**MICHEL CHIHA COMPETITION 2018**

**Choose one of the 2 proposed subjects**

**Subject 1**

What gives the world a sense of disquiet is the loss of trust. It opens a profound loss in our self-control. Trust in men and trust in institutions are the primary source of confidence and serenity. Now doubt has destroyed all that and suspicion has ruined our tranquillity.

*Le Jour, March 4, 1951*

*Dominical editorials*

**Subject 2**

“If we restore a sense of confidence then order will be restored. If we restore confidence, then business will thrive. Instead of complaining about the existence or the beginning of an economic crisis, let’s do what we can to reduce or avoid it.

Lebanon, because of its unparalleled diversity, would be better able to weather an economic crisis if only confidence in the Administration and in the State was possible.

*Le Jour, 7June 1952*

*The orderly way*

**Do you think that these statements by Michel Chiha, published in 1951 and 1952 respectively, are still valid today.**