

HUMAN RIGHTS COMPETITION

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EXAM QUESTIONS

PRIMARY section
Grades 1-4
(Ages 6-10)

The students will participate with ONE of the following : an A4 poster, drawing, painting on the topic “**Children’s Rights in my town/city/country**”.

Lower Secondary Section
Grades 5- 8
Ages (11 – 14)

Competition on The Charter of Fundamental Rights

1. *Respecting fundamental rights represents one of the most important concerns throughout history, especially during the contemporary era. In this respect, several documents explaining these rights have been produced along the years. The Charter of fundamental rights is such a document.*

Question: What does “Charter of fundamental rights ” represent?

2. *As any other document of major importance for all EU member states , the Charter is the result of the collaboration between the 3 fundamental institutions of EU: European Council, European Parliament, European Commission.*

Question: What was the role of each institution in writing and adopting the Charter and when were the decisions adopted?

3. *The contents of the Charter of fundamental rights were based on legal documents adopted by the European community in the second half of the 20th century.*

Question : Mention the 4 documents that represented the basis of drawing up the Charter.

4. *As any other legal text, the contents of the Charter is organized in chapters and articles that describe the main rights of European citizens.*

Question: How are the 6 main chapters of the Charter called and what is the total number of articles in the Charter?

5. *In the Preamble of the Charter it is stated that "the Union is founded on the indivisible, universal values of human dignity, freedom, equality and solidarity; it is based on the principles of democracy and the rule of law. It places the individual at the heart of its activities, by establishing the citizenship of the Union and by creating an area of freedom, security and justice".*

Question: What are the fundamental rights included in the chapter that refers to Dignity?

Question 6. *Taking into consideration chapter 2 of the Charter (Freedoms), what are the dispositions of the Charter in what concerns the Protection of personal data?*

7. *In a Europe based on respecting fundamental rights and the Rule of Law, on democratic and independent institutions, equality between citizens is essential. But this cannot be ensured unless all forms of discrimination are eliminated.*

Question: List the main reasons discrimination is based on or stems from (and which are forbidden by the Charter).

8. *Although some traditionalist societies do not consider age an obstacle for starting a family or doing a certain type of job at your workplace, child exploitation through labour is in complete opposition with the European values.*

Question:

What are the dispositions of the Charter with reference to the child labor and at what age can a young person get employed in Romania/your native country?

9. *Among the political rights included in the treaties that the European community is based on are the right to elect and the right to be elected, both for European Parliament and in local elections.*

Question: In what way can the members of European Parliament be voted for, according to the Charter of Fundamental rights?

10. *The functioning of European institutions is supervised at European level and any irregularity related to their poor administration can be reported by European citizens.*

Question: What is the name of the institution that can be informed by the European citizens regarding poor administration of European institutions? Are there any such institutions or authorities in Romania/your native country?

UPPER SECONDARY section
Graded 9-12
(Ages 15-19)

Students will write a composition/essay of 900-1300 words in which they will discuss, from a personal perspective, ONE of the following:

- a. The history of Human Rights
- b. the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- c. Women's rights
- d. Human Rights in my Country.

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