



# THE 17TH INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS ESSAY COMPETITION FOR EAST AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES

## QUESTION

For 70 years, the Geneva Conventions of 1949, have been the cornerstone of international humanitarian law. By providing concrete rules to protect victims of armed conflict and limit the means and methods of war, the Geneva Conventions are a safety net against brutality. Seven decades on, their applicability and relevance during armed conflict are not in doubt. Nevertheless, the character of contemporary armed conflict, the nature of the parties and the progress of technology call for further consideration of international humanitarian law. Discuss

## INSTRUCTIONS

- The competition is open to all undergraduate students from Eastern Africa universities.
- Essays must be typed, properly referenced and structured, and a bibliography provided.
- Essays must not exceed 4000 words (including the foot notes but excluding the bibliography)
- The essay and a copy of student's identification card must be received at the ICRC Regional Office in Nairobi by 30 June 2019 by email (sok\_com@icrc.org). Late entries will not be accepted.
- The winner of the competition will receive a sponsorship to attend an International Humanitarian Law Course in Nairobi, Kenya in September 2019, and a cash prize. There will also be awards for the first and second runners- up, as well as for the best essay from each country.

## ASSESSMENT GUIDE

Participants will be assessed on their logical arguments, the depth to which they develop their answers, structure and demonstrated knowledge of the subject matter. Each of the criterion will be awarded points as below:

Knowledge of the subject matter	Critical thinking and Analysis	Structure, referencing and evidence of research	Total
40	30	30	100

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