



# Awakening Canadians to India

## CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

### 1. HOW TO PARTICIPATE

#### I. Eligibility:

The "Awakening Canadians to India" is open to all Citizens of Canada who reside in Canada. The participants must be between 13 and 18 years of age, as of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Permanent Residents of Canada are not eligible to participate. Chinmaya Mission Ottawa committee members and their families are not eligible to participate in this contest, due to their involvement in administration activities. Eligibility of prospective winners will be verified before the award of any prizes.

#### II. Contest Registration:

Applications and payment for contest registration are accepted by mail only. Any applications received after July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 will **NOT** be considered.

#### III. Contest Entry:

- i. By registering, the contestant affirms that they are within the age limit of 13 and 18 years, as of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and have received parent/guardian consent to enter this contest, and are fully able and competent to enter into the terms, conditions, obligations, affirmations, representations and warranties set for in this document, and to abide by and comply with these Rules and Regulations.
- ii. Upon submission of a completed application form, along with a cheque amounting to the appropriate entry fees per registrant, the contestant(s) will receive by e mail a unique registration number, which will correspond to their respective "Awakening Indians to India" book, that they will pick up from their corresponding centers. All communications thereafter will be based on this unique registration number.

#### IV. Registration Fees

- i. Registration fees are \$25.00 for each participant, and are non-refundable.
- ii. Each participant will be required to pay their registration fees by cash (if they are within Ottawa) or mail in a cheque (if they reside

outside of Ottawa). Receipts will be issued upon payment. Payments by cheque are to be made to “Chinmaya Mission Ottawa”, and are to be mailed to:

Awakening Canadians to India  
P. O. Box 45027  
Ottawa, ON K2M 2G0

- iii. The “Awakening Indians to India” book will only be provided when registration is successfully completed and complete payment for each contestant is received. Contestants will be informed of pick-up locations of the book from their respective centres.

V. Contest Entry Restrictions:

- i. Each contestant may submit only one entry. Any attempt to submit more than one entry per person will result in the immediate disqualification of the contestant, and the registration fees will not be refunded.
- ii. Multiple entries indicating the same telephone contact number or addresses will be considered, for purposes of the contest, to belong to different contestants within the same household and therefore are subject to further clarification by the corresponding Chinmaya Mission centre representatives.
- iii. Households with more than one participant will be required to pay for the entry of each contestant.

**2. COMPETITION FORMAT**

- I. 100% of the material will be based on the “Awakening Indians to India” book that will be provided upon registration. The time allocated for this exam shall be 3 hours, and will be structured as follows:
  - 70 Multiple choice questions, 1 mark each, totaling 70 marks
  - 3 Essay questions, 10 marks each, totaling 30 marks
- II. The entire final exam paper will be designed by a team of youth, that are members of the AICHYK (All India Chinmaya Yuva Kendra). The final exam will be reviewed and approved by the Director of AICHYK, Swami Mitrananda, Resident Acharya of Chinmaya Mission, Chennai, India.
- III. The three finalists will be selected by the same panel.

### **3. THE FINAL EXAM**

- I. The final exam will be held during the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at pre-determined locations and times in Vancouver (BC), Calgary (AB), Edmonton (AB), Niagara Falls (ON), Burlington (ON), Toronto (ON), Ottawa (ON), Montreal (QC), Fredericton (NB), & St John's (NF). The contestants will be informed if additional centers become available once the contest begins. The time and the venue of the exam will be provided to the contestants after the last day of registration.
- II. The final exam will be a closed book exam.
- III. Participants are responsible for their own travel to their designated testing centres. Chinmaya Mission will not be held responsible for any delays or if the contestant that has missed an exam, nor will extra time be given under any circumstances.
- IV. Further rules and guidelines for the final exam will be provided to the contestants after the last day of registration.
- V. Under any unfortunate incident before or during the final exam date, it is at the contestant's and their family's discretion to decide whether their participation will continue or not. Chinmaya Mission Ottawa and the representative at the participant's corresponding center should be informed immediately via e mail and/or telephone. The contact information will be provided to the registrants after the last day of registration. Registration fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.

### **4. CONTEST PRIZES**

- I. A total of three prizes will be awarded to the top three contestants who have scored the highest marks in the National contest:
  - 1st Prize: Two (2) economy class tickets will be given to the top contestant in the contest.
    - i. One ticket will be for the contestant and the other for an accompanying adult.
    - ii. Ticket dates must be requested five months in advance of travel. The prize is valid until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and shall be from your place of testing to Mumbai, India.
    - iii. The prize does not include any costs pertaining to accommodation, travel documents, and any other additional costs thereafter.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: One (1) Canon PowerShot 12.1MP Digital Camera (SD960IS) – Silver, with a Lowepro Rezo 50 Digital Series Camera Bag and a 4GB SDHC Memory (Approximate value of \$300).
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: One (1) 8 GB iPod Nano - Silver. Holds ~ 2000 songs/8 hours of video, with built in video camera, a 2.2-inch color display screen and a built-in FM tuner (Approximate value of \$200)
- II. Chinmaya Mission Ottawa will be the sole and final organization in validating a prize claim.
- III. Winners are solely responsible for all federal, state and local taxes as well as all other costs or fees associated with acceptance and/or use of a prize not specified herein as being awarded. Prizes are awarded “as is” with no warranty or guarantee, either expressed or implied. The winner may not substitute, assign or transfer their prize, but Chinmaya Mission Ottawa reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to substitute prize or portion thereof with one of comparable or greater value. All prize details are at Chinmaya Mission Ottawa’s sole discretion.

**5. JUDGING**

- I. Prize winners are to be determined based solely on the decision of a panel of judges based on the score of the multiple choice questions and the written essays submitted (refer to Section 2 for more details).
- II. All eligible entries received will be judged by qualified judges using the following criteria to determine the winners:
- originality,
  - clarity,
  - understanding, and
  - the use of thoughtful and concrete ideas which enhanced the participant’s awareness of India

The essay questions are subject to this criteria and are at the sole discretion of the qualified judges

**6. WINNER NOTIFICATION**

- I. Winners will be notified by e-mail and/or phone. If in the event it is determined that a potential winner has not complied with these Official Rules and has made false statements, or the prize notification is returned as undeliverable, the winner will be disqualified. Chinmaya Mission Ottawa will not be responsible for following up with the contestants.

- II. If a potential winner is disqualified for any reason, the next highest ranked finalist determined by the jury will be declared as the alternate winner. The alternate winner will be notified by October 15th, 2010

## **7. DISQUALIFICATION OF ENTRIES**

- I. Chinmaya Mission Ottawa reserves the right to modify, refuse, suspend and/or terminate the participation of the contestant after consideration of the given circumstances.
- II. Chinmaya Mission Ottawa reserves the right at its sole discretion to disqualify any individual and void his/her entry.

## **8. GENERAL RULES**

- I. By participating, each contestant and selected winner agrees:
  - a. To be bound by these Rules and the decisions of Chinmaya Mission Ottawa
  - b. To release and hold harmless Chinmaya Mission members, its affiliates, subsidiaries, and independent contractors, and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives including advertising and promotion agencies, from any and all liability for claims/damages including, but not limited to, claims/damages for personal injury, for property damage with respect to acceptance, possession or use or misuse of the Prize or participation in the Contest;
  - c. To permit Chinmaya Mission Ottawa to use his/her name, address, city, province, of residence, or any likeness for advertising or publicity purposes without any additional compensation; and
  - d. The winner agrees to sign a Declaration and Release Form to this effect.
- II. The decisions of Chinmaya Mission Ottawa in relation to this Contest will be final and binding on all registrants.
- III. Chinmaya Mission Ottawa shall not be responsible for incorrect or inaccurate transcription or registration of Contest entry information, technical malfunctions, lost/delayed data transmission, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, faulty, incomplete, incomprehensible, or erased computer or network transmissions, line failures of any telephone network, failure of computer equipment, software, inability to access any online service or website, inability to submit the online registration, or any other error or malfunction, or any injury or damage to entrant's or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participation or

downloading any materials in this Contest, or for late, lost, stolen, postage due, illegible or misdirected entries.

- IV. Chinmaya Mission Ottawa reserves the right to cancel, terminate, or suspend this Contest, at its sole discretion, in the event of a technical failure, computer virus or bug, unauthorized human intervention, fraud or any other occurrence or cause beyond its control that corrupts or adversely affects the administration, security, fairness or normal operation of the Contest.
- V. If a selected participant is awarded the Prize due to a system error, malfunction or defect the Prize will be returned to the Prize pool, to be re-awarded.
- VI. Under no circumstances will Chinmaya Mission Ottawa, its affiliates, subsidiaries, and independent contractors, and their respective directors, officers, employees, and agents, including advertising and promotion agencies be required to award more Prizes than what is indicated in these Rules or award the Prizes other than in accordance with these Rules.

## **9. IMPORTANT DATES**

The dates below have been set for "Awakening Canadians to India"

- 1) Registration begins March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 12:00 am
- 2) Last day to register: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 11:59 pm
- 3) A practice test will be available online on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This is for the participants and their families to understand the layout of the final exam and the types of questions to anticipate. This test will not be marked, but will allow family members to participate and assist the contestants in the completion of this test, and help the contestant throughout the duration for preparation for the final.
- 4) Answers to the practice test will be uploaded by August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Family members are encouraged to review the answers with the contestants.
- 5) The final exam will be held during the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The exam location and time will be provided to the contestants after the last day of registration.
- 6) Announcement of winners will be made on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

## **10. CONTACT**

For any questions about the contest, please email [ac2i.2010@gmail.com](mailto:ac2i.2010@gmail.com) or visit [www.chinmayaottawa.com](http://www.chinmayaottawa.com)