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The Quizzing & Debating Society

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ABOUT QUOD!

"The acquisition of knowledge is always of use to the intellect, because it may thus drive out useless things and retain the good. For nothing can be loved or hated unless it is first known."

~ Leonardo da Vinci

Through quizzing and debating competitions and events, the Quizzing and Debating Society of SIBM Pune, established in February 2016, fosters an interest in knowledge. It is a purely student-run organization dedicated to raising awareness and imparting knowledge, developing communication skills by organizing public speaking and debating activities, and promoting the ability to think freely and on your feet.

QUOD aims to integrate learning and enjoyment into the lives of students through activities, content, and events. Public speaking and quizzing events are organized which encourage participation, learning, and facilitates personal development.

QUOD organizes events aimed at the personal development of the students through group discussions, debates, and mock interview sessions, along with detailed feedback on the performance of the students allowing them to continuously improve and enhance their preparation for their future endeavors in the corporate world.

Along with these events QUOD aims to continuously engage students with quiz events throughout the year. These quiz events span over various categories including general knowledge, current affairs, business awareness, sports, media, science and technology, and much more, along with some special treasure hunt or puzzle style rounds.

QUIZ QUEST

Event Date: 14th July 2021

It was the first event of the year for the Quizzing and Debating Society. This event was conducted online and was aimed at giving all new students a taste of quiz culture. The event witnessed footfall of over 100 first-year students, who took part in two rounds of live quizzes.

The first round, which was a preliminary round, was conducted on Kahoot! The qualifying finalists proceeded to the second round, which had a range of themes, and participants could choose questions based on their interests as well as choose the level of difficulty. The students were invited to remain in the event as audience and the engagement in the chat box was as interesting as the game itself.

Winner - Devashish Sharma

Runners up - Prathamesh Ghanellu

**Second Runners up - Midhilesh Majety
& Sagar Agarwal**

COMMUNIQUE

Event Period: July 2021

To help the students better prepare for their summer placements, Communiqué was organised, to provide the students an opportunity to strengthen their communication skills further.

Students were divided into groups of 6-8, and Group Discussion sessions were conducted. After each session, feedback was given to each student based on their individual performance. A clear and individual in-depth feedback is shared to the students via mail and suggestions were given to them for improvement. Students would often ask questions to the panellists to clarify any lingering doubts or take suggestions and engage interactively. The event was conducted to give the students an interactive platform where they can practice sitting in GDs and develop themselves.

Event Date: 11th August 2021

JAM – Just A Minute is an interesting and fun-filled extempore event with only one major rule – you must speak for a minute. Contestants engaged in two nail-biting rounds of extempore, where they showcased their listening and improvisation skills, by JAMming in and speaking their heart out on the given topic. Each participant was given a topic and had to speak on it for 60 seconds. Participants could “Jam” in whenever the speaker had any discrepancy in his speaking, and then take the stage for themselves and score points.

The first round was based on the popular game ‘Taboo’ where the participants must talk about the given topic without using the taboo words shown on screen, and the second round was based on spinning a story on the wacky scenario presented to them. Any discrepancy in their speech is an opportunity for others to JAM-in and score points for themselves. The extempore and intense jamming kept everyone on the edge of their seat.

Winners: Utkarsh Singh

Runners up- Ishika Agarwal

Second Runners up - Sharath

Chandra Prakash A

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BIZ WIZ

Event Date: 13th August 2021

QUOD, in collaboration with the Research & Scholastic Development Team, conducted a quiz on current affairs and business awareness to provide first-year students with an opportunity to check their current affairs and business knowledge. Following each Biz Wiz quiz, students received the answers to the questions along with relevant sources for further reading. It was aimed to arm all first-year students with the necessary awareness to face their summer Group Discussions and Personal Interviews.

SPORTS QUIZ

Event Date: 25th August 2021

For the facilitation of the Sports Quiz conducted by Symbiosis International University, QUOD took the initiative to conduct the preliminary round to shortlist the teams who will represent SIBM at the university level. The Sports Quiz was conducted online, on the D2C platform, where students had to register in pairs. The top two teams proceeded on for the Semi-Finals and Final round conducted by SIU. The team of Roshan Kumar and Kartik Pathak made it to the final round and held the SIBM banner high

COMPENDIUM

Period: August - December 2021

QUOD has launched a series of Compendium, a magazine aimed to enrich students with general knowledge, current affairs awareness, and data points to talk about. Each edition of the compendium consisted of a concise summary of important events taking place around the world, especially in the business and corporate world, along with data points, figures, and trivia. The presented topics were curated in a way to enlighten everyone about different perspectives – such as advantages, disadvantages, limitations, challenges to achieve the goal, future prospects, etc, which will be fruitful in Group Discussions or Case Discussions. Several editions of the compendium were published and made available to all SIBM students with the aim to equip them with knowledge to enhance their SIRP and CRP preparation.



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ACE THE GD / CD

Event Period: August 2021

QUOD initiated a collaborative program along with the Special Interest Groups of each specialization to conduct a GD / CD Drive - a platform where students can come together, practice and improve their group discussion skills to aid in their preparation for SIRP.

In Ace the GD, students would go through two rounds of GDs – a group discussion on a general topic, followed by a case study based discussion according to their specializations. Post the discussions, interviews were conducted by the SIGs of their respective specializations. At the end of each round, students were provided proper one-to-one feedback regarding their strengths, weaknesses, and how to improve further, aimed at helping them with their SIRP preparation. We received immense response from the students, and were flooded with positive feedback on the importance and relevance of Ace the GD for their preparation.

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QUOD-O-THON

Date: 29th Oct- 1st November

For the first time ever, QUOD organized Quod-O-Thon - A 4-day quizzing marathon with topics ranging from all things business, current affairs, to sports and entertainment. It was a great opportunity for students to re-equip themselves with business awareness and knowledge about current affairs, while also engaging in a friendly competition quiz on an online platform.

Quod-O-Thon was an intra-college quiz consisting of 4 rounds of quizzes on each of the 4 days, pertaining to a different theme and topic - Sports and entertainment quiz, Business Awareness, Treasure hunt, and Current affairs. The event witnessed over 200 registrations from first year students, and QUOD received immensely positive feedback about the fun and engaging, yet challenging questions.

Winners: Kshitiz Agarwal

Runners up- Anvesh Chitipelly

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BLOCK AND TACKLE

Date- 17th December, 2021

The Quizzing and Debating Society organised it's first offline event of the year, the annual public speaking and debating competition, 'Block and Tackle', at the SIBM campus. It was one of the largest and pioneer offline events for the students of SIBM after arriving on campus, especially of a scholastic field. The event was open for participation for all Symbiosis Institutes on the hilltop as well as hill base.

Block and Tackle was a one-on-one team debate face-off competitions, where two teams engaged in a battle of words and wits against each other in a face-off fashion. There were topics ranging 6 genres, such as Ethical Dilemma, Science and Technology, Politics, Environment and more, each with 4-10 topics to choose from. The teams were allowed to choose their topics and stance, and teams were paired with each other for the epic duel based on their chosen topics.

The event was judged by former QUOD Coordinator and exemplary alumnus of SIBM Pune, Mr BDS Teja.

Winner - Team Marauders by Two
(SIBM Pune)

Runners up - Team That's What We
Said (SIMC)

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BLOCK & TACKLE

Runner ups

Team That's what we said

Winners

Team Marauders by Two



KNOW THY FRIEND

Date: 5th January, 2022

Know Thy Friend was an informal event where friends play a guessing game with each other to see how well you know your friends. Each pair of friends would have to pick up chits, each with a different question, and then write their answers about their friend. Points are awarded for each correct answer, and extra points if both friends get each other's answers correct! This was conducted to boost the spirit of friendship at the hilltop campus.

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QUIZ PRO QUO

Date: 24th January, 2022

Quiz Pro Quo was a buzzer based inter-college quiz where the participants were tested on their knowledge as well as their speed. The event witnessed participation from B-schools across the country, where participants engaged in multiple rounds of quizzing

A qualifying round was set up in the online platform D2C, and the finalists were invited for the final round which took place on Zoom. With each round focusing on a different genre, the participants engaged in multiple rounds of enthralling quizzing. The entire event was buzzer based, where only the first two teams to buzz-in would get a chance to answer. The quick pace and thrill of the competition kept the participants as well as the organisers on the edge of their seats.

Winner - Team ABC (SIBM Pune)

Runners up - Team OG Rocket (SIBM Pune)

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GRAVITAS SPORTS QUIZ

Date: 5th February, 2022

On the occasion of the launch of Gravitas 2022, QUOD, in collaboration with SMT, the Sports Management Team, organised a sports quiz. It was the prelude of the flagship sports event of SIBM Pune - Gravitas. The Sports Quiz was aimed at boosting the general awareness of the participants about the sporting world, current happenings, as well as popular facts and trivia. The event witnessed participation of over **280 participants** from nearly **150 colleges** spread across the country and even from international institutions with individuals competing against each other to bring their sporting knowledge to the test. The quiz consisted of questions from all the domains of sports ranging from tennis to cricket to Olympic history.

Winner - Bhargav Avadhanula
Runners up - Preetam Upadhya

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RIDGES AND FURROWS

Date: 11th March, 2022

Ridges and Furrows is the flagship event of QUOD, which is conducted every year in the fourth quarter of the academic year. The objective of this quiz competition is to foster the culture of quizzing and promote business and general awareness among the student fraternity across the country.

Ridges and Furrows 2022 was conducted on 11th March, 2022. The event had 3 rounds – the preliminary round, which was conducted on D2C, the Semi-finals, and the Grand Finale. In the preliminary round, the students tackled questions which challenged every field, genre or subject under the sun and beyond, while also racing against time. The Semi-Finals and Finals were organised via Zoom, with an elaborate quiz and multiple rounds, each with different rules and opportunities to spice it up.

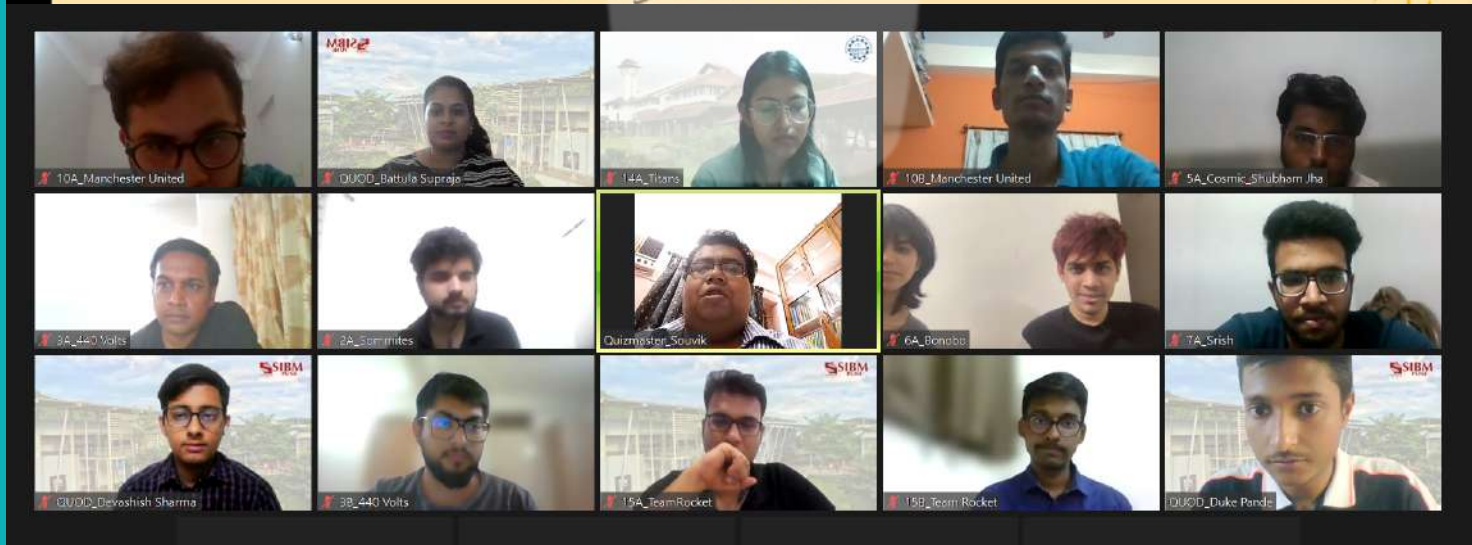
The quiz was hosted by professional Quizmaster, Mr Souvik Basu – an eminent quizmaster renowned throughout the country with experience in conducting quizzes at schools, colleges and corporates.

This quiz was open to all the college going students. This event has the 65k+ viewership on Dare2Compete.

Winner - Sommites (SJMSOM)

Runners up - Team Srish (Jaypee University)

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PROS AND CONFERENCE

Date: 19th March 2022

QUOD, as a part of E-Summit 2022, organised by the Social, Entrepreneurship, and Consulting Cell (SECC), organised a first-of-its-kind MUN style debating competition, Pros and Conference. It was open to all college students, and witnessed participation from students of all fields and backgrounds including UG, PG, and PhD students.

The debates and discussions conducted in Pros and Conference were not with the aim of each student putting his/her point forward and maintaining their ground, but to understand the given scenario, voice their concerns, and solutions, as well as understand their opponent, to eventually find the sustainable way forward.

Pros and Conference was conducted in two rounds:

Qualifier: Participants had to choose their order of preference and stance for 3 given topics. According to their preferences, students were paired and they engaged in a 1v1 debate where they would deliver an opening statement followed by a discussion period.

Final Round: The finalists acted as PROfessional Consultants, each specialising and looking after two departments, in a round table CONFERENCE to discuss the PROS and CONS of the given case. Each participant was responsible for addressing the issues faced by their department, propose solutions and define the strategic way forward with respect to the given case, while also keeping the interests and limitations of the other departments in consideration.

The event was judged by esteemed alumni of SIBM Pune and eminent public speakers and debaters, Mr Bibhav Singh and Mr Neelesh Das.

Winner - Vaibhav Nikam (VIIT)

Runners up - Ishika Agarwal (SIBM Pune)

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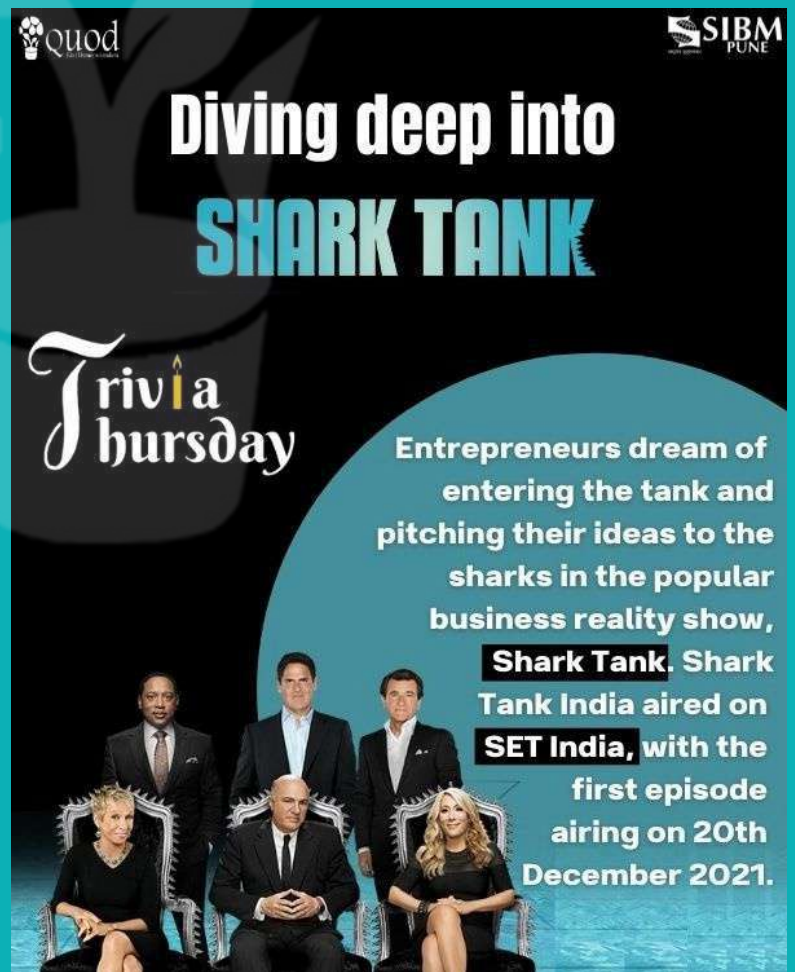


SOCIAL MEDIA INITIATIVES

Thursday Trivia

QUOD has proudly continued the tradition of a weekly dose of quirky trivia, brought to you by Thursday Trivia. Each week's edition of Thursday Trivia takes a recent event and expresses quirky bits of trivia relevant to it. Did you know that a pizza was sold for \$230 Million? Or that the ISS had an expiry date and that it got extended? Find out more on our Instagram page @quod_sibmpune.

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SOCIAL MEDIA INITIATIVES

Saturday Silhouette

Saturday Silhouette is a guessing game where a silhouette is posted on the Instagram page and viewers have to guess what is being shown. The first 3 correct guesses are mentioned on our stories. Each month had a different theme for Saturday Silhouette, with the first month being “Back to Campus”, where the silhouettes were of different spots on the campus, which became increasingly difficult each week. This was followed by “Screen Time”, where various popular characters from TV shows or movies were showcased such as Loki from the MCU or the Night King from Game of Thrones.

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