

Question making contest

There is a strong perception that the teaching profession does not provide much scope for creative work or professional challenges. The only way in which teachers can utilise their core skills today beyond the school is by taking tuitions. Instead, can these energies not be tapped for a creative activity like making innovative questions or curriculum?

Educational Initiatives (EI) has announced the ASSET Question Making Competition for teachers who will be invited to send questions for which they may optionally use the detailed guidelines and tips on how to make good questions, which will be provided by EI. The teachers will have to send at least 5 questions in one or more subjects – English, Maths, Science and Social Studies. A panel of experienced teachers and experts will assess their questions and prizes will be awarded to a large number of good questions. Based on the response from teachers and schools, EI plans to make this competition a regular annual feature

Teachers will also get feedback from educational experts, which will help them improve. They will get to know why that particular question was selected. It will provide an avenue for teachers to exercise their creativity, while learning in the process.

The competition will generate a pool of good quality questions, many of which will be placed in the public domain and shared with schools all over the country.

What is a good question?

Question making is an art and a science that can test the understanding of children and involve them and provoke them to think and apply their mind.

A good question challenges and stimulates the child to think deeper, to apply the concepts learnt and, more importantly, gives the child a sense of satisfaction at having mastered the concept. It also provides the teacher with a unique opportunity to exercise her creativity and create something original. In many ways it brings back the fun into learning!

As many as 15,000 schools all over India will be sent invitation and hoping for a participation of at least 10 teachers from each school. Application will be sent to the respective schools. Apart from that teachers can also log on to www.ei-india.com for registration.