

# BELLES-LETTRES

J. E. Dastur Memorial Government Law College Short  
Fiction Essay Writing Competition 2021-22

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OR

Incorporate the following objects in your story:

Chopsticks | Deck of Cards | Radio

OR

Build your story around the following characters:

Maya Angelou, Sigmund Freud and Socrates are part of the  
same book club.

OR

Build a story revolving around the following image:



1<sup>st</sup> Prize ₹ 8,000/-

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize ₹ 6,000/-

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize ₹ 4,000/-

WORD LIMIT 1500 - 3500 WORDS

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION 10th January, 2023

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## Topics

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The first prize winning entry will be published in mēLAWnge 2021-22, the Annual College Magazine of Government Law College, Mumbai. All publishing rights will remain with the organising committee.

## Last Date For Submissions

The entries must be submitted on or before 10th January, 2023.

## Eligibility

- Participants must have passed their HSC/CBSE/ISC (10+2) or any other equivalent examination.
- They must presently be enrolled in a graduation course in any field.
- Post Graduate (Degree) course students are not eligible.
- Post Graduate (Diploma) course students are eligible to participate, except those pursuing Management Studies.
- Only single authorship is permitted. An entry co-authored by two or more students will not be accepted.
- The decision of the organising committee as to eligibility shall be final and binding.

## Presentation Rules

- Each entry should be no shorter than 1500 words, and no longer than 3500 words. Marks will be deducted for violation of the word limit.
- The entry should adhere to the following formatting requirements :
- Font type - Times New Roman, Font size - 12, Double-spacing, One inch margin on each side, with Justified alignment of text.
- The identity of the student or the college, university, institution, etc. should not be revealed in the text of the essay in any manner whatsoever.

## Judging Criteria

- Use of topic, Originality, Language, Plot of the story.

## Submission Rules

- Each entry must be the original and previously unpublished work of the participant. A copy of the entry should be e-mailed to melawnge@glcmumbai.com in both the PDF and Word formats with the subject "Entry for Belles-Lettres 2021-22".
- Participants must submit a short bio-data in the body of the e-mail containing the following information:
- Full name, year, college name, telephone number & postal address along with personal contact number, email-id & postal address.
- In the body of the same email, participants are required to specify which topic they have chosen to write on. Such specification must not be included in the entry itself.
- Participants must submit a scanned copy of their College Student Identity Card or equivalent Fee Receipt. Entries which do not contain the same, will not be accepted.
- The entries shall be the property of the Magazine Committee, Government Law College, Mumbai, which reserves the right of publication of the same in any periodical, journal, book, electronic resource or in any other manner as it may deem appropriate.
- The organising committee's decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the Competition shall be final and binding.

## Belles Lettres- J. E. Dastur Memorial Short Fiction Essay Writing Competition 2020-21

The preliminary round of the competition was judged by Mr. Sidin Vadukut. The final round of the competition was judged by the prominent author Ms. Anuja Chauhan.

1st Place: Mallika Dandekar, Government Law College, Mumbai.

2nd Place: Arisia, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla.

3rd Place: Mrunmayee Prasad Chitale, ILS Law College, Pune

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## In Memory of...

The late Mr. Jal E. Dastur, in whose memory this competition is being sponsored, was a practicing Chartered Accountant and a member of both the English and the Indian institutes. He was the sole proprietor of the firm M/s. E. J. Dastur & Co., a firm founded by his father, Late Mr. Erach J. Dastur and himself. He was an alumnus of Government Law College, Mumbai and graduated with distinction therefrom over sixty years ago. He won several debating and elocution competitions at the city, state and national levels.

He contributed countless papers at various seminars and addressed innumerable conferences, held nationally and internationally, on subjects of accountancy and law. He also co-authored a series of books on Direct Tax Laws. He was a perfectionist in all that he undertook and embodied all the qualities of a true and fearless professional. A little known fact about him is that he was a man who loved literature and was a master of the linguistic art. This competition is one which would have been after his heart and had he been a student today, he would have loved to participate in it.

## The Magazine Committee



méLAWnge is not just an annual publication, it is a part of aeonian history. It is for this reason that students, professors, lawyers and judges have come together, once again, to breathe life into this edition. The cover features a compass, the representation of a guiding force through uncertain and trying times. The cover of the 91st edition symbolises the need keep moving forward despite difficult times, encapsulating the spirit of the magazine committee.

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