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## SOLUTIONS BEE COMPETITION FOR JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

### RULES

#### ELIGIBILITY ...

1. All students must register on the official website before the closing date.
2. All students Participant **MUST** be in Junior Secondary school (JSS<sub>1</sub> – JSS<sub>3</sub>) in any of the Geopolitical Zones of Nigeria which include:
  - North Central; FCT, Kogi, Kwara, Niger, Nassarawa, Benue, Plateau
  - North East; Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, Yobe
  - North West; Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Jigawa, Sokoto, Zamfara.
  - South East; Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu, Imo.
  - South South; Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross-Rivers, Delta, Rivers, Edo.
  - South West; Ekiti, Ogun, Osun, Ondo, Lagos, Oyo.
3. All students must arrive the venue of the competition on time on the day of the competition or risk elimination.
4. All students must be accompanied by **ONLY ONE** of the following: a parent, guardian or teacher.
5. There shall be no swapping of students at the venue. Only students on the confirmed list can participate.
6. Students must come along with a copy of their last report card or their class attendance sheet for verification.
7. Spellers will be issued numbers before the competition and will only be addressed by their numbers throughout the competition.

#### ROUNDS...

8. The competition will feature 1 head judge, 1 dictionary judge, 1 records judge and a timekeeper as officials.
9. There will be 4 rounds of screening in the competition with the first round written and all others oral. The written round of the competition will be conducted off the stage and all oral rounds will be conducted on the stage.

10. Each speller has exactly 10 seconds to provide the proper spelling during the written screening. This time begins from the second the official pronounces the word. Students are not allowed to ask for meaning of words, origin and sentence usage in this round.
11. All students will be issued writing materials and must write legibly in BLOCK LETTERS during the first round written screening. At the end of the written screening, all students must submit their sheets immediately after. All students must stop spelling at the end of the time limit for each word or risk elimination.
12. Each speller has exactly 15 seconds in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> screening rounds respectively. This time begins from the second the student begins to spell the word.
13. All students must begin spelling the words within 10 seconds of the judge's pronunciation or risk elimination from the competition.
14. At the zonal stage, 20 students, 10 students and 3 students are eligible to qualify for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> rounds respectively.
15. At the grand finale, 30 students, 10 students and 3 students are eligible to qualify for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> rounds respectively at the zonal stage.
16. Incorrect spellers will leave the stage so that the round continues. At the end of each round, the head judge will officially announce the numbers of the students that will continue. Rounds will continue until the overall winner emerges.
17. As the competition progresses, so does the difficulty of the words in use.

#### SPELLING...

1. There shall be no clapping at all during the competition.
2. The head judge will say the word to be spelled and the speller can ask to hear it again or for its definition. The speller can also ask the judge to use it in a sentence.
3. When a word is pronounced by the judge, the speller shall repeat the word, spell it and repeat it again.
4. An incorrect spelling will be alerted by the Head Judge and the correct spelling given. Time up will be signified by the sound of the bell.
5. A student can stop in the middle of spelling a word and start over, but **must not change the letters** that have already being spelled or risk elimination.
6. Students who misspell their words will be eliminated. If all students misspell their word in a round, there will be no elimination and the round will start over.
7. The winner will be declared by the head judge at the end of the competition and all the spellers will then return to the stage for applause and gifts.