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ABOUT LAW ADDICTS

LAW ADDICTS is a fiercely expanding rostrum that aspires to disseminate legal awareness among masses who have an infinite passion towards law, springing from varied educational fields. It is backed by the motto, 'Addiction yielding knowledge' and frequently conducts online webinars, competitions and other events at feasible rates to satisfy its motto. This budding organisation stands apart from the rest of the community in terms of its long-term agenda which is to offer scholarships to law aspirants transcending from the underprivileged strata, who find it burdensome to engage in fruitful competitions/events because of its daunting entry fee. With this agenda, LAWADDICTS aspires to create an environment where learning is not a privilege to be bestowed by the economically better-off peers, but a legal right for every skilful law aspirant.

ABOUT OUR EMPOWERING PARTNER

GlobalShala, a company inspired by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, embraces collaborations and constantly ventures to make a good world better by extending affordable global educational opportunities and purposeful possibilities that will open up hopes and dreams of learners around the world. Their mission focuses on enabling students to explore the world by accessing both macro and micro-scholarship programmes to achieve their educational dreams. GlobalShala also encourages students to experience global internships and workshops and motivates students to express themselves through participating in creative and inspiring competitions and events.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Judgment Writing Competition, 2020, organized by LAW ADDICTS presents an exciting opportunity to law students to step into the shoes of a judge and deliver a reasoned and well articulated judgment. The participants are expected to base their judgments on a thorough and diligent appreciation of the factual matrix. The competition encourages innovative judgments that have meticulously examined and applied relevant legal concepts.

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RULE BOOK

1. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified:

- '**Competition**' shall refer to '**THE 1st NATIONAL JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION 2020**'
- '**Competition Problem**' shall refer to the facts and issues released by the organizers of the Competition with its clarifications and corrections.
- '**Competition Rules**' shall refer to the official rules of the Competition as may be amended from time to time.
- '**IST**' shall refer to Indian Standard Time.
- '**INR**' shall refer to Indian Rupee.
- '**Organizing Committee**' (hereinafter to be referred to as O.C) shall refer to the committee responsible for the administration and conduct of the Competition.
- '**Official Email**' shall refer to lawaddictss@gmail.com

2. GENERAL RULES

2.1 Eligibility

- All students pursuing 3 year or 5-year L.L.B. course or an L.L.M. course from a recognized Law School, University or Institution in India shall be eligible to participate.
- Single author or Co-Authorship up to 2 authors shall be permitted. Authors may belong to the same or different Law School, University or Institution in India.
- A team of single or two authors will be considered eligible to participate only if the registration is completed on or before **27th November, 2020 (24:00 Hours IST)**.

2.2 Registration

- Teams are required to complete the registration on or before **November 27th, 2020**.
- The Registration Fee is **Rs. 200/- for single author and Rs.300/- for co-authorship**. The registration fee payable for the Competition must be paid latest by **27th November, 2020** to:

Account Name: J.S. Shreedhar

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- The payment reference number and date of payment have to be inserted in the registration form and only then will the registration be deemed to be complete.
- The Registration shall be done by filling up the form available by clicking [here](#).
- Scanned copies of Identity cards must be attached in the registration form. In case, there is an issue with the production of scanned copies of the identity card, a bona fide certificate may be attached. In case of the absence of both, kindly contact the O.C.
- Once the form is submitted, an acknowledgement mail will be sent within 24-48 hours to the teams.
- Registration fees once paid are neither refundable nor non-transferable.
- Any change in authorship will not be entertained after submission of the registration form unless the Organizing Committee notices an exceptional circumstance.

3. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The manuscript submitted must be an original work of the author(s) and must not have been submitted or published elsewhere. Any sort of plagiarism shall amount to penalty.
- Word Limit is 3500 words (inclusive of footnotes)
- The manuscript must not disclose identity of the author(s)(e.g. name, institution, etc.)
- The cover page of the manuscript shall mention the team code at the top right corner.
- The manuscript shall be submitted in PDF format only. The name of the file shall be the allotted team code. For example: - **LA-1. pdf**
- The document must be submitted [here](#).
- Author(s) **shall not** e-mail their submissions to the official email ID.
- **SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Before 11:59 PM, 17/12/2020.
- For every hour of delay in submission from the prescribed time of submission, one mark shall be deducted.
- The penalty shall apply even if the delay is not of a complete hour. For example, submissions made at 12:01 am would also be subjected to a one mark deduction
- Submissions made after 19/12/2020 shall not be accepted.

4. FORMATTING GUIDELINES:

- The author(s) shall strictly adhere to the 19th Bluebook Citation. Any citation found contrary shall amount to penalty.

- The manuscript shall be in A4 Layout with 1.5 line spacing and Justified.
- Headings: Times New Roman, Size – 14, Bold.
- Main body: Times New Roman, Size – 12.
- Footnotes: Times New Roman, Size – 10, Line Spacing 1.0 and Justified.

5. **COMPETITION FORMAT AND PROCEDURE**

- The Competition shall consist of only one submission. The scoring and tabulation for the competition shall be based on the draft Judgment scores of the participants only.
- The team with the highest total score (out of 100) will be announced as the Winner.

6. **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Following would be the criteria for judging the manuscript:

S.NO.	PARAMETERS	MARKS (100)
1.	ADHERENCE TO THE RULES	15
2.	FORMATTING	10
3.	ARRANGEMENT OF FACTS AND ISSUES ADDRESSED	10
4.	STATEMENT OF RIVAL CONTENTIONS AND ISSUES ADDRESSED	15
5.	KNOWLEDGE OF LEGAL PRINCIPLES, CITING OF RELEVANT CASE LAWS, STATUTES, AND OPINION OF JURISTS	20
6.	ANALYTICAL REASONING	15
7.	LANGUAGE, STYLE OF PRESENTATION AND ORIGINALITY	15
TOTAL		100

7. **CASH AWARDS AND INCENTIVES**

- **Winners** will be awarded a cash prize of ₹. 2,000/- and an internship with GlobalShala.
- **Runner up** will be awarded a cash prize of ₹. 1,000/- and an internship with Law Addicts.
- The top 10 manuscripts will be published in the Law Addicts Journal and will be awarded a merit certificate.
- E-Certificate of participation will be provided to all participants

8. OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE
COMMENCEMENT OF ONLINE REGISTRATION	19/11/2020
LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION	27/11/2020
LAST DATE TO SEEK CLARIFICATIONS	29/11/2020
RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS	1/12/2020
LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF JUDGMENT DRAFT	17/12/2020
DECLARATION OF RESULTS	31/12/2020

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COMPETITION PROBLEM

Indiana, formally the Republic of Indiana, also known as Barathi, is a country in South Asia. Indiana was a poor country when it attained her independence from the colonial rule. It is the second-most populous country, the seventh-largest country by land area and the most populous democracy and with largest youth population in the world today. Indiana is a Union of 28 states and 8 union territories.

The highly contrasted country has enjoyed growth rates of up to 10% per annum over many years and is one of the largest economies in the world, with a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of 1,644 Billion US Dollars. However, only a small percentage of the Indiana population has benefited from this impressive economic boom so far, as majority of people in Indiana are still living in abject poverty, across the country. The country is a home to one-third of the world's poverty.

Two-thirds of people in Indiana live in poverty, wherein 68.8% of the Indiana population lives on less than \$2 a day and over 30% of them have less than \$1.25 per day available and are considered extremely poor. This makes the Indiana subcontinent one of the poorest countries in the world with her women and children, the weakest members of society, suffering the most.

Such poverty leaves Indiana with huge literacy and education problems to solve. Though Indiana's literacy rate has increased six-fold since the end of the colonial rule in 1947, namely from 12% to 74% today, yet she has the world's largest population of illiterate people with a quarter of the population not possessing basic reading and writing skills and where 10% of them are aged between 6 to 14, with high rates of dropping out from school, especially from elementary level of education.

The Constitution of Indiana guarantees right to primary education as a fundamental right under Article 21A and also imposes a fundamental duty on the parents or guardians to provide compulsory primary education to their wards. The Government has also established various schools to impart free and compulsory primary education to the children. Further, the Governemnt of Indiana, in order to reduce the dropping out from school rates and the illiteracy rates passed the Right to Education Act, 2009 (RTEA).

The RTEA contained a ‘no-detention’ provision which stipulated that no child could be held back in elementary school (Classes I-VIII). This provision was celebrated in the country. The ‘no-detention policy’, also popularly known as the ‘no-fail’ provision, was based on the widely tested proposition that children tend to learn better without the pressure of a pass-fail type of testing regime and that there is a direct correlation between students detained and students dropping out of school after Class VIII.

Importantly, the ‘no-detention’ policy was part of a policy approach that put the child at the centre of education planning. It was premised on child friendly learning environments with teachers making continuous assessments of every child’s progress and following through with the necessary interventions to help each child along to grow. In short, it was contingent on schools that were closely linked to the communities they served. These were supposed to be well-funded schools with easy access to academic resources, small class sizes with highly educated, well-trained and empathetic teachers, a functioning teacher support system and special needs’ educators for students with disabilities. But in reality, except for a few select private schools, none of the aforesaid conditions exist or are being complied with in the schools of Indiana, public or private. There has been no serious and committed efforts by the state or private sector to initiate such changes that will eventually lead to such schools being the norm in the country.

On 03.01.2019, the Indiana Parliament voted to amend the ‘no-detention’ provision in the RTEA, permitting schools to detain children in Class V and Class VIII if they fail an annual exam twice. The Government justified this amendment on the grounds that the ‘no-detention’ policy weakens the education system and results in poor outcomes amongst the children and also lamenting that teachers teach lethargically and children don’t show interest and zeal in learning when they know that they will be promoted. On 05.02.2019, the Amendment Bill was passed by both the houses of the Indiana Parliament and it received the assent of the President, w.e.f. 01.04.2019.

The state of Kanchi Nadu was one amongst the first to revoke the ‘no detention’ policy from its framework and to conduct Board exams for students of classes V and VIII. The few voices supporting the common examination system feel detaining a student for a year will help her / him work and improve on her / his weak areas, yielding a better outcome and student. However, the said Amendment was largely criticised throughout the country.

In the month of September, 2020, the dropout rates of children aged between 6 and 14 increased due to the effect of this Amendment. The parents, guardians, teachers and many NGOs fighting for educational rights felt that this move will only add unnecessary pressure on the children and encourage them to drop out from school. In awake of the criticisms and constitutionally guaranteed rights of the children to compulsory primary education, etc., a Non-Profit Trust, namely Law Addicts moved the Supreme Court of Indiana, challenging the legal validity of the Amendment on the grounds that it violates the fundamental rights of the children to compulsory primary education and promotes dropout rates.

The Constitution Bench of the Apex Court led by Justice R.P. Choudhary, admitted the Writ Petition and heard the final arguments of both the Senior Counsels on 19.11.2019 and is set to deliver its verdict on 17.12.2020.

Nota Bene:

- All references, actual, deeming or fictional are purely fictional.
- The laws, rules, notifications, bylaws, amendments, etc.; the legal system and legal history and educational system of Republic of Indiana are *pari materia* to those of Republic of India.
- The High Courts, the Supreme Court and the Parliament of the Indiana functions in the same manner as those of India.
- The participants are encouraged and expected to explore facts and the applicable laws, principles and theories, if any, while writing the Judgment.
- The participants are free to frame any number of issues, sub issues, points for consideration, etc. as she / he may please and think fit and proper for her / his judgment.
- The problem is drafted in a way to evaluate the participant's interpretation(s) and her / his creative outlook(s).
- The OC hereby wishes all the best to all the participants!