To the President and Faculty of the College.

Your committee on the award of prizes, having examined the essays submitted, are of the opinion that they have been performed with great ability and are entitled to the highest distinction. The committee have therefore recommended the following paragraphs for award:

To me it is evident that the language of the English-speaking peoples is in a constant state of evolution. The words we use today are a reflection of the cultural and historical changes that have occurred throughout history. The study of the early literature and its influence on modern language provides us with valuable insights into the development of the English language. The works of Shakespeare, Chaucer, and other early authors have greatly influenced the way we communicate today.

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