

R.A. Butler Prize, 2021

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Questions

Answer **one** of the following. You are encouraged to use a diverse selection of contemporary, historical or literary examples in making your arguments, and not to restrict yourself to material taken from school courses. Essays should be in the range of **1,800 to 3,500 words** (including titles and any footnotes, not including the bibliography).

- How can a government be held accountable for its actions during episodes of national crisis?
- Do international organisations matter in times of global crises, and if so how?
- Is working from home a disaster for feminism?
- Should capital punishment have any place in 21st century democracies?
- Should people offending each other on social media be a matter of criminal justice?
- Can news media be politically neutral?
- How does Brexit affect the European Union's role in world politics?
- Do wealthy nations owe anything to poor nations?
- Why do developing countries suffer more frequently from conflict than the developed countries?
- Has the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic taught us anything that may help in better addressing the climate catastrophe?

Essays must be submitted by 12 noon (BST) of Monday 2 August 2021. They should be uploaded via: <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/essay-prizes/politics/> . Further guidance and eligibility criteria are available on that page. Essays that exceed the word limit, are submitted after the deadline or are from those ineligible to enter will not be considered for the competition.