



2009 ENTRY FORM Undergraduate and Postgraduate

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Questions

Undergraduate

The recipe for success in many countries, especially in Asia, has been their ability to increase exports. South Africa's performance in this regard has not been stellar. What macroeconomic and microeconomic policy changes would you recommend to increase South Africa's export potential?

Postgraduate

COSATU is calling for a review of the inflation targeting policy framework. In a policy brief to the Finance Minister, discuss whether or not this policy has been successful. Would its removal result in higher or lower nominal interest rates over time? Discuss the alternative to inflation targeting and make recommendations.

Who may enter?

- The following students are eligible to enter:
 - Full-time or part-time students
 - Postgraduate or undergraduate students
 - Students registered for an economics course at any recognised South African institution for higher learning (including the Military Academy)
- * Nedbank and Old Mutual staff, their agents and families are **not** eligible to enter

Entrants may enter each respective category more than once during their university careers.

- Entrants must:
 - Be South African citizens or be a citizen of any of the SADC countries (Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe) or
 - Hold permanent resident status

In the postgraduate category only honours or first-time Masters students may enter.

Important information about your entries

- All essays must be submitted in English and they must be typed
- The essay title must appear on the first page of the essay and not on a separate page
- The number of words in your essay must also appear on the front page of your essay
- All pages must be numbered from the 1st page and should feature the total number of pages (e.g. 10 of 12)
- Your name and that of your university must **not** appear on the pages of your essay. These details should only appear in your entry form
- Essays should be secured to your:
 - entry form (available from your Convenor or on the website www.budgetspeechcompetition.co.za)
 - a copy of your SA Identity Document or a valid Passport
 - a copy of your full academic history (unless you are a first-year student, in which case your Matric results should be provided)
- Please do **not** staple your entry! Please attach the pages using a paper clip
- Essays, including footnotes and tables but excluding references, should not exceed:
 - Postgraduate 3 500 words
 - Undergraduate 2 000 words

Note

- Guidelines on essay writing are available on the website www.budgetspeechcompetition.co.za
- Entries not conforming will be disqualified without being read.
- Once submitted, the copyright in the essays will vest with the sponsors.
- The Adjudicators' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Plagiarism will not be tolerated.



Adjudication information

■ Adjudication criteria

Primary criteria

The focus of the competition is on academic excellence and essays will be judged primarily on merit and quality. If there is one essay that is of significantly higher standard than the rest, this will be regarded the winner. Attention will also be given to the structure of the essay, clarity of thought and presentation of argument.

Secondary criteria

Essays that are of the same quality will be evaluated further using the following criteria:

- Empowerment (black students will be given preference)
- Student's potential
- Student's need (students who cannot afford to further their studies in South Africa)
- Student's community involvement
- Student's commitment to address the country's economic issues.

■ Additional criteria

The adjudication panel will interview the 10 postgraduate finalists. The panel will evaluate each student in terms of the following criteria:

- Intellectual sparkle
- Ability to formulate and express rational arguments, and
- Understanding and knowledge of topical economic issues.

■ Undergraduate finalists

If deemed necessary, the panel of adjudicators may also interview the 10 undergraduate finalists, in order to determine the winners. It must be noted that the adjudicators' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding final results.

General information

- 10 postgraduate students and 10 undergraduate students will be chosen as finalists and flown to Cape Town in February 2010.
- All finalists will be guests of Nedbank and Old Mutual and will be expected to participate in all functions arranged during their stay in Cape Town. This includes a visit to Parliament and the Budget Speech banquet (with the Minister of Finance as the keynote speaker), where the winners will be announced.
- The panel of adjudicators evaluate both undergraduate and postgraduate essays.
- A maximum of five students from any one university campus will be entitled to be in the final top 20 in each category. In the event that more than five entries are selected by the Filter panel for the top 20, only the top five from that campus will be selected and forwarded for final adjudication.

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Prizes*

Undergraduate category		Postgraduate category**	
1st Prize	R30 000	1st Prize	R150 000
2nd Prize	R15 000	2nd Prize	R60 000
3rd Prize	R10 000	3rd Prize	R25 000

* The prize money will be credited to a Nedbank account in the name of the prizewinner. If the prizewinner does not have a Nedbank account, he/she must open an account to facilitate payment of the prize money.

** In this category the prize may be used for educational purposes only, e.g. paying off existing student loans or further tertiary studies.

Book Prize Rules

- Nedbank and Old Mutual will award a R3 000 book voucher to 1 student per higher learning institution.
- In order to qualify for consideration, a higher learning institution must submit 5 or more entries.
- The prize will be awarded in accordance with the filtering panel process to the overall highest ranking student at each qualifying higher learning institution.
- The winners will be announced in February 2010.
- The prize is not transferable to cash.



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Entry form (to be submitted together with your essay)

Please complete in block letters

University details (to be completed by University Convenor)

Name of University and Campus

Convenor name Convenor signature

Student information - please complete in full

Title Category

First name Surname

Date of birth Nationality

Daytime telephone Code Number

Fax Code Number

Cellphone E-mail address

Postal address
 Code

School academic results

Last high school attended

Subject	Symbol

English language proficiency (please rate by ticking the appropriate box)

	Average	Good	Excellent
Reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Leadership positions held (schools, sport, university, part-time employment, other)

Year	Position	Organisation and details

Community activities

Year	Position	Organisation and details

University funding (please indicate how your studies are being funded - i.e. parents, bank loan, bursary, etc.)

Have you included a copy of your ID document/passport?

Have you included your results?

I have read and understand and agree to be bound by the rules of the competition.

I hereby certify that all details supplied in this entry form are true and that I have completed this form in my own handwriting.

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Entry deadline

All entries to reach the Budget Speech Competition administration office by Friday 15 May 2009.
 Entries must be handed in to the University Convenor who will ensure they reach the Competition Office.

For further details
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PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR CV WITH YOUR ENTRY.

