

Essay Contest Rubric

Category	Excellent (5 points)	Good (4 points)	Fair (3 points)	Poor (2 points)
Clarity of Explanation	The writer gives enough clear and precise explanation backed up with evidence to prove his/her point.	The writer gives mostly clear and precise explanation, mostly backed up with evidence to prove his/her point.	The writer gives somewhat clear and precise explanation, somewhat backed up with evidence to prove his/her point.	The writer lacks clear and precise explanation and lacks evidence to prove his/her point.
Organization	The essay is very well organized and the reader can precisely follow the writer's logic.	The essay is mostly organized. The reader can follow the writer's logic most of the time.	The essay is somewhat organized. The reader can not always follow the logic presented by the writer.	The essay is not very well organized and the reader gets lost many times in the logic of the writer.
Language	Demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, correct spelling and capitalization.	Mostly demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar, and usage, correct spelling and capitalization.	Somewhat demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar, and usage, correct spelling and capitalization.	Does not demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, and usage, correct spelling and capitalization.
Sticks to the topic of the Essay Contest.	The writer sticks to the topic at all times.	The writer mostly sticks to the topic	The writer somewhat sticks to the topic	The writer does not stick to the topic.
Writer's point of view in regards to the topic	The writer expresses a clear and precise point of view as to his/her opinion in regards to the topic.	The writer mostly expresses a clear and precise point of view.	The writer expresses a somewhat clear point of view.	The writer lacks a clear point of view.

Zarathushtra's point of view in regards to the topic as described in the Gathas.	The writer has a deep understanding of the concept as described in the Gathas and clearly describes Zarathustra's point of view in regards to the topic	The writer has a good understand of the concept as described in the Gathas.	The writer has a superficial understanding of the concept as described in the Gathas.	The writer lacks the understanding of the concept as described int he Gathas.
Comparison of the writer's point of view to that of Zarathushtra's as described in the Gathas.	The writer clearly compares his point of view with Zarthushtra's point of view as described in the Gathas and reaches a clear conclusion.	The writer mainly compares his point of view with Zarthushtra's point of view as described in the Gathas and reaches mostly conclusion.	The writer somewhat compares his point of view with Zarthushtra's point of view as described in the Gathas and reaches to a somewhat clear conclusion.	The writer lacks a clear comparison of his point of view with that of Zarthushtra's point of view as described in the Gathas and reach does not reach a clear conclusion.
Reference to the Gathas	The essay has 2 or more clear references to the Gathas pertaining to the topic.	The essay has less than 2 clear references to the Gathas pertaining to the topic.	The essay refers to the Gathas in regard to the topic but the reference is somewhat clear.	The essay lacks any reference to the Gathas in regards to the topic.

Essay Contest Grading Rubric

Name: _____

CATEGORY	Points Possible				Points Earned	Final score
Clarity of Explanation	5	4	3	2	X2	
Organization	5	4	3	2	X2	
Language	5	4	3	2	X1	
Sticks to the topic of the Essay Contest	5	4	3	2	X2	
Writer's point of view in regards to the topic	5	4	3	2	X2	
Zarathustra's point of view in regards to the topic as described in the Gathas	5	4	3	2	X3	
Comparison of the writer's point of view to that of Zarathustra's as described in the Gathas	5	4	3	2	X3	
Reference to the Gathas	5	4	3	2	X3	
					TOTAL:	

Dear Judge, please choose the essay you would pick to be first, second and third place winners.

First Place: Essay #_____

Second Place Essay #_____

Third Place Essay #_____