**City Olympiad 2024/2025**

**Writing**

**for 10th Form Students**

***Directions:***

*In this test you will select from two writing tasks. Choose the one that you feel you are most capable to write about.*

**1. Freedom of Speech and Society**

**Write an article discussing the role of freedom of speech in creating and maintaining an ideal society.**

* What does freedom of speech mean to you?
* Are there certain types of speech that should never be allowed?
* Should some types of speech always be protected? Why or why not?
* What do you think is more important: total freedom of speech, or restricted speech in hopes of creating a more “polite and civil” society?

**2. The Importance of Reading**

**Write an opinion essay about the quote by Gustave Flaubert: “Do not read, as children do, to amuse yourself, or like the ambitious, for the purpose of instruction. No, read in order to live.”**

* What does Flaubert mean when he says “read in order to live”?
* Do you agree with this idea?
* What novels or books interest you, and do you read as Flaubert suggests?
* What impact does reading have on a person’s life?