



**World Telecommunication Information Society Day 2011**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May, 2011**

**BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS' ESSAY COMPETITION**

Theme: Molding your future through Technology

**General Rules of the Essay Competition**

**1. Essay Competition - Molding your future through technology.**

- a. Students should refer to the presentation made to their school and how it has changed their prospective on technology;
- b. Students must be in fourth or fifth form of any of the Territory's high schools. (Public or Private);
- c. Essays should be written in Standard English;
- d. Essays must contain at least 300 words but not more than 500 words. Every word of the essay is counted. This does not include the title, bibliography or footnotes;
- e. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the essay must be properly identified or cited. Failure to cite non-original material will result in disqualification;
- f. The contestant's name cannot be written in the body of the essay;
- g. The entry should be typed as a Word Document (.doc, .docx) or in Rich Text Format (.rtf);
- h. The Times New Roman font face and 12pt font size must be used, with 1-inch margins on all sides, 1.5 paragraph spacing, and a page Footer numbering all pages as page 1 of 2, page 2 of 2, etc.;
- i. The Word or Rich Text file should be named as "**Essay JaneDoe 100**", where Jane Doe is the student's first & last name, and 100 is your school's pre-assigned number:
  - i. **Bregado Flax..... 100**
  - ii. **Cedar..... 200**
  - iii. **Claudia Creque..... 300**
  - iv. **Elmore Stoutt..... 400**
  - v. **Seventh Day..... 500**
  - vi. **St. Georges..... 600**
  - vii. **Technical & Vocational.. 700**
- j. Only One (1) entry per student is permitted;
- k. To enter the competition register online via <https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=XTZGdPvnHwIqO0oMVbjeKQ> before emailing your essay as instructed in item "l" below.
- l. To submit your essay send via email to [essaycompetition@trc.vg](mailto:essaycompetition@trc.vg) with the essay in word or rich text format attached to the message;
- m. The subject of the email should read "**Molding your future through Technology**";
- n. An online registration and an electronic file containing the essay must be submitted on or before **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2011** or the entry will not be accepted;
- o. Announcement of winner will be made during a press conference in June, 2011.
- p. There is no fee to apply and compete; and
- q. General information about the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) can be found on [www.trc.vg](http://www.trc.vg) .

## 2. Judging and Timing

- a. Judging will be completed by an independent panel of qualified & competent judges;
- b. In an effort to conceal the identity of each contestant, each entry will be assigned a number by the Essay Contest Chair. That number will be placed on the title page and the first page of the essay. The title page will then be detached and retained by the Essay Contest Chair. The judges will be given the essay bearing only the assigned number and not any particulars of the student;
- c. Judges will not discuss or compare essays being judged until all essays have been judged; and
- d. Only the judges can assign a penalty or award points as given in the following score guide.

## Scoring of Competition

### 3. Scoring procedures at all levels of the competition will be identical.

- a. Material Organization (logical interpretation of the subject, adherence to topic): **40 points**
- b. Vocabulary and Style (phrasing and continuity): **30 points**
- c. Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling: **20 points**
- d. Neatness: **5 points**
- e. Adherence to contest rules (prepared in the proper format): **5 points**
- f. **Total Points possible: 100 POINTS.**

## Awards

### 4. 1st Place (overall winner)

- a. Trip for two (2) to attend ITU Telecom World 2011, October 24-27, in Geneva, Switzerland
- b. Hotel Accommodations
- c. One iPad
- d. One Plaque
- e. Cash Prize of USD \$1,000.00

### 5. School Champion

- a. One iPad
- b. One Plaque

## Miscellaneous Information

From each participating school will emerge a winner (school champion) from the essay competition, i.e. of the seven high schools in the Territory there will be seven finalists each of whom will receive an iPad. The judges will then collaborate and ultimately identify the top (1<sup>st</sup> place - overall winner) essay from among the seven school champions.

The TRC reserves the right to publish all or part of the winning essay.

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