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Creative Writing Competition for the University of Dubai Students

Competition General Framework

The primary objective of this competition is to restore the activity of the University of Dubai students and their vigor after a not-so-short of a period of distance learning. This comes in addition to the invigoration of students' abilities to relay their ideas for interaction and social participation during the post-COVID-19 pandemic stage and for the students' preparation for their post-graduation and job enrollment stages in public work and community service, all the while developing and showcasing their creative writing skills.

This competition is run by a special committee consisting of University of Dubai executives, with the participation of other talents from outside the university as needed. The arbitration of the competition is supervised by a committee headed by Mr. Ezzeldin Elkallawy , a prominent journalist for the Al Ru'yah newspaper and editor-in-chief of the Egyptian Al-Ahram newspaper.

Competition Topics:

The world is preoccupied with the COVID-19 virus, which quickly turned into a global pandemic, leaving more than 4 million people infected and over 300,00 dead. Countries around the world resorted to confronting this pandemic through meticulous medical precautions, accompanied by strict measures for sterilization, quarantine and self-isolation. This limited the effect of the pandemic, but it negatively affected various activities in all sectors, mainly in economic and developmental areas. Nevertheless, this pandemic had positive implications and gave fruitful lessons, especially during the home-isolation period, for the majority of the world's population.

Topic 1:

What are some positive aspects, including new and beneficial experiences, that you inferred from the period of self-isolation and distance learning, and how would you relay these to your colleagues in particular and the UAE community in general to benefit from them?

Topic 2:

The post-COVID-19 world will shift its priorities from their previous state/position. What are your ideas and suggestions for the strategies and development in the coming stage, particularly those relating to university and student life in the Emirates; and what are the mechanisms for the revitalization of the national economy and the development plans?

Competition Rules:



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1. The article must deliberate new and innovative content based on the author's thoughts and creativity. It should not be copied from websites, social media accounts, or any other media, cultural, or educational sources.
2. The article should develop the idea in no more than five paragraphs, which ought to be expressed in a thorough and swift manner, with a distinctive and expressive style, while not deviating from the main topics of the competition.
3. The article should range between 200 and 300 words.
4. The author of the article may use Internet sources for information, statistics and numbers and figures, as long as he/she does not copy from articles or use large portions from them. Shorter quotes and paraphrases are permissible if the source and reference are indicated.
5. Participation is restricted to University of Dubai undergraduate students. Articles are sent to the attached email address with a short introduction of the author, including his/her name, student ID number, the respective college and educational status.

Competition prizes:

Valuable financial prizes are awarded to the winners of the first and second positions in the competition in the Arabic and English languages. The winning articles will be published in an official newspaper, and the winners will receive appreciation certificates and the University Shield