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   a) Why should India be friends with its neighbours? OR Why Indian Foreign policy should give top priority to neighbours? - (1500 words).

   Senior Level (18-25 years)
   b) Impact of International Affairs on Daily Lives in India" OR "Impact of Government's Foreign Policy on Daily Lives in India" - (2500 words). [Case Study is encouraged]

3. Entries are also invited by way of a 5 minutes video in any of the three formats; namely, AVI, MPEG or MP4 format.

4. Details regarding the competition, including prize money and participating criteria for the contest is enclosed herewith. A soft copy of same is also being sent to you by email.

5. We request you to kindly have the relevant information circulated among all your associated institutions/members to ensure maximum participation.

   In anticipation of your kind consideration and support.

   Yours sincerely,

   Encl: ICWA Essay Competition details sheet

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