises in a fair manner. It is requested that all eligible (or maximum number of) students take part in this competition, as this is in National Interest.
3. **Eligibility:** Two categories:
 - a. Students of classes 5,6 & 7 (Junior)
 - b. Students of classes 8,9 & 10 (Senior)
4. Schools to conduct competitions in any one or both the categories.
5. Use only A3 size art sheet. The work may be executed using pencils, pencil colours, crayons, water colours etc.
6. **Topic:**

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7. **Time Limit:** 2 Hours
8. School is required to evaluate the entries for each category, and upload Best two entries in each category (Junior/Senior), in which the competition has been conducted at the school, on www.pcracompetitions.org. For more details, please refer to this portal.
9. **Competition Period:** 15.07.2017 to 15.09.2017 Last entry on or before 15.09.2017.
10. The topic of painting competition may be displayed prominently, at least a week in advance. Schools to advise students to prepare in advance for the scheduled competition. This shall enable the participants to obtain relevant information from various sources. This exercise is focused on increasing awareness in young minds for the National cause of Conservation of Fuel and Environment protection.
11. The students whose paintings are adjudged in the best 100 paintings in each category, on All India basis, will be invited to participate in a National Final round at Delhi. PCRA shall bear the expenses of travel, and the best 100 in each category shall be advised on the same.

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SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Only schools in India recognized by Central and State Boards of India, can participate.
2. This competition shall be conducted only online through web portal www.pcracompetitions.org and mobile application PCRA-Competitions available on Android/IOS Platforms.
3. It is mandatory for the schools to conduct the competitions in school premises in a fair manner. It is requested that all eligible (maximum number of) students take the online quiz, as it will add to their knowledge and is in National interest.
4. **Eligibility:** Students of classes 8, 9 and 10.
5. Questions shall pertain to Agriculture, Conservation, Petroleum, Environment, Transport, General Studies and other categories.
6. The schools shall register the names of all Students against the school ID on the portal www.pcracompetitions.org. All the students can then participate as Individuals in First Round. Each student shall be given a time limit of 10 minutes to attempt the quiz of 10 questions.
7. Software will select the two best scoring participants, who will form the School Team.
8. The School team (two best scoring participants) shall then participate in the second round or District level round, by logging in the portal, in school premises itself. This round will have 15 questions with a time limit of 10 minutes. The last date for participating at District level is 15th September 2017.
9. The best school team (winner) at District level shall be informed by email by PCRA. This team shall participate in third round by logging in the portal, in school premises itself, to compete for becoming State Level Winners. This round will have 30 questions with a time limit of 15 minutes.
10. The Window for State level shall open on 20th September 2017. The last date for participating at State level is 27th September 2017.
11. The State Level winners (school team) shall participate in offline Zonal Rounds for deciding the Zonal Finalists. These finalists shall be invited for Zonal round. The date and venue shall be advised by email to the schools.
12. The Zonal Finalists will be invited to participate at the National Finals.
13. PCRA shall bear expenses of travel.
14. The schools shall be informed /intimated about the winners at each level by email.

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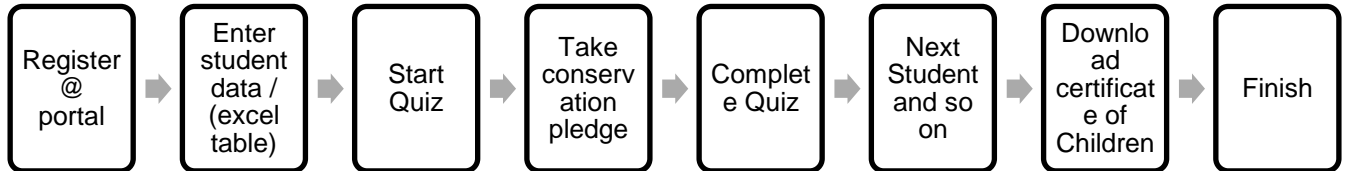
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15. **Competition Period:** 15.07.2017 to 15.09.17 for online Quiz competition upto District Level only.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL QUIZ COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

1. Any child in the prescribed age group can participate.
2. This competition shall be conducted only online through web portal www.pcracompetitions.org and mobile application PCRA-Competitions available on Android/Windows/IOS Platform.
3. Child to register online and upload scanned copy or photo of I-card of school/certificate of Principal/Aadhar Card/Class 10th Certificate. An activation link will be sent to his/her email ID for participation.
4. **Eligibility:** Students of age 13-17 years (students born on or after 01.04.2000 and on or before 31.03.2004)
5. Questions shall pertain to Agriculture, Conservation, Environment, Energy & Fuel, Transport, General Studies and other categories.
6. **Competition Period:** 15.07.17 – 15.01.18
7. First Level Quiz will have 10 questions with a time limit of 10 minutes. If the child answers 6 or more correctly, an online certificate of proficiency (Bronze Level) is issued to his/her registered email ID, and can be downloaded from the portal itself. The second window shall open on qualifying the first level.
8. Second Level Quiz will have 15 questions with a time limit of 10 minutes. If the child answers 10 or more correctly, an online certificate of proficiency (Silver Level) is issued to his/her registered email ID and can be downloaded from the portal itself. He/she becomes eligible for Final level.
9. Final Level Quiz will have 30 questions with a time limit of 15 minutes. If the child answers 25 or more correctly, an online certificate of proficiency (Gold Level) is issued to his/her registered email ID and can be downloaded from the portal itself.

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