



BIRLA EDUCATION TRUST, PILANI

English Pentangular Season-6: Chapter 1

Date: - Saturday, 8 August 2026

Host School: Birla Shishu Vihar, Pilani

General Rubrics:

1. The competition will be held in two categories: Closed & Open.
2. Closed Category will have FIVE events: English Poetry Recitation, Extempore, Role Play, Storytelling and Essay Writing.
3. Open Category will have THREE events: Show and Tell (middle), Persuasive Speech (senior), Extempore (senior) and Group-Discussion.
4. **The selection process for both the Open and Closed categories will be conducted on 19 July 2026. Once the selection list is finalized, no changes or substitutions will be permitted. Therefore, kindly ensure that the selected students have obtained their parents' consent and are committed to participating, as withdrawal of names after selection will not be entertained.**
5. Ties are to be avoided; nevertheless, if there are ties, there may be another competition between/among the students scoring the same points to determine the final positions.
6. Even after that, if there are ties, the cash amount meant for that position will be distributed among each equal points scorer, or as decided by the host school Principal / Director BET.
7. Essay Writing Competition will be held on Wednesday, 6th August 2026.
 - a) All the schools will conduct Essay Writing Competition in a room fitted with a CCTV camera.
 - b) All the schools to ensure that the students don't carry anything except a pen for the Essay Writing Competition. All the students are to be checked and frisked before they enter the room fitted with a camera.
 - c) It is also to be noted that any essay suspected of being a ChatGPT product will be disqualified and will not be evaluated.
8. The names of the participants will not be changed or replaced after the Essay Writing Competition. If any student remains absent on Essay Writing Day, he/she cannot participate in other events.
9. **On the Pentangular Day, no corrections can be made to the list of participants.**

Closed Category

The competition will be held in two categories:

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| A. | Category I /Middle : | Class: VI, VII, VIII |
| B. | Category II /Senior: | Class: IX, X |

1. English Poetry Recitation (Total points: 200)

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| I. | Time: | Middle | : | 1.5 to 2 Minutes |
| | | Senior | : | 2.5 to 3 minutes |
| II. | No repetition of the poem within the school. | | | |
| III. | The participants are not allowed to refer to any notes. | | | |

- IV. There should be no inclusion of singing, music or props.
- V. Judgement Criteria: (50 points each)
 - a. Memorization / Fluency
 - b. Intonation (voice modulation, tone)
 - c. Presentation (body language, facial expressions, eye contact, confidence, audience appeal)
 - d. Pronunciation

2. English Extempore (Total points: 200)

- I. The participant will be given 10 minutes to prepare and 2 minutes (middle) and 3 minutes (senior) to speak.
- II. The topics will be picked up by lot from a pool in the classroom.
- III. Derogatory remarks against any race, caste, religion, gender or a group will lead to disqualification.
- IV. Judgement Criteria: (50 points each)
 - a. Content
 - b. Diction & Pronunciation
 - c. Fluency
 - d. Overall Presentation

3. Role Play (Total points: 200)

- I. The participant will be given 2 minutes (middle) and 3 minutes (senior) to perform.
- II. Use of props is not allowed.
- III. Roles will be assigned by drawing a lot. Ideas should be creative and innovative. (exact imitation of a movie / story to be discouraged)
- IV. Derogatory remarks against any race, caste, religion, gender or a group will lead to disqualification.
- V. Judgement Criteria: (50 points each)
 - a. Dialogue Delivery
 - b. Content
 - c. Relevance to the topic
 - d. Coordination and equal participation.

4. Story Telling (Total points: 200)

- I. The participants will be given 3 minutes to perform for both the category.
- II. The story will be based on the verbal clues (seniors) and picture clues (middle), which will be given 10 minutes before the competition.
- III. Use of props is not allowed.
- IV. Ideas should be creative and innovative.
- V. Derogatory remarks against any race, caste, religion, gender or a group will lead to disqualification.

VI. Judgement Criteria: (50 points each)

- a. Content (originality, plot development)
- b. Relevance to the picture / verbal input
- c. Dramatic effect (expression, body language, impact of the story)
- d. Message

5. English Essay Writing Competition (Total points: 100)

- I. To be held on **Thursday, 6th August 2026** from 9 am to 11 am in respective schools.
- II. Topics will be common for all the schools and will be given from BET office.
- III. There will be different topics for Middle and Senior categories.
- IV. The time duration is 2 hours for both the categories.
- V. Judgement Criteria: (40+20+20+20)
 - a. Content (subject matter, creativity)
 - b. Coherence / fluency
 - c. Accuracy (grammar/expression)
 - d. Vocabulary

Open Category

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| A. | Category I /Middle : | Class: VI, VII, VIII |
| B. | Category II /Senior : | Class: IX, X, XI, XII |

1. Show & Tell (Total points: 200) (Category: Middle)

- i Assorted objects, toys, models, pictures etc (mostly familiar to students) will be kept in a box at the venue near the moderator/ Venue I/c.
- ii The participant will come and pick up one of them through a small opening in the box.
- iii The participant will be given 2 minutes to prepare and 2 minutes to perform.
- iv Derogatory remarks against any race, caste, religion, gender or a group will lead to disqualification.
- v Judgement Criteria: (50 points each)
 - a. Awareness & Familiarity
 - b. Language & Expression
 - c. Creativity & Imagination
 - d. Presence & Delivery (Confidence)

Persuasive Speech (Total points: 200) (Category Senior: IX to XII)

- vi The participant will be given 2 minutes to prepare and 2 minutes to speak.
- vii The topics will be picked up by lot from a pool in the classroom.
The participant will pick up one chit from the box and make a persuasive speech (supporting or opposing it as specified in the chit).
- viii Derogatory remarks against any race, caste, religion, gender or a group will lead to disqualification.
- ix Judgement Criteria: (50 points each)

- a. Hook & Core Thesis
- b. Evidence & Argument Structure
- c. Call to Action & Persuasion
- d. Delivery & Time Precision

2. Extempore (Total points: 200) Category: Senior IX to XII

Rules & Rubrics are the same as for closed category.

Group Discussion (Total points: 200) (Category Senior: XI, XII)

- I. There will be 5 competing groups, each comprising of 14 participants (subject to total participants' number), randomly selected from 7 different teams. Groups will not be school or wing specific.
- II. Each participant will be assigned to a group at the start of the GD and provided with a chest number, which will remain the same till the last round.
- III. The groups will be placed in 5 different venues.
- IV. The GD will consist of five rounds, each lasting 20 minutes.
- V. The topics for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd rounds will be announced at the beginning of GD and will be the same for all the groups.
- VI. The Top 40 participants, based on the combined scores of all groups, will advance to the final rounds (4th & 5th rounds)
- VII. After the 3rd round, each group will consist of **8 participants**.
- VIII. The topics for the **4th and 5th rounds** will be announced at the beginning of the **4th round** and will also be the same for all groups.
- IX. Each group will be evaluated by **two judges** in every round.
- X. The judges will have **10 minutes** after each round to complete the score sheets, which will then be submitted for score tallying.
- XI. Judgement Criteria: (50 points each)
 - a. Content Knowledge
 - b. Communication and presentation
 - c. Listening Skill
 - d. Leadership Skill