

GARGI COLLEGE : SIRI FORT ROAD : NEW DELHI

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Gargi College announces an essay competition for students of this college on the following topic:

“Marks for participation in sports and Co-curricular Activities should receive weightage in the final total leading to the undergraduate degree.” Do you agree?

Two best essays, for and against respectively, will receive handsome cash awards and also be included in a book ***Quest for Excellence in Higher Education*** to be published by Gargi College.

Last date for submission: **7th January 2012**

Please see guidelines given below

Guidelines for the Essay contest

Who can enter the contest?

The contest is open to all students on rolls at Gargi College during 2011-12. The essay may be authored by a single contestant or as a team of 2 or 3 only.

What should be its length? When, where and how should it be submitted?

- 1) The essay should be in 500-1000 words, typed in double space in A4 size sheets.
- 2) A hard copy should be submitted in the Principal's office. A soft copy should be mailed to gargibook@gmail.com
- 3) Name(s) of the authors, class roll no.(s), course and year should be clearly mentioned on the top right hand corner of the first page. Every page of the essay should signed by the author(s).
- 4) **Last date of submission is 7th January, 2012.**

What should be the content of the essay?

The essay should be written in English, as it is being considered for inclusion in a book to be initially published in the English medium.

It should be carefully thought out, well structured and convincingly argued either **FOR** or **AGAINST** the given topic. Contestants have to take one or the other position.

The essay should address various key factors that would be crucial for taking a decision on such a vital issue. The following are some such factors:

- 1) What would be the evaluation methodology and criteria?
- 2) How to ensure transparency, fairness and equity?
- 3) What legitimate alternatives could be offered for the non-participants?
- 4) The question of ethics and propriety of according marks/credit to sports and co-curricular activities in an academic course/programme.
- 5) Issues of attendance.

Who will judge the contest?

The editorial committee of the proposed book Quest for Excellence will act as judges for the contest. Their judgment shall be final and binding on the contestants.

Principal