



## 4<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL ECONOMICS DEBATE

**For Immediate Release**

**Machakos University, Kenya – Friday, 31st October 2025**

**Theme: Defining a Fair and Inclusive Economic Structure in Kenya**

### **COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE OFFICIAL RESULTS FOR THE COLLABORATIVE WRITING EXPERIENCE**

**We**, the Panel of Judges, with the approval of the Scholars Assembly–Collaborative Writing, having duly met and deliberated, are pleased to issue this official communication on the outcomes of the Collaborative Writing Experience.

The review and validation of all submitted entries have now been completed. This process involved confirmation that every item score fell within the permissible limits, ensuring that no score exceeded the maximum allowable mark.

During this verification, certain item scores were adjusted to reflect the correct and validated results as captured in the table below:

**Table 1.0 Reviewed Indicators**

| <b>Essayist</b> | <b>Affected item</b> | <b>Original item score</b> | <b>Max. allowable score</b> | <b>Updated item score</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Joyfridah Mumbi | Humour               | 4                          | 3                           | 3                         |
| Joseph Miatu    | Persuasion           | 5                          | 4                           | 4                         |
| Jane Wanjiku    | Clarity              | 4                          | 3                           | 3                         |
| Amos Muchiri    | Clarity              | 4                          | 3                           | 3                         |

Each thematic area, except D, Networking Possibilities Availled via Schooling, received an attempt by the participants.

The highest score was revised downwards from 16 to 15 points. The highlight is as follows:

- Kwena Alphonse** and **Gildah Nzumuka** received an upward revision to their individual rankings after validation.
- Joseph Miatu, Jane Wanjiku**, and **Anderson Warui** moved one step down to tie with Kwena Alphonse at position four.

### a) Individual Awards

- i. The *Golden Pen Award* for the best essay overall is jointly awarded to **Joyfridah Mumbi** and **Louise Peggy Rasiga Nyambori** of Maasai Mara University, each with 15 points (75%), for the best essay overall.
- ii. The *Great Think Award* for the 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up essay is presented to **Brian Angwenyi Atika**, from Mount Kenya University, with 14 points (70%).
- iii. *2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-up Award* jointly shared by the following **four** essayists:
  - a. **Joseph Miatu** – Jomo Kenyatta Economics Students Association (13 points, 65%)
  - b. **Jane Wanjiku Ndungu** – Jomo Kenyatta Economics Students Association (13 points, 65%)
  - c. **Anderson Warui** – Kabarak University Business Students Association (13 points, 65%)
  - d. **Kwena Alphonse** – Kabarak University Business Students Association (13 points, 65%)

### b) Team Awards

- iv. The *Golden Thoughts Award* for the best team overall is awarded to the **Jomo Kenyatta Economics Students Association** with 12.67 points (63.3%), represented by the following essayists:
  - a. *Joseph Miatu*
  - b. *Jane Wanjiku Ndungu*
  - c. *Amos Muchiri*
- v. *1<sup>st</sup> Runners-up Team Award* goes to **Maasai Mara University Economics Students Association, Team-2** with 12.5 points (62.5%), represented by the following essayists:
  - a. *Joyfridah Mumbi*
  - b. *Samuel Kinyanjui*

**With** the official validation of results for the Collaborative Writing Experience and the approval by the **Scholars Assembly–Collaborative Writing**, we reaffirm our commitment to upholding transparency, promoting fairness, and recognising excellence, now and in our future engagements. In light of this, we hereby affirm these results as final and binding.

Together with the **Economics Scholar Panel**, we extend our warmest congratulations to all essayists who contributed to advancing thoughtful and innovative writing.

This communiqué is adopted by the Panel of Judges, namely, **Paul Wambua Muindi**, **Joseph Michuki**, and **Kelvin Mulega**, with confirmation from **Kefa Simiyu** and support from three rapporteurs, namely, **Mollyne Atieno**, **Angelo Minua**, and **Julia Mmbasu**, and is approved by the **KESA Executive Council**.

## APPENDIX

**Table 1.1 Validated individual results**

| Association                                           | Team      | Participant                 | Gender | Thematic Area | Persuasion | Clarity  | Humour   | Creativity | Problem  | Total Score | Rank |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|--------|---------------|------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|-------------|------|
| Maasai Mara University Economics Students Association | MMUESA-II | Joyfridah Mumbi             | Female | A             | 4          | 3        | 3        | 3          | 2        | 15          | 1    |
| Maasai Mara University Economics Students Association | MMUESA-I  | Louise Peggy Rasiga Nyamori | Female | E             | 3          | 2        | 3        | 4          | 3        | 15          | 1    |
| Mount Kenya University Economics Students Association | MKUESA    | Brian Angwenyi Atika        | Male   | B             | 3          | 3        | 2        | 3          | 3        | 14          | 3    |
| Jomo Kenyatta Economics Students Association          | JKESA     | Joseph Miatu                | Male   | B             | 4          | 3        | 1        | 2          | 3        | 13          | 4    |
| Jomo Kenyatta Economics Students Association          | JKESA     | Jane Wanjiku Ndungu         | Female | C             | 4          | 3        | 0        | 2          | 4        | 13          | 4    |
| Kabarak University Business Students Association      | KUBSA     | Anderson Warui              | Male   | B             | 4          | 3        | 1        | 2          | 3        | 13          | 4    |
| Kabarak University Business Students Association      | KUBSA     | Kwena Alphonse              | Male   | G             | 4          | 3        | 0        | 1          | 5        | 13          | 4    |
| Machakos University Economics Students Association    | MUESA     | Daniel Nganda Wambua        | Male   | C             | 2.5        | 2        | 1.5      | 3.5        | 3        | 12.5        | 8    |
| Jomo Kenyatta Economics Students Association          | JKESA     | Amos Muchiri                | Male   | E             | 4          | 3        | 0        | 3          | 2        | 12          | 9    |
| Kabarak University Business Students Association      | KUBSA     | Peter Kungu                 | Male   | C             | 3          | 1        | 0        | 3          | 4        | 11          | 10   |
| Machakos University Economics Students Association    | MUESA     | Gildah Nzumuka              | Female | A             | 3          | 1        | 1.5      | 3          | 2        | 10.5        | 11   |
| Economics Students Association of Maseno University   | ESAMU     | Emily Ndavwa Kyalo          | Female | A             | 2          | 2        | 1.5      | 2.5        | 2        | 10          | 12   |
| Maasai Mara University Economics Students Association | MMUESA-II | Samuel Kinyanjui            | Male   | C             | 2          | 2        | 1        | 3          | 2        | 10          | 12   |
| Mount Kenya University Economics Students Association | MKUESA    | Kirmani Glen                | Male   | C             | 2.5        | 1        | 1.5      | 2.5        | 2.5      | 10          | 12   |
| Machakos University Economics Students Association    | MUESA     | Nychole Amunga              | Female | E             | 3          | 1        | 1.5      | 3          | 1        | 9.5         | 15   |
| Maasai Mara University Economics Students Association | MMUESA-I  | Adhiambo Vivian             | Female | A             | 2          | 1        | 1        | 2          | 2        | 8           | 16   |
| Mount Kenya University Economics Students Association | MKUESA    | Darwin Brenda Njeri         | Female | F             | 1          | 1        | 1        | 2          | 0.5      | 5.5         | 17   |
| <b>Max. Allowable Score</b>                           |           |                             |        |               | <b>4</b>   | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>5</b>   | <b>5</b> | <b>20</b>   |      |

**Note:** Each essay was evaluated out of a maximum of 20 points, based on the following criteria:

- Strength of persuasion – 4 points
- Clarity of thought – 3 points
- Humour – 3 points
- Creativity and innovativeness – 5 points
- Understanding of the economic problem, including identifying the problem and offering plausible solutions – 5 points

**Table 1.2 Validated team results**

| Association                                           | Team      | Team Mean | Team Rank |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Jomo Kenyatta Economics Students Association          | JKESA     | 12.67     | 1         |
| Maasai Mara University Economics Students Association | MMUESA-II | 12.50     | 2         |
| Kabarak University Business Students Association      | KUBSA     | 12.33     | 3         |
| Maasai Mara University Economics Students Association | MMUESA-I  | 11.50     | 4         |
| Machakos University Economics Students Association    | MUESA     | 10.83     | 5         |
| Mount Kenya University Economics Students Association | MKUESA    | 9.83      | 6         |
| Economics Students Association of Maseno University   | ESAMU     | N/A       | N/A       |

**Note:** Team eligibility required a group of 2-3 members. Consequently, the Economics Students Association of Maseno University did not qualify for team ranking, having only one member. This, however, did not affect the individual results as reflected in Table 1.1 above. Maasai Mara University Economics Students Association was represented by two teams, each team having 2 members.

