

3. The length of the Essay should be between 4,000 and 6,000 words and must *not* exceed the latter number.

4. Each Essay is to be marked with a motto or other distinguishing sign, and accompanied by a sealed envelope bearing a similar motto or sign and containing the full name, address and age of the candidate, and authenticated by the signature and description of the Head Master or Mistress of the school. The whole should be enclosed in an envelope marked in the left-hand corner "Essay Competition, Class A. (or B.);" and addressed to "The Secretary, Royal Colonial Institute, Northumberland Avenue, London, W. C. 2."

5. The prizes will be awarded by the Council after consideration of the Report of the appointed examiners, and the decision of the Council will be final.

6. Essays sent in for competition cannot be returned.

Essays for the competition in 1919 may be sent in during the month of May, 1919, but in any case they must reach the Institute not later than May 31st, 1919.

The Prizes and medals to be awarded will be as follows:—

Class A.—For candidates of 16 or over.

First Prize: The Silver Medal of the Royal Colonial Institute, together with suitably inscribed books to the value of Three Guineas.

Second Prize: If there be a sufficient number of candidates, suitably inscribed books to the value of Two Guineas.

Class B.—For candidates from 13 to 16 inclusive.

First Prize: The Bronze Medal of the Royal Colonial Institute with suitably inscribed books to the value of Two Guineas.

Second Prize: If there be a sufficient number of candidates, suitably inscribed books to the value of One and a half Guineas.

The subjects prescribed for the Competition in 1919 are the following:—

Class A.—"Sea Power as the basis of Empire."

Class B.—"The Life and Work of Clive as an Empire Builder."