



Petroleum Conservation Research Association

**SAVE FUEL  
MONEY  
ENVIRONMENT**

## PCRA NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2016 ESSAY, PAINTING & QUIZ

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**Petroleum Conservation Research Association**, under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India, is committed to make oil conservation a National Movement. As a part of its mandate, various literary and cultural events are conducted for school students. The Essay writing, Painting and Quiz competitions aim to raise awareness among youth about practical conservation tips for the conservation of Petroleum products in industrial, transportation, agriculture and domestic sectors, and how to practice such conservation in their daily lives.

For effective communication, students may choose to present their ideas and messages for conserving petroleum products and reducing emissions, in English, Hindi or Regional languages.

Four Competitions are being conducted by PCRA

A : Essay

B : Painting

C : Quiz for selecting school District, State and Zonal teams. Zonal teams shall participate for National Finals.

D : Individual Quiz for achieving Bronze, Silver or Gold Level.

### Attractive Prizes to be Won



**NATIONAL WINNERS : 27 ALL EXPENSES PAID  
JAPAN TRIP AND A LAPTOP EACH  
(ONE FOR EACH LANGUAGE, ONE FOR PAINTING IN  
EACH CATEGORY AND TWO FOR QUIZ TEAM)**



**SECOND PRIZE : 27 LAPTOPS + CASH PRIZES  
(ONE FOR EACH LANGUAGE ONE FOR PAINTING IN  
EACH CATEGORY AND TWO FOR QUIZ + RS.15000  
EACH)**



**THIRD PRIZE : 27 LAPTOPS  
(ONE FOR EACH LANGUAGE ONE FOR PAINTING IN  
EACH CATEGORY AND TWO FOR QUIZ)**

**# BEST TWO STUDENTS FROM EACH SCHOOL, IN EACH OF THE CATEGORIES:  
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

## **COMPETITION A -ESSAY COMPETITIONS INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Only schools in India recognized by Central & State Boards of India, can participate.
2. It is mandatory for the Schools to conduct the competition during school hours in a fair manner (Principal's certificate is mandatory).
3. Schools can conduct Essay competitions in one or more of the following languages- Hindi, English, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Maithili, Dogri, Nepali, Bodo and Santhali. However, a minimum of 15 students must participate in each language in which the school submits its entry.
4. Eligibility: Students of classes 8 – 10.
5. One student can participate in only one language.
6. Essay should not exceed 700 words.
7. Student must submit essay in his/her own handwriting.
8. Topic:

**बेहतर पर्यावरण एवम स्वास्थ्य के लिए तेल बचत**  
**Save Fuel for Better Environment and Health**

9. Time Limit: 1 Hour
10. School is required to evaluate the entries, and upload best two entries in each language, in which the competition has been conducted at the school, on [www.pcracompetitions.org](http://www.pcracompetitions.org). For further details, please refer to this portal.
11. Competition Period: 16.08.2016 to 15.10.2016. Last entry on 15.10.2016 before 1500 Hours.
12. The topics of the essay competition may be displayed prominently, at least a week in advance. Schools can advise students to prepare in advance for the scheduled competition. This shall enable the participants to obtain relevant information from various sources. This exercise is focused on increasing awareness in young minds for the National cause of Conservation of Fuel and Environment protection.

It is advisable that the documentary on PCRA, which gives a brief on 'Conservation of Fuel' is shown to the children before the start of the competition. This is available on our website [www.pcra.org](http://www.pcra.org)

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### **IMPORTANT GUIDELINES**

1. The decision of the Jury/Expert committee will be final and binding in respect of all matters concerning the competition.
2. Plagiarism will lead to cancelation of entry.
3. In case the participation in a particular language is very low, the prize winning entries shall be evaluated by an expert/ jury, appointed by PCRA. If the best entries do not conform to the general standard of entries in other languages, PCRA reserves its right to rationalize the prizes for that particular language. The decision of PCRA in this regard will be final and binding.
4. The essay & painting entries submitted would be the sole property of PCRA, with rights to use and right to edit for any purpose it considers appropriate.
5. Children of employees of PCRA are not eligible for the prizes.
6. Schools should try to hold the competitions as early as possible to avoid last minute rush in submission.
7. The final results shall be announced in December 2016. The awards will be distributed in the inaugural function of the Oil & Gas Conservation Fortnight 2017, during the 2nd half of January 2017.
8. The unique experience of the last year's winners is shared on PCRA website as "Competitions 2015"
9. The National Winners of previous year's competitions are not eligible for prizes of this competition.

## **COMPETITION B -PAINTING COMPETITIONS INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Only schools in India recognized by Central & State Boards of India, can participate.
2. It is mandatory for the Schools to conduct the competition during school hours in a fair manner (Principal's certificate is mandatory).
3. Eligibility: Two categories:
  - a. Students of classes 5 – 7 (Junior)
  - b. Students of classes 8 – 10 (Senior)
4. School can conduct competitions in any one or both the categories. However, a minimum of 30 students must participate in each category in which the school submits its entry.
5. Use only A3 size art sheet. The work may be executed using pencils, pencil colours, crayons, water colours etc. Use of Collage/Patchwork is not permitted in the paintings at all levels of competition.
6. Topic:

**स्वच्छ ईंधन बेहतर जीवन**  
**Clean Fuel Better Life**

7. Time Limit: 2 Hours
8. School is required to evaluate the entries for each category, and upload best two entries in each category (Junior/Senior), in which the competition has been conducted at the school, on [www.pcracompetitions.org](http://www.pcracompetitions.org). For more details, please refer to this portal.
9. Competition Period: 16.08.2016 to 15.10.2016. Last entry on 15.10.2016 before 1500 Hours.
10. The topic of painting competition may be displayed prominently, at least a week in advance. Schools can advise students to prepare in advance for the scheduled competition. This shall enable the participants to obtain relevant information from various sources. This exercise is focused on increasing awareness in young minds for the National cause of Conservation of Fuel and Environment protection.  

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11. The students whose paintings are adjudged in the best 50 paintings in each category, on All India basis, will be invited to participate in a National Final round at Delhi. PCRA shall bear the expenses of travel, and the best 50 in each category shall be advised on the same.

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4. Schools should try to hold the competitions as early as possible to avoid last minute rush in submission.
5. The final results shall be announced in December 2016. The awards will be distributed in the inaugural function of the Oil & Gas Conservation Fortnight 2017, during the 2nd half of January 2017.
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7. The National Winners of previous year's competitions are not eligible for prizes of this competition.

## **COMPETITION C - SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Only schools in India recognized by Central & State Boards of India, can participate.
2. This competition shall be conducted only online through web portal [www.pcracompetitions.org](http://www.pcracompetitions.org) and mobile application [PCRA-Competitions](http://PCRA-Competitions) available on Android/Windows/IOS Platform to participate. A minimum of 30 students must be registered by the school, for becoming eligible to form a school team for next round.

First Round	School Level	Minimum 30 students should participate. Best two students from each school will be selected for the next level
Second Round	District Level	Those who clear second round will be eligible for state level competition
Third Round	State Level	Those who clear third round will be eligible to participate in offline zonal quiz competition
Fourth Round	Zonal Level	Winners of Zonal round shall be invited to participate in the National level competition
Fifth Round	National Level	National winners shall be felicitated at the inaugural function of OGCF 2017 in January'17.

First three levels are online quiz rounds. Round 4 and 5 are "Live" competitions

3. It is mandatory for the Schools to conduct the competitions during school hours in a fair manner. For the first round, school will get **ONLY SEVEN DAYS** from the start of the first participant entry. All participants (minimum 30) from the school must complete the online quiz within 7 days of start of first participant.
4. Eligibility: Students of classes 8 – 10.
5. Questions shall pertain to Agriculture, Conservation, Petroleum, Environment, Transport, General Studies and other categories.
6. The schools shall register the names of all Students against the school ID on the portal [www.pcracompetitions.org](http://www.pcracompetitions.org) and all the students can then participate as Individuals in **First Round**. Each student shall be given a time limit of 10 minutes to attempt 10 questions.
7. Software will select the two best scoring participants, who will form the **School team**.
8. The School team will then participate in the second round which will be called **District level round**. This round will have 15 questions with a time limit of 10 minutes. The last date for participating at District level is 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2016.
9. The best school team at District level will participate in third round to identify **State Level Winners**. This round will have 30 questions with a time limit of 15 minutes
10. The Window for State level shall open on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2016 & last date for participating at State level is 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016.
11. The State Level winners (school team) shall participate in a "Live Quiz Round" for deciding the **Zonal Finalists**. These finalists shall be invited for Zonal round in their respective Zone and the date and venue shall be communicated by email to the schools.
12. The Zonal Finalists will be invited to participate at the **National Finals** round at Delhi.
13. PCRA shall bear expenses of travel and winners shall be communicated about the same.
14. Competition Period: 16.08.2016 to 15.10.2016 for online Quiz competition only
15. It is advisable that the documentary on PCRA, which gives a brief on 'Conservation of Fuel' is shown to the children before the start of the competition. This is available on our website [www.pcracompetitions.org](http://www.pcracompetitions.org)

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2. Children of employees of PCRA are not eligible for the prizes.
3. Schools should try to hold the competitions as early as possible to avoid last minute rush.
4. Final round will be completed in December 2016. The awards will be distributed in the inaugural function of the Oil & Gas Conservation Fortnight 2017, during the 2nd fortnight of January 2017.
5. The unique experience of the last year's winners is shared on PCRA website as "Competitions 2016"
6. The National Winners of previous year's competitions are not eligible for prizes of this competition.

## **COMPETITION D - INSTRUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL QUIZ COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN**

1. Only students from Central & State Boards in India, can participate.
2. This competition is independent from Competition 'C' which is to select the school team. In this Individual competition, students if qualify a level, will get a certificate.
3. This competition shall be conducted only online through web portal [www.pcracompetitions.org](http://www.pcracompetitions.org) and mobile application [PCRA-competitions](#) available on Android/Windows/IOS Platform.
4. Student may register online and upload scanned copy or photo of I-card of school or certificate of Principal school or enter school registration/admission number. A UID and password will be sent to his/her email ID for participation
5. Eligibility: Students of age 13-17 years (students born on or after 01.04.1999 and on or before 31.03.2003)
6. Questions shall pertain to Agriculture, Conservation, Environment, Energy & Fuel, Transport, General Studies and other categories.
7. Competition Period: 16.08.16 – 31.01.17
8. First Level Quiz will have 10 questions with a time limit of 10 minutes.  

If the participant answers 6 or more questions correctly, an online certificate of proficiency (Bronze Level) is issued and this can be downloaded from the portal itself after participation period for next round. The second window shall open on qualifying the first level, and will remain open for seven days from date of qualification. 1<sup>st</sup> round will be open till 1500 hrs on 17 January 2017.
9. Second Level Quiz will have 15 questions with a time limit of 10 minutes.  

If the participant answers 10 or more questions correctly, an online certificate of proficiency (Silver Level) is issued and this can be downloaded from the portal itself after participation period for next round. He/she becomes eligible for Final level, and this window will open after qualification in the 2<sup>nd</sup> level and will remain open for seven days. 2<sup>nd</sup> round will be open till 1500 hrs on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017, and
10. Final Level Quiz will have 30 questions with a time limit of 15 minutes.  

If the child answers 25 or more correctly, an online certificate of proficiency (Gold Level) is issued and this can be downloaded from the portal itself. 3<sup>rd</sup> / final round will be open till 1500 hrs on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.
11. The decision of PCRA will be final and binding in respect of all matters concerning the competition.
12. Children are advised to see the documentary on PCRA, which gives a brief on 'Conservation of Fuel', and read other material available on our website [www.pcra.org](http://www.pcra.org) as well as other websites on internet, before taking the quiz.

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