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THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL
FOR
ENGLISH EDUCATION
(PRETORIA BRANCH)
WELCOMES YOU TO OUR 2024
CREATIVE WRITING
COMPETITION

The Pretoria Branch of the South African Council for English Education presents its 2024 Creative Writing Competition for **SACEE registered** High Schools in the Pretoria area. We would like to invite your school to participate in this exciting and prestigious event.

Prizes and certificates are presented to the top-achieving entries in each category of the competition at a special Prize Giving Function. The winning and commendable entries will be published in the annual publication of SACEE which will be available at the prize-giving.

We would be very grateful if you could encourage as many learners as possible from your school to enter this competition. Closing date for entries will be **Sunday, 20th October 2024.**

Please find enclosed full details of the competition and an entry form. Should you have any queries, please feel free to e-mail sacepta@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Botha
SACEE PTA Chairlady

Please ensure that SACEE registration of R450.00 per school and all entry fees are paid by the closing date. Proof of payment can be emailed to:
sacee.national@gmail.com

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR ENGLISH EDUCATION
PRETORIA BRANCH
CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION
HIGH SCHOOLS REGISTERED WITH SACEE**

CRITERIA FOR THIS CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

- Learners from Grades 8 – 12 may submit entries.
- The grades will be split into two age groups: Grade 8 – 9 and Grade 10 - 12.
- **There are two categories per age group. A learner may enter both categories.**
 - ◆ Creative writing – choose a topic from those listed below.
 - ◆ Poetry – the poetry is non-prescribed but should be appropriate to the respective grade and level of learners.
- **NEW!** Classwork may not be submitted. Learners are encouraged to write a piece of their own. Teachers may assist learners in selecting topics, editing etc. The aim of this competition is to encourage all learners with a passion for writing to submit original work, and not to submit work that has been completed under controlled teacher supervision.
- Learners may include an illustration with their entry, at no additional cost. One of the illustrations may be used for the publication cover to make the booklet original. The illustration can be done on an A4 or A3 sized paper. Original to be handed in, no scanned copies.
- The length of each prose entry should be approximately:
 - ◆ Creative writing – Grade 8 – 9 < 600 words; Gr 10 - 12 < 700 words
 - ◆ Poetry – Gr 8 -12 should be 18 – 40 lines.
- There is no limit to the number of entries submitted by a learner.
- Entry fees – R25.00 **per individual entry**.
- All entries must be **original** and must have been written in 2024.
- Duplicates of previous entries will not be considered.
- Plagiarism of any kind is unacceptable.
- Entries must be in English and submitted in PDF format.
- Entries to be saved with learners' name, surname, grade and category entered.
e.g.: John Adams Gr9 Creative Writing.
- **NEW!** Entries will be submitted online this year. Once registration fees have been received the link to the online portal will be shared with each school. For your **own administration purposes**, the submission form below may be used. This will not be submitted as all information will be recorded on the platform.

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HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE PRETORIA AREA**

GRADE 8 -12 TOPICS FOR CREATIVE WRITING

Select only one of the following topics as a springboard to your essay.

1. Begin your essay with the following sentence:

*“When the children attached the helium balloons to our house, nobody was prepared for the
adventure that followed.”*

2. Respond to the image below:



3. Tell your reader about why you will never go there again.
4. Write a short story about an unexpected surprise.
5. Respond imaginatively to the following idiomatic expression:

“It was like nailing jelly to a wall.”

Your essay may take any form. Be careful not to google any information that could be considered plagiarism. You may interpret the topic any way you see fit.

ENTRY FORM

Name of School:

Contact Person:

Email address: Cell No:

Entries Submitted:

Learners Name	Grade	Entry Title	Category	Word count

..... @ R25.00 per entry:

Total Cost: R

NB: ANY FORM OF PLAGARISM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

Each submission includes the undertaking that the submitted work is the work of the entrant, with no significant parts written by parents, teachers, mentors or AI.

Teacher's Signature: **Date:**

School payments can be made directly into SACEE PTA bank account:

SA Council for English Education
Nedbank, Hillcrest (160245).
Account Number: 1602057478

Please email proof of payment to: sacee.national@gmail.com

NB: CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES – 6th October 2024