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“All” You Want to Know About How To Judge The Contests



Agenda

- ▶ Contest Types & Scoring Allocation
- ▶ Bad Judges or Simply Maths??
- ▶ Contest Judging
 - Content
 - Delivery
 - Language
- ▶ Some Resources
- ▶ “Live Firing”



Contests & Scoring Allocation

International

- World Championships
- Most recognized
- Highly competitive

Humour

- Recognise value of humour in speaking

Table Topics

- Encourage development of impromptu speaking skills

Evaluation

- Develop evaluation, analytical & motivation skills

Contest Type	Content	Delivery	Language	Total
International	50	30	20	100
Humorous	55	30	15	100
Table Topics	55	30	15	100

Contest Type	Analytical	Recommend	Technique	Summation	Total
Evaluation	40	30	15	15	100

Bad Judges or Simply Maths?

Contestants	Ranking Points	No of Judges	Max Scores	Close Fight	Avg Score per Judge
Champion	3	10	30	22	2.2
1st Runner-Up	2	10	20	20	2.0
2nd Runner-up	1	10	10	18	1.8
Total Scores:			60	60	

- ▶ Above case is developed based on judges scoring only 3 contestants → NOT the same in real life!!
- ▶ Scores may be spread over a number of contests in real life.
- ▶ To win → need to consistently score many “3”





Content – What to Observe?

Speech Development

- *Structure* – defined opening, body & conclusion
- *Organisation* – purpose clear & defined
- *Support materials*

Effectiveness

- *Achievement of purpose* – subject matter clear to audience
- *Audience interest* – subject relevant to audience
- *Reception* – How does the audience react

Speech Value

- *Ideas* – Does the speaker have something to say
- *Logic* – Have a clearly defined message
- *Original Thought* – Stimulate listeners thinking

Note: Above mainly reflects International Speech Contest. Some slight differences in Humorous & Table Topics Speech Contests.



Content – Comparison

International

Speech Development Structure, Organization, Support Material	C O N T E N T	20
Effectiveness Achievement of Purpose, Interest, Reception		15
Speech Value Ideas, Logic, Original Thought		5 0 15

Humorous

Speech Development Structure, Organization, Support Material	C O N T E N T 5 5	15
Effectiveness Achievement of Purpose, Interest, Reception		10
Speech Value Ideas, Logic, Original Thought		15
Audience Response Attentiveness, Laughter, Interest, Reception		15



Content – Comparison

Table Topics

Speech Development Opening, Body, Close, Organization, Smoothness	C O N T E N T	30
Effectiveness Logic, Directness, Enthusiasm Achievement of Purpose, Audience Response		25

► Personal Opinion:

- Highly driven by one's personal opinion & life experiences
- Co-relation to also a judge's current situation, knowledge, preference of materials etc
- Speech contest judging is still subjective despite a structure on scores allocation



Delivery – What to Observe?

Physical

- *Appearance* – Does the speaker look neat & appropriate
- *Body Language* – Gestures have purpose, facial expressions match message
- *Speaking Area* – How well the area is used

Voice

- *Flexibility* – Good quality, moderate to show feelings & emotions
- *Volume* – Adequate for the room, words clear, easy to understand

Manner

- *Directness* – Does the speaker believe in their message
- *Assurance* – Clear & confident in sharing msg
- *Enthusiasm* – Speak with enthusiasm conveying message



Delivery – Comparison

International

Physical Appearance, Body Language, Speaking Area	D E L I V E R Y	10
Voice Flexibility, Volume		10
Manner Directness, Assurance, Enthusiasm		30

Humorous

Table Topics

Physical Appearance, Body Language, Speaking Area	D E L I V E R Y	15
Voice Flexibility, Volume		30



Language – What to Observe?

Appropriateness

- *To Speech Purpose* – Does language fit the speech
- *To Audience* – Promote understanding of speaker's message

Correctness

- *Grammar* – Is the speaker's grammar good
- *Pronunciation* – Is enunciation good
- *Word Selection* – Diction and word choice effect, show study and preparation

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Language – Comparison

International

Appropriateness To Speech Purpose And Audience	L A N G U A G E 2 0	10
Correctness Grammar, Pronunciation, Word Selection		10

Humorous

Appropriateness To Speech Purpose And Audience	L A N G U A G E 1 5	10
Correctness Grammar, Pronunciation, Word Selection		5

Table Topics



Evaluation Contest

Analytical Quality	40
Clear, Focused	
Recommendations	30
Positive, Specific, Helpful	
Technique	15
Sympathetic, Sensitive, Motivational	
Summation	15
Concise, Encouraging	



Some Resources...



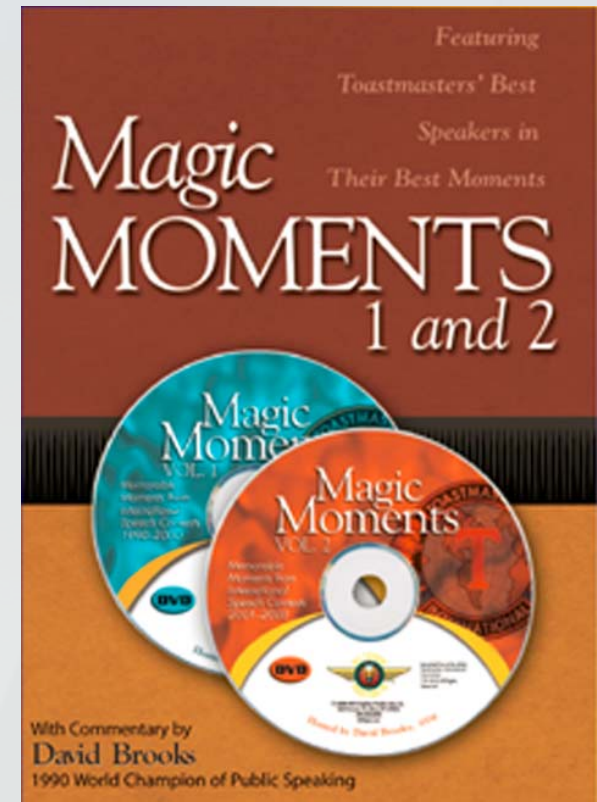
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