

## **Bakeman's 3rd International Language League 2023**

### **Sample Question, Format and Guidelines**

**Round: Divisional**

**Language: English**

**Category: Debate**

#### Marks Distribution

Total: 100%

Delivery: 20%

Information: 30%

Argument: 30%

Coherence: 20%

#### **Debate Format and Guidelines:**

There will be two teams in a debate- Proposition and Opposition. The Proposition will support the motion, while the Opposition will argue against it. Both teams will have 7.5 minutes each to present their arguments within the competition's format.

#### **First Speaker:**

The first speaker from each team will have 2 minutes to introduce the topic and clearly state their stance on the motion.

#### **Second Speaker:**

The second speaker from each team will be given 3 minutes to delve deeper into their position, providing logical arguments and evidence to support their stance, as well as address the arguments presented by the opposing team. The second speaker holds a significant position because the third speaker often depends on the strength of the arguments presented by the second speaker.

#### **Third Speaker:**

The third speakers from both teams will have 2.5 minutes to conclude the debate. They should recap their main points, highlight the weaknesses in their opponent's arguments, and emphasize why their stance is the more valid one. The third speakers should leave a lasting impression by summarizing the main points and reinforcing their team's position.

#### **Guidelines:**

- ➔ All speakers are required to maintain a respectful tone throughout their speeches. Offensive language or personal attacks are strictly prohibited.
- ➔ Speakers should rely on logic, facts, and relevant information to support their points. Addressing the opponent's arguments with well-structured counterarguments is encouraged.

- ➔ The debate will only include constructive phase (no separate rebuttal phase).
- ➔ Each speaker must adhere to the time limits strictly. An alarming bell will be rung as a warning, and a final bell will indicate the end of the allotted time.

Time limit:

1st Speaker: 2.5 minutes

2nd Speaker: 3 minutes

3rd Speaker: 2 minutes.

Best of luck to all participants!

*You are recommended to watch the sample videos:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=trCmXk3zCR8&t=1859s&pp=ygU8YmFuZ2xhZGVzaCB0ZWxldmlzaW9uIGVuZ2xpc2ggZGVhYXRIIGNvbXBldGI0aW9uIGZpbmF5IHJvdW5k>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2nrtcGxcaA>

### **(Sample Topics)**

Secondary level (Class 9-10)

1. E-books are better than paperback books.
2. Social media does more harm than good.

Higher secondary level (Class 11-12)

1. The ranking system in schools should be abolished
2. The root of poverty is a lack of education

Tertiary level (Undergraduate and graduate level)

1. Studying abroad is more effective than studying in the country
2. Biological weapons are deadlier than nuclear weapons