



Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (India)

Announces

RGNUL *Exagium* 2016: Essays on Classics International Essay Writing Competition

About RGNUL, Punjab

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL) Punjab is a premier educational institute. It has been established by the State Legislature of Punjab by Punjab Act No.12 of 2006. The University acquired approval of the Bar Council of India (BCI) in July 2006. In 2007 the university got registered with the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi under Section 2(f) of the UGC, Act, 1956. The University has been Accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC in 2015.

About RGNUL *Exagium* 2016: Essays on Classics

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, India announces International Essay Writing Competition-*Exagium* 2016- for the undergraduates, postgraduates and research scholars across disciplines. With an objective to enhance the reading and writing skills of the students, **RGNUL *Exagium* 2016** attempts to engage the undergraduates and postgraduates in the reading of Classics.

Classics are those books which constitute experiences, thoughts and ideas of great writers. These books deal with universal ideas which provide great insights and vision. Besides imprinting themselves on the imagination of the readers, these books preserve the collective unconscious. "A Classic," according to Italo Calvino, "is a work which constantly generates a pulviscular cloud of critical discourse around it, but which always shakes the particles off." The writer expresses his views on the reading of classics in the book titled *Why Read the Classics?* The discourse of Classics resonates with universal issues. The reading of Classics gives a deeper understanding of our own times. The topographical epic about a city /person makes diverse issues visible. The classics penned by eminent authors and personalities imply continuance and consistence. The reading of such texts is of great significance to the young people as they get enlightened about various issues. This knowledge is also beneficial for the understanding of the contemporary times.

RGNUL *Exagium* 2016 provides a challenge to the reading, comprehending and writing skills of the students. The essay on the selected text should focus on the **thematic concerns** of the writer. Using the primary and secondary sources, the participants will write an **analytical essay*** on the selected classic.

*Essays must be original, logical and coherent.

Essays should not be summaries.

Essays should discuss the major issues/themes of the text.

The analysis of the text must be supported with proper evidence and personal response.

The participants will select a book from the list given below:

<u>Name of the Book</u>	<u>Author</u>
<i>Oedipus Rex</i>	Sophocles
<i>Politics</i>	Aristotle
<i>The Republic</i>	Plato
<i>Madame Bovary</i>	Gustave Flaubert
<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>	Daniel Defoe
<i>Crime and Punishment</i>	Fyodor Dostoyevsky
<i>Mother</i>	Maxim Gorky
<i>Sense and Sensibility</i>	Jane Austen
<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	William Golding
<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	F.Scott Fitzgerald
<i>Antigone</i>	Sophocles
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Jane Austen
<i>The Plague</i>	Albert Camus
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee
<i>Frankenstein</i>	Mary Shelley
<i>The Strange Case of Dr.Jekyll and Mr.Hyde</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson
<i>The Discipline of Law</i>	Lord Denning
<i>The Spirit of the Common Law</i>	Roscoe Pound
<i>Wit and Wisdom</i>	Nani Palkhivala
<i>Before Memory Fades</i>	Fali S.Nariman
<i>Legal Eagles</i>	Indu Bhan
<i>Revolution 2020</i>	Chetan Bhagat
<i>The Test of My Life</i>	Yuvraj Singh
<i>Playing it My Way</i>	Sachin Tendulkar
<i>The Wings of Fire</i>	A.P.J Abdul Kalam
<i>The Discovery of India</i>	Jawaharlal Nehru
<i>The Annihilation of Caste</i>	B R Ambedkar
<i>Roses in December</i>	M C Chagla

Eligibility Criteria and Rules for the Competition:

- ❖ The competition is open to the students pursuing undergraduate (BALLB/ BA/B.Sc/B.Com/BBA/B.Tech/MBBS) or any other undergraduate and postgraduate courses (MA/LLM/MSc/MPhil/PhD) in any university/college across the globe.
- ❖ The students of RGNUL shall not be eligible for prizes but the best entries shall be felicitated with certificates of merit.
- ❖ Only original essays that have not been published or have not been accepted for publication should be mailed to **exagium2016@rgnul.ac.in**
- ❖ Plagiarism of any form shall result in disqualification.
- ❖ No identification marks must be found in any part of the essay.
- ❖ Registration form is to be sent along with the hard copy of the essay.
- ❖ Registration form can be downloaded from the university website i.e. www.rgnul.ac.in.
- ❖ The Essay must be written in English.
- ❖ The Essay must be type-written in 12 font size in Times New Roman with 1.5 line space.
- ❖ The Essay should not be more than 3000 words.
- ❖ The Essay has to be submitted in MS-Word format.

Registration fees:

National Participants	:	Rs. 600 per entry; Rs. 900 (In case of co- authors)
International Participants	:	10 USD per entry: 15 USD in case of co-authors (as per dollar rate on 25/05/2016)
Mode of Payment (Online)*	:	https://www.onlinesbi.com/prelogin/icollecthome.htm

** Online portal shall remain active from 25th May 2016 to 31st August 2016.*

In case the international participants face any issue while submitting the payment through online mode, they can send demand draft in favour of Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, payable at Patiala and mail the scanned copy of DD on exagium2016@rgnul.ac.in

Guidelines for Submission

- ❖ Download the Registration form from the University website i.e. www.rgnul.ac.in.
- ❖ Soft copy of the Essay, Scanned copy of the filled Registration Form and scanned copy of the ID Proof to be submitted electronically to exagium2016@rgnul.ac.in
- ❖ Hard Copies of the Registration form, Essay and photocopy of ID Proof must be sent through **Registered Post** only.
- ❖ Entries must be addressed to:

Dr. NAVLEEN MULTANI, Co-Ordinator

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Important Dates for Submission

Soft copy of the Essay and scanned copies of ID Proof & Registration Form	2 nd September 2016
Hard copy of Essay, Registration form and photocopy of ID Proof	9 th September 2016
Announcement of Winners	2 nd week of October 2016

AWARDS

- Cash prizes and Certificates of Merit shall be awarded to 3 best essays.
- Certificates of Participation shall be given to all the participants.
- 1st Prize: 6000INR
- 2nd Prize: 4000INR
- 3rd Prize: 2000INR
- Result shall be displayed on the university website www.rgnul.ac.in

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