



**ASISC**  
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the Indian School Certificate

# FR. GEORGE HESS sj MEMORIAL LITERARY COMPETITIONS 2025

ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS FOR THE INDIAN  
SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (ASISC)



## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE FOLLOWED FOR NATIONAL LEVEL EVENTS

- All competitions will be held in three categories. There will be no separate grouping of boys and girls

**SUB-JUNIORS - STUDENTS OF VI, VII & VIII**

**JUNIORS - STUDENTS OF IX & X**

**SENIORS - STUDENTS OF XI & XII**

- Debate competition will be held only for Junior and Senior Category.
- Only the winners of each category from the respective regions will participate in the National Competition.
- Identification Cards provided by the Host School are to be worn throughout the event.
- Participants will not be allowed to go out of the venue / premises on their own for any visit / shopping.
- Outstation participants must furnish their travel details (10 days in advance) to the Host School / Organizer, so that necessary transport arrangements could be made on time.
- Participants must be present for the meals on time. Separate lodging facilities will be provided for boys and girls.
- Participation certificates will be awarded to all the participants.
- Merit certificates will be awarded to winners of the First, Second and Third positions.
- A panel of judges will compile all the results. The decision of the judges will be final and binding in all events.
- Participants and accompanying staff must maintain discipline and decorum throughout the event. Any misconduct or indiscipline will lead to disqualification of a region and expulsion from the venue.
- First-aid kit and emergency medical assistance will be provided at the venue. However, participants are advised to carry basic medicines.
- Only FOUR teachers are allowed to accompany a team from a region. Girls are to be accompanied by lady teachers only.
- Parents of participants are strictly not allowed to accompany the students and will not be allowed to stay at the lodging facility provided for children.
- Photography will be arranged by the host region / school and the same will be shared with the regional secretaries after the completion of the event. Hence, participants are discouraged from taking photographs during the event.
- The host school / organizers reserve the right to conduct security checks on bags and belongings as a safety measure.



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## REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES



All Schools should register the names of participants for various categories on the ASISC portal for the ZONAL LEVEL.



Once the names are entered with all details on the portal, there won't be any need for further registration forms for next two levels.



Member schools are to use the login credentials supplied to them by the ASISC.



The Regional Secretaries will choose the venue for both Zonal and Regional level competitions and provide data of participants to the host school/s.



The results of zonal and regional level competitions are to be uploaded to the portal by the Regional Secretaries so that the registrations of participants will be made available to next levels.



One candidate may participate only in one event as the competitions are conducted simultaneously at a venue.



Only regional secretaries are expected to communicate with the host region / school regarding registration, lodging, arrival and departure details

## DEBATE

- ▶ Participants should avoid reading from a previously prepared script, any paper or aid.
- ▶ Each school / zone / region can present only TWO participants in each category – one to speak 'for the motion' and the other to speak 'against the motion'.
- ▶ The order of speaking will be decided on the spot by draw of lots. However, the speakers who initiate both the motions will get two extra minutes each to wind up the debate after all the speakers have finished their turn.
- ▶ Each speaker will get FOUR minutes to speak. At the end of the THIRD minute, a warning bell will be rung. The final bell will be sounded at the end of the FOURTH minute.
- ▶ Timing will start as soon as the participant start speaking.
- ▶ Speaking for less than 3 minutes and more than four minutes will entail a deduction of FIVE marks by each judge.
- ▶ All participants must be in formal wear without any identification marks of school / zone / region.
- ▶ The speakers will address the chair only. Unparliamentary language, personal comments or observations on any religion, caste, community, political party or individual are not allowed; the matter should be limited to the topic only. Such violations may lead to disqualification.
- ▶ Marks awarded by individual judges will be added up for each speaker, and then for each team.
- ▶ A lively rebuttal / refutation for approximately two minutes will follow each speech with interjections from the participants. However, cross-questioning in rebuttal round is not allowed. Each participant can ask only one question in rebuttal round.
- ▶ Speakers will be judged on the following criteria: -

CRITERIA	MARKS
Content	20
Delivery (Style, Fluency, Clarity, Poise)	20
Rebuttal	05
Overall Impact	05



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## DECLAMATION

- Each school / zone / region can present one participant each in each category.
- Each speaker, from the Senior and Junior Categories, will be given FOUR minutes to speak. At the end of three minutes 30 seconds, a warning bell will be rung. The final bell will be sounded at the end of the Fourth minute. Speaking for less than 3 minutes 30 seconds and more than four minutes will entail a deduction of five marks by each judge.
- Sub Junior Category speakers will be given THREE minutes to speak. At the end of two minutes 30 seconds, a warning bell will be rung. The final bell will be sounded at the end of the Third minute. Speaking for less than 2 minutes 30 seconds and more than Three minutes will entail a deduction of five marks by each judge.
- Choice of passage is left to the participants but no passage from fiction or drama is permitted.
- Reading from a previously prepared script, any paper or aid is strictly not allowed.
- Participants should be in formal wear without any identification marks (Black Trouser & white shirt or vice versa).
- Dramatization (imitation of character) and Props are not allowed. Gesticulation will be allowed.
- Marks awarded by individual judges will be added up for each speaker.
- The speaker will be judged on the following criteria:

CRITERIA	MARKS
Content	15
Language	15
Style & Creativity	20
Total	50

## CREATIVE WRITING

- Each school / zone / region can present one participant each in each category.
- Only the writing paper will be provided by the host.
- The chosen topic should be written neatly on one side of the paper, leaving sufficient margin.
- The creative writing should not exceed more than 500 words for Senior Category, 400 words for Junior Category and 300 words for Sub Junior Category.
- The participants will be given a choice of topics on the spot.
- The initial 30 minutes will be for preparation; participants are not to write during this planning session.
- The participants will be given 90 minutes to write down the chosen topic after the planning session.
- Marks awarded by individual judges will be added to each participant.
- The work will be judged on the following criteria:

CRITERIA	MARKS
Content	15
Language	15
Style & Creativity	20
Total	50



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## PAINTING / DRAWING

- Each school / zone / region can present one participant each in each category.
- Topic will be given on the spot.
- Ivory sheets of 28" x 22" size will be provided by the host school.
- Acrylic or poster colours to be used.
- The time allotted will be Four hours
- Participant is expected to present a creative and attractive composition to bring out the theme of the topic.
- Participant is required to bring one's own colours, tools and other accessories.
- Marks will be awarded on the following criteria:

CRITERIA	MARKS
Composition	15
Creativity	10
Colour Scheme	10
Interpretation of the Theme	15
Total	50

## QUIZ

- A team of two participants each in each category, from each school / zone/ region can participate.
- In case there are more than six teams in a category, there will be a semifinal conducted for each category to choose the best SIX finalists. However, written round is to be discouraged for elimination of teams.
- The Quiz will comprise of various rounds on various topics.
- Results will be decided based on the scores of finalists in each category.