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Academic Exploration Competition by

The Oxford & Cambridge Society of Malaysia

Saturday, 11th June to Monday, 1st August 2022

The Oxford & Cambridge Society of Malaysia is proud to launch the third Academic Exploration Competition in the following categories:

STEM or Computer Science	Humanities Essay
<p><i>STEM: How is the war in Ukraine challenging us to think differently?</i></p> <p>Submissions should focus on a discipline such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Artificial intelligence ● Software engineering ● Information engineering ● Biomedical sciences ● Biomedical engineering ● Medicine ● Engineering ● Mathematical modelling ● Psychology <p>Each team may consist of up to three (3) persons</p>	<p><i>Humanities: How is the war in Ukraine challenging us to think differently?</i></p> <p>Explore this question through the prism of one humanities topic.</p> <p>This could focus on a discipline such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Economics ● Law ● Politics ● International relations ● Philosophy ● History ● The Creative Arts ● Social justice ● Human rights ● Media representations



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	<p>Successful essays will demonstrate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Balanced exploration and analysis using a range of sources, rather than a one-sided debate● A deep, detailed focus on one aspect of an issue, rather than a broad, generalised approach● Your own ideas and perspectives on the issue, informed by the third party sources you have analysed. <p>Individual work - not a team task.</p>
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Prizes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 1st prize: RM500 cash (per team)● 2nd prize: RM300 cash (per team)● 3rd prize: RM200 cash (per team)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Certificate and medal● Prize giving ceremony once it is safe to hold a large-scale function.● Publication on our website and YouTube channel.

Presentation of your ideas	
Essay (for Humanities or STEM)	or Video (for STEM only)



<p>Essay of around 1,000 words & up to a maximum of 1,500 words, including the abstract but excluding the references and footnotes. (Guidance on referencing and footnotes.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must include an abstract• Facts, quotations and sources must be referenced• Plagiarism checks will be undertaken• Graphics may be used to illustrate evidence or concepts	<p>A videoed presentation of a maximum length of 5 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must include an overview• Facts, quotations and sources must be referenced.• Plagiarism checks will be undertaken• Graphics may be used to illustrate evidence or concepts <p>Not all members of the team need to present in the video but their participation needs to be acknowledged</p>
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Rules and Judging Criteria

1. The submission needs to have been uploaded on the Oxford and Cambridge Society Malaysia's website <https://www.oxbridgemalaysia.org/> before 6 p.m. Malaysian time on Monday, 2nd August.
2. The work and submission for the Academic Exploration Competition 2022 must be solely undertaken by the entrant (s) who has (have) submitted it, with no help provided from other sources except final proofreading.
3. All sections of the paper that use quotes or describe an argument or concept developed by another author must be referenced, including all secondary literature.
4. All music and images used must be copyright free or the entrant(s) must have written permission to use them.
5. Exclusion from the competition is possible if it is found or suspected that any of the terms and conditions here have not been adhered to.
6. Consent is given to the Oxford and Cambridge Society Malaysia to undertake checks on the authenticity of the submission, including the use of third party plagiarism software.
7. Consent is given for the submission to be published on the Oxford and Cambridge Society Malaysia's website and social media platforms.
8. If the entrant(s) is (are) under the age of 18 years, permission has been given by the entrant(s) parent or guardian and consent is given for the Oxford and Cambridge Society Malaysia to contact the entrant(s)'s parent or guardian to confirm this permission.



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9. The entrant(s) must be Malaysian or non-Malaysian studying in local, international and private schools in East and West Malaysia.
10. The entrant(s) must be studying SPM, STPM, IGCSE and AS (not A2) levels or equivalent courses in the 2022/23 academic year. Those between school years are classed as being in the lower year, e.g. Lower Sixth so they can enter. Students in their Upper Sixth form are excluded.
11. Entrant(s) can only submit one entry per category but can submit entries for multiple categories.
12. Any submission must not be related to an Extended Project Qualification or similar qualification.
13. The judges' decision is final. Results will be announced on Monday, 29th August on <https://www.oxbridgemalaysia.org/>

Judging

1. The level of English is NOT part of the assessment criteria.
2. Entries go through a 3 stage assessment with a team of judges using quantitative and qualitative assessment criteria.
3. Marks are deducted for
 - a. Lack of abstract
 - b. Exceeding the word limit or video time limit
4. References and footnotes are not included in the word limit. The abstract is included in the word count.
5. Marks are awarded for clarity of presentation and structure be that through the use of headings and subheadings or other literary devices.

For further enquiries, please send an email to: president@oxbridgemalaysia.org

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