



## AHMADIYYA ANJUMAN LAHORE

5 Usman Block, New Garden Town, Lahore, Pakistan

### International Essay Writing Competition

*In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.*

*Read in the name of thy Lord who creates –*

*Creates man from a clot,*

*Read and thy Lord is most Generous,*

*Who taught by the pen,*

*Taught man what he knew not.*

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ  
خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ  
اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ  
الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ  
عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ

An International Level Essay Writing Competition is being held as part of the commemoration of one hundred years of the demise of Hazrat Masih-i-Mau'ood, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian. The purpose of the competition is to stimulate and encourage excellence in writing and research in the field of religious studies. Our goal is for members of the Jama'at to reach a deeper understanding and appreciation of matters relating to the Ahmadiyya Movement in general and the life, mission and achievements of its founder in particular. The competition is open to all members of the Worldwide Lahore Ahmadiyya Jama'at.

The competition will be held in two categories:

- Urdu
- English, Dutch and Indonesian

Each category is further divided into three levels

- Level 1: Age group up to 15 years
- Level 2: Age group 16 to 25 years
- Level 3: Age group over 26 years

There shall be one award in each category for each level (that is a total of six awards) as detailed below:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>No. of Words</u>	<u>Award</u>
1	How Can I Serve The Ahmadiyya Movement	2,000	Pk Rs 10,000
2	Write A Detailed Review Of Any Book Of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sahib That You Have Appreciated Most Comparing It With At Least Three Of His Major Books. Explain The Main Rationale For Writing That Book; The Major Arguments Adduced And The Impact The Book Created On The Religious Debate Of The Time And Later.	4,000	Pk Rs 15,000
3	The World Today Is In The Grip Of "Islamophobia" Or The Fear And Hatred Of All Things Relating To Islam And Muslims. Allah Ta'ala Ordained Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sahib As The Mujaddad (Reformer) Of The Age And Masih-I-Mau'ood (The Promised Messiah) To Propagate The True Islamic Teachings To The World. Analyse The Prevalent Misconceptions About Islam Which Are A Hurdle To Its Acceptance And Discuss How These Can Be Overcome In The Light Of Hazrat Mirza Sahib's Teachings.	8,000	Overseas winner will be awarded return air ticket to Pakistan to attend the Centenary Convention being held in Lahore Pakistan in May 2008 or the Salaanah Duaiyya (Annual Prayer Gathering).in December  Pakistani winner will be awarded return air ticket to attend an International Lahore Ahmadiyya Convention abroad.

### **Eligibility and Rules**

- Entry is open to all members of the Worldwide Lahore Ahmadiyya Jama'at.
- Essays must not exceed the number of words specified for each level.
- The paper must be typed or neatly handwritten, double-spaced, with footnotes wherever applicable, on one side of white 8.5" x11" paper (A-4 size).
- First page must only show the title of the essay, author's name, name of the Branch Anjuman he belongs to, his complete postal and email addresses and phone number. Author's name must not appear anywhere on the paper in order to keep the author's identity anonymous; papers will be numbered for judging purposes.
- Title of the essay should be repeated at the top of the second page above the essay.
- Scholarly essays will be analytical and not merely descriptive and be properly documented with footnotes and endnotes, in accordance with general academic standards.
- Criteria of contest shall be scope of research, accuracy, creativity, conciseness, spelling, grammar, organisation, logical development of topic and original

critical/creative thinking. Credit will be given for originality of thought, a clear writing style, breadth of research and source materials (including books, web sites and other sources) and a critical approach to the sources used.

- To qualify for an award the essay must score an aggregate of at least 70% marks.
- All entries shall become the property of Ahmadiyya Anjuman Lahore. No entries will be returned.
- Only one entry will be accepted per member.
- Entries must reach the Central Anjuman by **15 January 2008**. Essays should be sent by registered/speed post to:

**Mr.Aamir Aziz, 5 Usman Block, New Garden Town, Lahore, Pakistan.**

**Alternatively, by email to: [centralanjuman@yahoo.com](mailto:centralanjuman@yahoo.com)**

- The Central Anjuman will have the sole discretion on the appointment of judges whose decision will be final and binding on all contestants.
- Entries not conforming to the above shall be rejected, and no communication will be entertained on the matter.
- **Policy on Plagiarism**. Plagiarised essays/excerpts will not be given any credit on creativity.

21 September 2007



Aamir Aziz  
General Secretary