

## **HEARTFULNESS ESSAY EVENT - 2024**

### **Detailed Evaluation Criteria**

#### **Theme Introduction/Interpretation : Weight 10%**

The ability of the student to articulate her/his particular understanding of the theme will be evaluated. Importance will be given to the effectiveness of the opening to set the tone for the ideas to follow.

#### **Structure and flow : Weight 10%**

Continuity of ideas and smoothness of the transition between ideas will be evaluated

#### **Language : Weight 10 %**

Grammar spelling, clarity and style of expression will be given due importance.

#### **Originality : Weight 20%**

The ability of the student to develop ideas based on her/his own experience on the theme and originality of ideas presented would be rewarded. Participants are expected to use examples, real life observations, personal experience, and all other novel ways of expressing ideas. Excessive use of quotations/material from others and plagiarisms (material directly copied, excessively or without due credit) would be severely penalized. Illustrations/sketches of any kind would not be accepted.

#### **Relevance to theme : Weight 40%**

The ability of the student understand and relate the theme based on her/his own experience would be rewarded.

#### **Research/attention to details : Weight 5%**

Special efforts undertaken to prepare for writing the essay would be rewarded – such as extensive research on various philosophies/ideologies relevant to the topic. The ability of the student to incorporate effectively ideas from outside sources would be evaluated. The depth in which ideas are expressed would also be rewarded.

#### **Conclusion : Weight 5 %**

The ability of the student to bring together the ideas expressed in the essay and articulate his/her opinion, stance, or learning clearly and effectively would be evaluated. An important criterion for evaluation would be to find out if the essay is barely a ‘thought piece’ or it contains a clear call to action.