

## Rules for Lower Secondary School Science & Technology Quiz Competition 2014-2015

### *a) Rules for the Quiz Competition:*

1. The quiz will be conducted at a designated venue.
2. Each participating team and its coach will be expected to be present at the competition centre at least half an hour before the commencement of the activity.
3. The competition is targeted at Form 3 Students.
4. Team members should be informed of the rules of the competition prior to the commencement of this activity.
5. A quizmaster will conduct the competition at each venue.
6. The National competition will be conducted in **three (3) rounds**.
7. Questions will be posed to the team from the various Secondary Schools.
8. When a question is posed to a team, participants may consult with each other before answering.
9. If a question remains unanswered after 15 seconds, it will be assumed that the answer is not known. The Quiz Master will provide the answer and then proceed to the next team.
10. Tie-breakers will be used, as necessary, to produce an overall winner.
11. An appointed panel of adjudicators will oversee the contest and will be the sole judges.
12. Any dispute or appeal regarding a decision of the judges must be fully substantiated and will be addressed between rounds or after the competition (but before the final tally), as determined by the panel of adjudicators.
13. The judge's decision is final.
14. The participating Schools including one (1) reserve, coach and fifteen (15) supports are allowed.
15. The reserve team member should not participate unless she/he becomes a part of the team.
16. Points will be deducted for any breach of the rules during the competition.
17. The first answer given will always be the one accepted. If in doubt, consult with your team members before answering.
18. Please answer directly to the question asked.
19. Speak very clearly so that your answers may be clearly heard by everyone listening.
20. If dishonesty of any kind is detected, the entire team will be automatically disqualified from the competition.
21. Notwithstanding any of the above, the judges reserve the right to make decisions based on their assessment of prevailing conditions.

### **Procedure for conducting the District Competition:**

- 1.→Twelve questions will be posed to each team.
- 2.→Each question is worth **five** marks.
- 3.→**No one** should be allowed to write questions, neither teachers/coaches nor students. Please ensure that this is clear to everyone.
- 4.→Judges are to **tick** each question after it has been read.
- 5.→Each question is to be **read twice** by the moderator before timekeeper keeps check of time and team member is allowed to answer.
- 6.→Moderator needs to wait for judges to find question after student has read question number.
- 7.→ Moderator will inform the audience whether the team has correctly answered the question. If the team is unable to answer the question or if the answer given is incorrect, the moderator should provide the correct answer. If the team or their coach challenges the answer, the judges are to deal with the issue. If the judges have any doubts about the correctness of the answer, the moderator should allow the team to dip for another question.
- 8.→ Judges will inform moderator when to proceed with next question.
- 9→ After a question is posed to the team the members are to **confer** with each other.
- 10.→After the competition all envelopes with contents should be returned through the moderator.
- 11→. Ensure that students do not read the figure ‘1’ upside – down, since this can change the value of the number.
- 12.→ If the need arise the moderator may allow a 10 minute break, approximately two-thirds way during the competition, that is, after each team has been asked eight (8) questions.

### ***b) Rules for the National Competition:***

1. There will be 12 rounds of questions.
2. Each question is worth **five** marks.
3. **No one** should be allowed to write questions, neither teachers/coaches, nor students.
4. The reserve team member should not participate unless he/she replaces a team member.
5. When a question is posed to a team, participants may consult with each other before answering.
6. Individuals will be allowed **5 seconds to begin the answer to a question** and a further **10 seconds to complete the answer**. If a question remains unanswered after 15 seconds, it will be assumed that the answer is not known. The Quiz Master will provide the answer and then proceed to the next team.
7. Tie-breakers will be used, if necessary, to produce an overall winner.

8. Any dispute or appeal regarding a decision of the judges must be fully substantiated and will be addressed between rounds or after the competition (but before the final tally).
9. The judges' decision is final.
10. Points will be deducted for any breach of the rules during the competition.
11. The first answer given will always be the one accepted. If in doubt, consult with your team members before answering.
12. Please answer directly to the question asked.
13. Speak very clearly so that your answers may be clearly heard by everyone listening.
14. If dishonesty of any kind is detected, the entire team will be automatically disqualified from the competition.
15. Notwithstanding any of the above, the judges reserve the right to make decisions based on their assessment of prevailing conditions.

### **Procedure for the First Round: District and National Competitions**

1. Four (4) **KNOWLEDGE** questions will be posed to each team.
2. For each round one student from each team dips for FOUR numbers.
3. One student from the first team reads her number aloud. (Each team will decide in advance who will be the spokesperson.)
4. Moderator needs to wait for judges to find question after student has read question number.
5. Judges are to **tick** each question after it has been read.
6. Quiz master/moderator reads corresponding question slowly and clearly. This is done twice. After a question is posed to the team the members are to **confer** with each other.
7. Timekeeper keeps time check.
8. Judges check for correctness of answer and records mark i.e. 5 marks or 0 marks.
9. Moderator will inform the audience whether the team has correctly answered the question. If the team is unable to answer the question or if the answer given is incorrect, the moderator should provide the correct answer. If the team or their coach challenges the answer, the judges are to deal with the issue. If the judges have any doubts about the correctness of the answer, the moderator should allow the team to dip for another question. Judges will inform moderator when to proceed with next question.
10. At the end of the first round of **KNOWLEDGE** questions, **ROUND TWO BEGINS**
11. After the **FIRST ROUND** all envelopes with contents should be returned through the moderator.

**Procedure for second round:**

1. **Four (4) COMPREHENSION questions** will be posed to each team, using the same procedure as the **first round**
2. At the end of the second round of eight (8) questions having been posed to each team, a 10-minute break should be allowed.

**Procedure for final round:**

1. **Four (4) ANALYSIS questions** will be posed to each team, using the same procedure as the **first round**
2. The team/School with the highest scores should be declared the winner of the National Competition.
3. If there is no definite winner a tiebreaker should be used to select a winner, using the **more challenging** questions.

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