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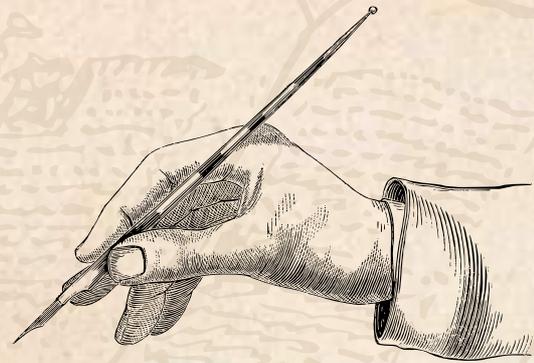
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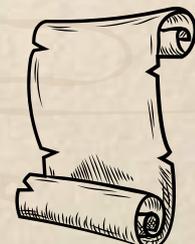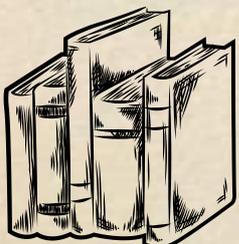
About
QALAM

Our vision for Qalam is to bring to you a festival, celebrating the love for language and literary art.

The annual 2-day festival is where we hope to engage you with fun challenges that add a page to your college highlights.
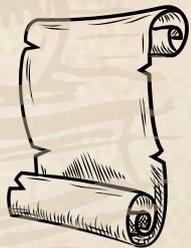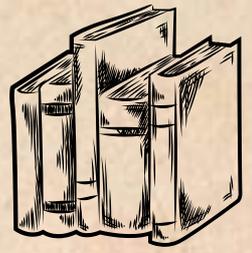
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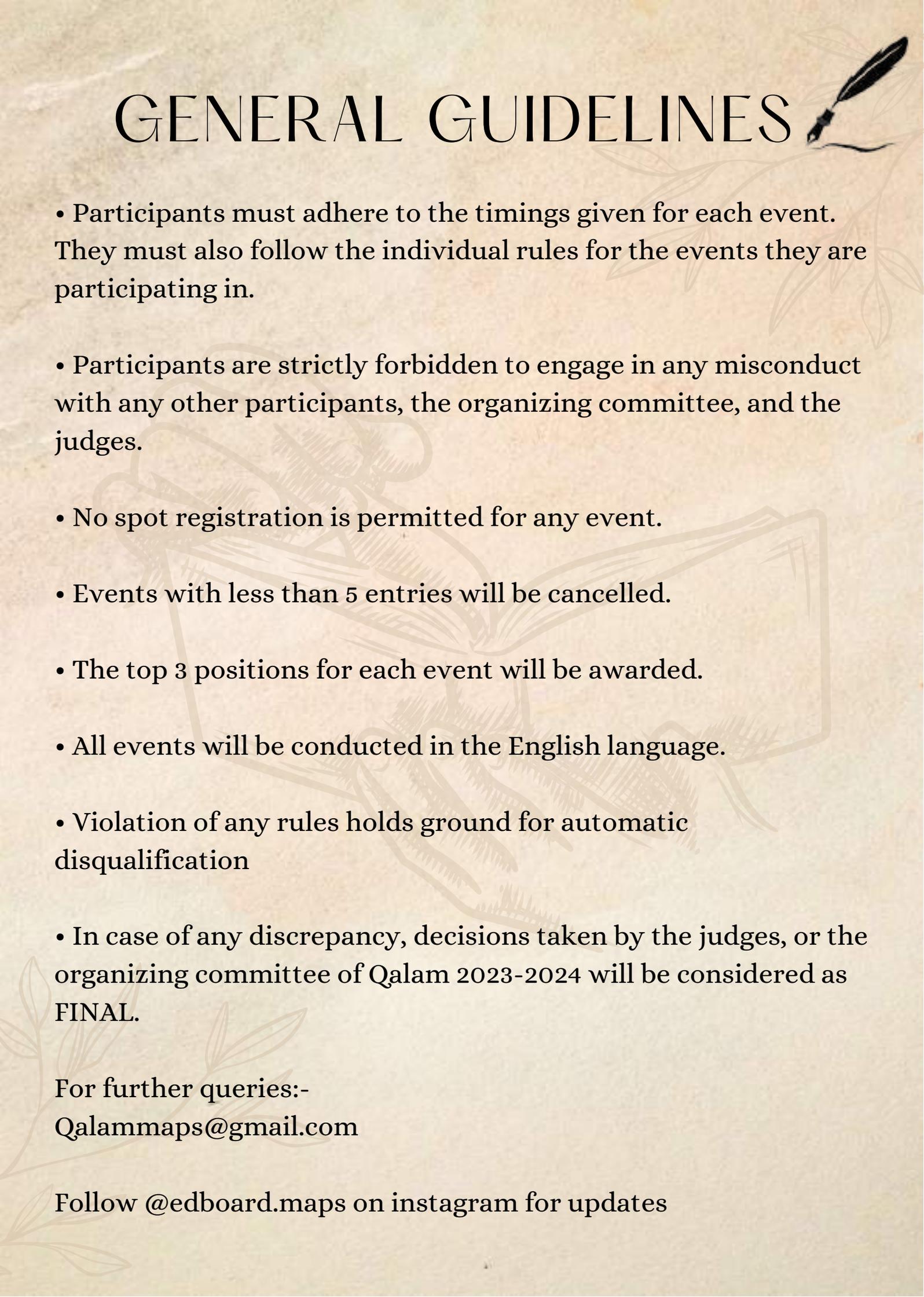
• Participants must adhere to the timings given for each event. They must also follow the individual rules for the events they are participating in.

• Participants are strictly forbidden to engage in any misconduct with any other participants, the organizing committee, and the judges.

• No spot registration is permitted for any event.

• Events with less than 5 entries will be cancelled.

• The top 3 positions for each event will be awarded.

• All events will be conducted in the English language.

• Violation of any rules holds ground for automatic disqualification

• In case of any discrepancy, decisions taken by the judges, or the organizing committee of Qalam 2023-2024 will be considered as FINAL.

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EVENTS OVERVIEW

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Parliamentary Debate

Creative Writing

Spelling Bee

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DAY 2

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Quiz

Alternate Universe

Slam Poetry

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

For all those who can parlay with floundering facts, for those who can spot loopholes and convolute statements with ease, the Parliamentary Debate is perfect for you.

Details:
This event follows the British Parliamentary Debate format.

This is a team event.
Each team shall constitute four members. The motion shall be revealed before the commencement of each round, as well as whether the team is for the motion (representing the government) or against it (representing the opposition).
While one team presents their arguments, the other can rebuttal them during the allotted time.

Criteria for Judgement:
1. Tone of argument
2. Teamwork
3. Rebuttal
4. Persuasion

NOTE: Those interested but do not have a whole team can still register, and a team will be made with them accordingly.

CREATIVE WRITING

In the realm of creativity, there are no boundaries, only horizons waiting to be explored. So, grab your pens and embark on a literary adventure.

Details:

This is a solo event.

Prompts will be provided on the spot, and participants will be given 1 hour to write relating to the prompt in any form they choose.

They must adhere to a word limit of 750 words. The use of any electronic devices is prohibited. Submissions containing profanities, slang, explicit sexual content and discriminatory and offensive content will be disqualified.

Judging Criteria:
1. Adherence to the word limit
2. Vocabulary usage and style
3. Grammar and sentence formation
4. Creativity and originality
5. Themes portrayed

SPELLING BEE

The Spelling Bee is an excellent way to test your linguistic proficiency. Grab this opportunity to grow your vocabulary, sharpen your language aptitude, and unlock your full potential to achieve the ideal language goals while showing off your skills.

Details:

This is a solo event. The words will be derived from the Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

The competition will occur in two rounds.

The first round will be a written round where each participant must write down the correct spelling for the pronounced words.

The participants with the highest scores will advance to the second round, where each contestant is given 30 seconds to spell the word after it is pronounced. During this round, the participant can ask for the word's definition, origin and usage. The participant with the most number of words spelt correctly will be declared the winner.

All cell phones must be switched off during the competition. Dictionaries are strictly prohibited.

BLINDFOLD CONVERSATIONS

Are you up for a new experience? How about talking to a complete stranger? Participate in blindfold conversations, an interactive event that provides a safe and welcoming space for people to connect.

Details:

1. Two individuals will engage in a ten-minute conversation while blindfolded and seated together.
2. Participants can choose to reveal themselves or pen a note to their partner at the end of the conversation.
3. Players must respect their partner's privacy by not revealing their identity without mutual agreement.

NOTE: If a participant feels uncomfortable with their partner, they may raise their hand, and a volunteer shall escort them.

SCAVENGER HUNT!

Welcome, adventurers! Get ready to embark on a quest that will challenge your wits, test your teamwork, and ignite your sense of adventure. It's time to enter a world of clues, puzzles, and hidden treasures as we begin our first language scavenger hunt.

Details:

This is a team event. Each team consists of 2 members.

A set number of clues will be placed in a given location, which will be announced on the day of the event. Players must attempt and solve all clues, and the winning teams will be determined based on how fast they can complete all clues.

This game is based on your overall general knowledge of the English Language. It can contain anagrams, crosswords, etc.

SHAKESPEAR–IFY

We are bringing back the richness and the theatrics of the olden times into our modern world! This is a chance for your inner Shakespeare to indulge in Gen-Z linguistics, teleporting us back to the Victorian eras.

Details:

This is a solo event.

Recent trending song lyrics or lines from a recent movie or show will be given to the participant. The participant will be given 30 minutes to turn it into something you would read in a Dickens or Shakespeare's book and then narrate it with the touch of classical drama.

The word limit is 150 words. The use of any electronic devices is prohibited. Submissions containing profanities, slang, explicit sexual content and discriminatory and offensive content will be disqualified.

Judging criteria:

1. Creativity and originality
2. Delivery and Tone
3. Grammar and Vocabulary
4. Emotions conveyed

QUIZ

Welcome to the world of fiction! Our quiz will challenge your knowledge and ignite your passion for literary pieces and the people behind them.

Details:

This is a team event. A team can comprise a maximum of 3 members. The quiz is based on famous fictional books.

There will be two rounds, a preliminary and a final round. The preliminary round will be in a written format.

The top 9 winners of the preliminary round will qualify for the finals.

Specific rules for the finals, such as evaluation and the type of rounds, will be given during the competition.

ALTERNATE UNIVERSE

Imagine a world where your favourite characters from beloved books, movies, and series find themselves in entirely unfamiliar universes. What happens when Sherlock Holmes swaps places with Luke Skywalker or Oliver Twist stumbles into the magical world of Harry Potter?

Details:

This is a solo event.

Participants will be given three prompts with random characters and a fictional universe they do not belong to. They must choose any one prompt and character and produce a story in one hour.

The word limit is 500 words. The use of any electronic devices is prohibited. Submissions containing profanities, slang, explicit sexual content and discriminatory and offensive content will be disqualified.

Judging Criteria:
1. Creativity
2. Adherence to Character Traits
3. Grammar and Vocabulary
4. Overall Impact

SLAM POETRY

To the future Emily Dickinsons and aspiring William Blakes, showcase your experiences, thoughts, and wildest imaginations in the most soul-stirring way.

Details:

This is a solo event.

The participants will be given a topic and 30 minutes to write their poem, with a word limit of 200 words. After this, they will have to recite their poetry in front of an audience.

The use of electronic devices and gadgets is strictly prohibited.

Poems containing profanities, slang, explicit, sexual, discriminatory and offensive content will face immediate disqualification.

Judging criteria:
1. Vocabulary and Grammar
2. Fluency of speech
3. Themes and emotions conveyed
4. Originality and creativity

GOOD LUCK!
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE SOON!