

TREATY APPRECIATION COMPETITION

RULES

PART I

1. INTRODUCTION

These Rules will be henceforth known as the Treaty Appreciation Competition © 2019 Official Rules.

2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1. Team Member Eligibility

Students of any university on a full-time or part-time basis in any formally recognised undergraduate, graduation or post-graduation course at the time of the competition are eligible to participate in the Competition.

2.2. Team Composition and Selection

Each team will consist of two (2) members. Each team shall be assigned a country for the purpose of adherence to procedure. Change in team composition shall not be permitted once the names are registered with SPIL Mumbai, except at the sole discretion of the organizers.

2.3. Outside Assistance to Teams

All research, writing and editing must be solely the product of Team members.

3. CLARIFICATIONS OF THE COMPETITION CASE FILE OR RULES

Teams may submit written requests for clarifications of the Case File or these Rules. Requests for such Clarifications must be received by SPIL Mumbai within fourteen days of the release of the Competition Module. Teams may submit requests for clarifications by e-mail to spilmumbai@gmail.com.

4. TEAM REGISTRATION

4.1 Registering Names of Team Members

Each Team shall fill up the Google form for registration. Alternatively, Teams may register at spilmumbai@gmail.com such online registrations must be by a mail from the participation. Team members' names must be clearly typed in the mail, giving special attention to the spelling of each Team member's name. Participation Certificates will be awarded to Teams with names spelt in the manner thus provided.

Registration fee - The registration fee for Treaty Appreciation Competition 2019 is INR 500. For online registration payment can be made through either G-Pay or Paytm in name of SPIL Mumbai - + 91 99200 86903. Cash Payment can also be made before 28th march 2019 or by a demand draft drawn in favour of

“SPIL Government Law College Mumbai” or through a National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) transaction before 28th March 2019. Payment details for the same include:

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4.2. Team Number as Identification

Team Code shall be given to each of the participating teams upon registration. Names of Participants, or Colleges or Universities must not be mentioned anywhere in the Critique.

PART II

5. RULES FOR THE CRITIQUE (Written Comment)

5.1. Submission of the Critique

All Critique submissions must conform to the following general requirements. Teams will be penalized for failure to abide by these requirements. Each team shall prepare a critique. Three (3) Hard Copies of the Critique and must be submitted on the day of the event i.e. 13th April 2019.

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Soft Copies must be e-mailed to spilmumbai@gmail.com on or before 07th April 2019

5.2 Format of the Critique

1. Critiques must be typed and reproduced on white standard A4 paper (21 x 29 ³/₄ centimetres) except for the cover page, where green coloured paper must be used. The font and size of the text of all parts of the Critique must be the same and must be in Times New Roman 12-point. (except cover page)
2. The text of all parts of each Critique must have one and a half spacing, except that the text of footnotes and headings may be single-spaced.
3. Quotations of 50 words or more in any part of the Critique shall be block quoted (i.e. right and left indented) and may be single-spaced.

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5.3. Description of the Critique

Length

The length of the critique should not exceed 3000 words.

Synopsis

The Critique must contain a summary of the Critique with special emphasis on the stand taken by the team with regard to the issues to be addressed at the Final Round of Talks. This synopsis is for organizational purposes. Thus, the word limit is not inclusive of the synopsis.

Margins

Each page of the Critique shall have margins of at least one inch or two point six (2.6) centimetres on all sides, excluding page numbers.

Cover Page

The cover page chosen for the Critique should be similar to that of this Competition Module and green in colour. The end of the page should have the Team Code provided.

Binding

Critique must be fastened by viro or spiral binding along the left side of the Critique. No other form of binding including stapling or book-binding is permitted.

5.4. The Critique will be judged on the following grounds:

1. Appreciation and Critique of the Amendment	20 marks
2. Application of Legal Principles	20 marks
3. Use of Authorities and Citations	40 marks
4. Analysis and Organisation	10 marks
5. General Impression	10 marks
Total: 100 marks	

5.5. Delay in Submission of the Critique

Critiques postmarked after the deadline as designated shall be penalized five (5) points.

5.6. Extreme Delay in Mailing Critique

Critiques shall be penalized three (3) points per day, in addition to the initial five (5) points described in Rule 5.5 for delay up to an additional five (5) days. Critiques not submitted within six (6) days of the deadline shall not be judged, and shall automatically be disqualified.

5.7. Other Mandatory Penalties

1. Font of inconsistent size, improper line spacing, or improper format of block quotations: 2 points per violating page, up to a total of 10 points.
2. Failure to include all parts of the Critique: 5 points for each missing part of the Critique.
3. Excessive length of Critique: 1 point per 10 words exceeded.

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PART III

6. Structure for the Oral Rounds

1. During the TAC, participants will play the role of the members of the forum chosen. The proceedings shall be in the form of group discussion, to be presided over by the Special Rapporteur(s), according to an agenda defined and notified to the participants through e-mail, prior to the competition. The agenda will be accompanied by a compilation of the critiques of the fellow participants.
2. The session shall commence after an introductory address by the Special Rapporteur(s) of the issue at hand, wherein all members (team to be represented by one person per item on the agenda) will be allowed a predetermined period of time to deliver their opening address, to make clear their stand on the issue. Thereafter, there shall be an item-wise progress of all the matters on the agenda. The speakers of each team can change roles item wise but two speakers cannot participate orally in the same item on the agenda.
3. The time period for each item shall be proposed by the members of the forum during their opening address. Subject to the discretion and judgment of the Special Rapporteur(s), the time frame per item on the agenda will then be announced. The decisions of the Rapporteur(s) in all matters shall be final and binding on all participants.
4. Participants are allowed at any point in the course of the session to change their stand. Please note that this is a session to be moderated by the Special Rapporteur(s), and therefore, all comments, observations and contrarian views may be expressed only with the consent and permission of the Special Rapporteur(s).
5. The Special Rapporteur(s) and other observing judges will be marking the proceedings of the session. Each team will be assessed on their combined performance. The Special Rapporteur(s) will also elect one participant as the best member on his observation of the session based solely on his/their discretion.

6.1 Team Marking Criteria for Oral Deliberations (per Judge)

2. Presentation Skills and General Etiquette	20 marks
3. Use of Authorities and Precedents	20 marks
4. Legal Analysis and Persuasiveness	20 marks
5. Ability to take lead and control the group	15 marks
6. Innovative Thinking	10 marks

Total: 100 marks

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Part IV

7. Dress Code

The teams are expected to follow a strict dress code of western formals.

8. Awards

Following are the prizes for this edition of the competition:

Best Team - The team which secures the highest cumulative points (Critique and oral marks) shall be awarded Best team.

Runners Up - The team which secures the second highest cumulative points (Critique and oral marks) shall be awarded runner-up team.

Best Member - The Best Member prize is an individual award which will be presented to the participant who is nominated by the Special Rapporteur(s) as the Best participant at the session.

Best Critique - The Best Critique will be presented to the team that secures the highest marks after assessment of their legal critique.

Prize winners will also be given certificates for the same along with the certificates for participation. Participation certificates will only be distributed at the Valedictory Function and teams not present to collect them will not be entitled to receive the certificates other than in special circumstances. Winners will also receive trophies and other prizes.

9. Miscellaneous

1. If any one of the members of a team is notified / informed of any detail or information, it shall be deemed that the said team as a whole has duly been notified / informed. In case of any doubt in either understanding any of the details or interpreting them, then it shall be deemed that the said team as a whole has duly been notified / informed. In case of any doubt in either understanding any of the details or interpreting them, the decision taken by SPIL Mumbai shall be final and binding.
2. Rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof can attract penalties and even disqualification.
3. SPIL Mumbai shall resolve unanticipated or unexpected contingencies, if any, and the decision in this regard shall be final.
4. Any reference to time will be construed to be a reference to Indian Standard Time.

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