



2021 SADC Secondary School Essay Competition



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1. ELIGIBILITY:

All secondary school going students from all 16 Southern African Development Community (SADC) Member States are welcome to participate in the Competition.

2. TOPIC:

The year 2020, SADC is commemorating 40th Anniversary of its journey from 1st April, 1980 when its forerunner the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC) was officially formed, in Lusaka, Zambia and later transformed to SADC on 17th August 1992 in Windhoek, Namibia. Since its inception SADC has demonstrated unwavering commitment to peace, stability and security in the region through adoption of a number of instruments aimed at ensuring peace and stability, as a preconditions for socio-economic development.

The topic for the 2021 SADC Secondary School Essay Competition is ***“How has SADC contributed to peace and security of the region in the last 40 years and how can SADC consolidate peace going forward?”***

The topic is derived from the theme of the 40th Ordinary SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government held virtually and hosted by the Republic of Mozambique on 17th August 2020, which is; ***“SADC: 40 Years Building Peace and Security, and Promoting Development and Resilience in the Face of Global Challenges”***.

3. INSTRUCTIONS:

The essay should be **1000 WORDS**. The deadline for submission of entries to the Secretariat is **30 APRIL 2021**.

All entries should be typed and submitted in electronic version in Microsoft Word document format, and in hard copies. Entrants should sign and initialise each page of the hard copy document to make sure that they have not been altered. All essays entering the competition should be in one of the SADC working languages, i.e. English, Portuguese and French. All submissions must be accompanied with a SADC Secondary School Essay Competition Entry Form which should contain full contact details of the entrant, including, passport-sized photograph, physical address, telephone, fax number and email address; and contact details of the entrant’s parent or guardian.

4. MARKING GUIDELINES:

The set of questions below are meant to guide entrants when responding to the question above. In answering the question above, secondary school learners should ensure that they address the questions listed below in their essays;

1. Discuss some of the key objectives for the formation of SADC and the instruments that were put in place to achieve the set objectives and mandate **(250 words, 20 points)**
2. The apartheid system in South Africa had many negative effects for the SADC region. Explain how the system posed as a threat to peace and security in the region and how the region worked collectively to end the system **(250 words, 20 points)**
3. One of the major aims of SADC is to build peace, stability and security. According to your understanding discuss what you think is the best approach to mitigating internal and external conflicts and highlight through examples on how SADC has over the years successfully worked as a collective to ensure peace, stability and security. **(250 words, 30 points)**
4. Discuss in general the threats to peace, security and stability which the SADC region is facing now and how the region can address these threats in order to maintain peace and stability in the years ahead, using contemporary approaches to conflict, violence, security, peace and development. **(250 words, 30 points)**.

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SADC SECONDARY SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

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PART I

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ABOUT SADC

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) is an organisation founded and maintained by countries in southern Africa that aim to further the socio-economic, political and security cooperation among its Member States and foster regional integration in order to achieve peace, stability and wealth. The Member States are: Angola, Botswana, Union of Comoros, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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