

Rules for the Student English Speech Competition

The contestants are required to deliver speeches in English. The theme for this competition is: **“Life is Not Just About Survival but Also About Realizing Self-Fulfillment”**

November 4-Round 1

In the 1st round, each contestant will present a five (5)-minute prepared speech. After that the judges will ask them questions. The judges will select the top 15 contestants from Round 1 of the competition on the base of the scores.

November 4-Round 2 (Morning)

In the morning of Nov 5, Round 2 of the competition will be conducted. The top 15 contestants selected from the previous day will be required to make a 5- minute impromptu speech based on a topic to be given to each participant by lot before the audience. From Round 2, the top 5 contestants will be chosen to participate in the final Round.

November 5-Final Round (Afternoon)

The top 5 contestants will be asked to deliver an impromptu speech no more than 5 minutes based on a topic to be given by the judges on the spot.

The selection of top three contestants will be based on the average score obtained from the final round of the competition.

Scoring Criteria for the Speech Competition:

Content (50%)

Speech Development: The contestants should know the material thoroughly and organize the ideas in sequence so that the audience can understand what they are saying. The speech should have a purpose and it should have identifiable introduction, body and conclusion.

A good speech attracts the audience's attention and moves on with smoothness towards the conclusion. The speech should be supported by relevant examples, facts and figures. They should give proper credits to the sources of their information.

Effectiveness: The contestant must deliver his/her speech as effectively as possible. The contestant should consider how he/she can relate to the audience. The contestant must try to convince the audience of the soundness of his/her arguments. The contestant must win over the audience and the judges to his/her side.

Speech value: The speech should be meaningful and authentic to the audience. The listeners should feel satisfied after listening to the speech.

Delivery (30%)

Physical appearance: The contestant must dress appropriately. He/she must exhibit confidence so as to deliver an effective speech. The body language should strengthen the speech, demonstrating different facial expressions, gestures and body positioning.

Voice: While delivering the speech, the voice should be flexible, easy to move from one pitch to another. The voice should be clear, so that the words can be easily understood.

Manner of Delivery: This will indirectly reveal the true state of the speaker. The speaker should speak with confidence and must show interest in his/her audience.

Language (20%)

Appropriateness refers to the choice of words that is related to the purpose of the speech. The language should give a clear picture of the thoughts being expressed. Correctness of the language refers to the proper usage of the grammar and correct pronunciation of the words.