## **Evaluation guidelines for essay**

## Please note that exceeding the word limit will lead to disqualification.

Under each category the evaluator should give the following weightage to different aspects of an essay submitted.

| SI No | Criteria                              | Weightage   |
|-------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1)    | Originality/ Uniqueness of the idea/s | 25%         |
| 2)    | Presentation and grammar of the essay | 25% (15+10) |
| 3)    | Practicality of the idea proposed     | 25%         |
| 4)    | Relevance to the question asked       | 25%         |

**Originality of the idea -** Topic of the essays is what action an individual will take for making India clean. The evaluator should assess whether the ideas presented in the essay are novel and original. Scoring under this head is proportional to the uniqueness of the action points specified in the essay.

**Presentation and grammar of the essay** – This refers to the coherence of ideas presented in the essay. Score under this head is dependent upon how well-structured the essay is. Ten marks have been allotted to the grammar.

**Practicality** - Score under this heading is dependent on how applicable or practical are the ideas mentioned in the essay. Vague or broad statements will score less compare to precise and implementable ideas which could be easily acted upon.

**Relevance** – The content of the essay should be relevant to the question asked i.e what would you do for making India clean? Score will be given according to how relevant the ideas proposed are in this context.

Pointers for preraks for selecting final essays:

- Shows 'sankalp'/personal commitment to make India a 'Clean India' by stepping out of their comfort zone - could be in terms of caring for local ponds, rivers, animals, people, climate change, public places, air pollution, plastic pollution, etc.
- 2. The commitment shown through the essay seems genuine and not superficial.
- 3. Not too many grammatical and spelling errors in the final essays. Few spelling and grammatical errors are ok.

4. Handwriting to be readable.

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