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Rules and Regulations

- Teams of 2 to register online for the preliminary round out of which 8 proceed to the next round
- There will be 8 teams competing against each other to decide the winners on campus.

The event will proceed as follows:

Preliminary Round:

Participants have to write a 250-300 words position paper to be submitted by 1st November 2018 to literary@iiml-manfestvarchasva.com. Teams will be evaluated on their understanding of the topic, their explanation of the topic, articulation of their ideas and consistency and strength of points supplementing the position. 8 teams would be shortlisted after the preliminary round.

Topics for position paper:

1. Should prisoners be allowed to vote?
2. Should judges be elected or nominated?
3. Do illegal immigrants deserve deportation?
4. Should adultery be decriminalised?

Round 1: Quarter-finals

- Each team gets 5 minutes to speak on the motion given to them in advance
- Each team must speak both for and against the motion, with each member taking a different stance for 2.5 minutes each
- The team can decide the stance that each member will take
- Following each team's speech, the judges might raise questions at the team/team member
- Following this round, 4 teams will qualify for the semi-finals.

Round 2: Semi-Finals

- Each team gets 6 minutes (with 3 minutes per speaker) to speak on the motion given to them 10 minutes in advance
- The teams must speak in alternate order with the first speaker of the proposition going first
- Teams must decide internally on the order of speech of each member

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- Each team's stance on the motion will be given by the organizers
- Following each team's speech, the opposing team may present a rebuttal or/and their case
- Following the semi-final debates, 2 teams will qualify for the finals.

Round 3: **Finals**

- Each team will have 1 speaker who will speak twice and one speaker who will speak once
- The teams will be given the motion and their stance 15 minutes in advance
- The order and timing of the speeches is as follows:
 - 1st speaker for the constructive made by the proposition (3 minutes)
 - 1st speaker for the constructive made by the opposition (3 minutes)
 - 2nd speaker for the constructive made by the proposition (4 minutes)
 - 2nd speaker for the constructive made by the opposition (4 minutes)
 - 1st speaker for the rebuttal made by the opposition (2 minutes)
 - 1st speaker for the rebuttal made by the proposition (2 minutes)

General Guidelines

- In case the teams are not able to attend, they must intimate the organizing committee 7 days in advance.
- Teams cannot substitute/ change member after the preliminary round.
- The dress code for the event is formal wear
- The decision of the judges and the organizing committee is final.

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