

Quod – The Quizzing and Debating Society

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Quod, the Quizzing and Debating Society of SIBM Pune provides students with a platform to participate in extempore, debates, quizzing events etc. which enhances their awareness and helps them build analytical skills. As future business leaders, it is very important for all the students to be a part of healthy discussions and debates. We facilitate a platform for students to talk, discuss and debate through various competitions enabling them to think on their feet and making them industry ready.

Quod's philosophy lies in establishing a relationship between theory and application of the learnt concepts, implying that the magic happens beyond the textual knowledge. Therefore, this year we have gone a step further and conducted numerous and varied quizzes and debating competitions, with each of them adding unique value to the participants, who will eventually go on to win major competitions, thus bringing laurels to SIBM Pune. Through debates, preparing and delivering of argumentation, Quod offers students the opportunity in critical thinking, development of their academic research skills, improvement in their communication abilities, coming up with solution of problems in a creative way, and an increase in their overall self-confidence. Debates help students to express their views in an effective manner and to respond to arguments in a cogent fashion, which is necessary for students in any B-School as it gives the students the necessary armour to tackle the corporate life awaiting them. As Francis Bacon said "Knowledge is Power", general knowledge contributes to personal enrichment and a better understanding of the world as a whole. Quod not only helps foster a desire for knowledge and boosts confidence among the students but also provides a platform for students to participate in inter college quizzing competitions. Besides the obvious benefit of improving and expanding one's knowledge, the style of offered quizzes is designed to inculcate **fun** and active participation among students.

Quod, has come up a long way since its inception, organising more events than any other SIG on the campus. Its flagship event, Ridges and Furrows, an inter-college quizzing competition not only gives an opportunity to sharpen one's quizzing acumen over an array of subjects but also gives an opportunity to compete with the best minds in the country.

Teams

Senior Team 2019-20

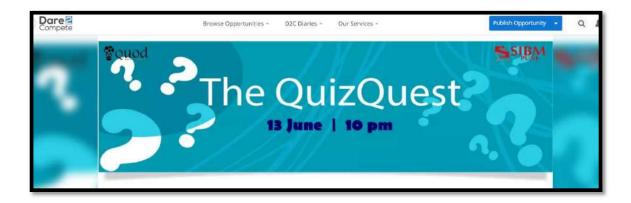
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Senior Team 2020-21

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1) QuizQuest – 13th June, 2019

The very first Quizzing competition of the season was conducted on **Dare2Compete** to provide the incoming batch a feel of Quizzing culture. This online quiz included wide variety of questions from Politics, Sports, Mythology, Brands and many more. This quiz was a great success that almost all the first-year students participated in it.



2) $JAM - 10^{th} July, 2019$

The first extempore event for the academic year was JAM- Just A Minute, where each participant gets a minute to play with words on various exciting topics (with certain haves and have nots). The fun comes from attempts to keep within these rules and the banter among the participants. With an aim to get the first years out of their shells and help them with their public speaking skills, to prep them up for the summer placements, the event witnessed a large footfall and was a huge success. In fact, the event was organised again as JAM 2.0 due to the phenomenal response and demand from students.







3) Corporate Czar – 11th August, 2019

Our next event was the inter-college **Business Quiz - 'Corporate Czar'**. The event was a huge success with more than **115 teams** participating in the preliminary round with participation from different institutes such as **IIM Nagpur, JBIMS, NMIMS, SCMHRD, IMI Delhi and** many more B-Schools. The event provided an opportunity for students to test their knowledge of brands, technologies and businesses. It gave a chance to all the corporate enthusiasts to not only prove their mettle but further hone it.







4) JAM 2.0 – 14th October, 2019

With the huge success of the first Just A Minute event and high public demand, **JAM 2.0** was conducted. The event turned out to be an astounding success with a lot of new faces seen on

the JAM table, and the contestants showing wittiness, spontaneity and creativity to come on top. This helped more people shed their fear of speaking in public and take a step forward to become leaders of tomorrow.





5) Sports Quiz – 21st Nov, 2019

Quod, in association with SMT- Sports Management Team, organized a sports quiz on the launch of Gravitas 2020. The event witnessed a huge turnout with 80+ teams from SIBM Pune, SSBF, SIMC, SITM, SSSS competing against each other to test their sporting knowledge, in fact the sporting mettle of all the hill top campuses. The event provided an opportunity to all the sports enthusiasts to showcase their sporting knowledge. The occasion was also marked by the launch of the poster of Gravitas 2020 and the introduction to captains of different teams of SIBM Pune for Gravitas 2020.







6) Expresso – The Mock Elections – 22rd Nov, 2019

We believe that great things can be done in collaboration. We organized Expresso – The Mock Elections in association with Caf-Fin, Finance club of SIBM Pune with the prize money of 12,000 INR up for grabs for the winning team and the best speaker. After the top 6 entries were selected from the preliminary round, the candidates were divided into two teams: UPA and NDA. There were extensive promotions with both the teams trying to appeal to the students for their votes. With the opinion videos made by Quod, the entire college was gripped by the election fever. The event witnessed tremendous response from the "AAM JANTA", who were curious to hear the voice of their favourite leaders. The event provided an opportunity for the students to think from the perspective of various political leaders and discuss on the present social and economic problems in the country. It also helped the audience to shape an opinion about the current happenings in the world, which may aid them in subject like Economics and prepare for Group Discussions.







7) Avenger's Office – 09th Jan, 2020

Our first event in the new year was the **Avengers' Office** - A fun-filled quiz based on the amalgamation of '**Avengers'** movies and '**The Office'** TV Series. The event witnessed great participation with 60 teams from SIBM Pune, SIMC, SSBF, SITM, SSSS and SIT testing their knowledge on their favourite characters from the series. Both the rounds of the event had nailbiting finishes with the 'Star Marked Questions' required to select the 6 finalist teams in the preliminary round. The finale went to the wire and the last question decided which teams were going to be the winners and runners-up respectively. **The quiz, though not a conventional quiz, required good memory and acumen and was one of the most loved quizzes on the campus.**





8) Ridges and Furrows – 02nd Jan, 2020

Our second event in the New Year was our flagship event – Ridges and Furrows 2020. The event was hosted by Quiz Master Vrushabh Gudade - a renowned quiz master who has conducted quizzes in various IITs and IIMs. The event was a grand success with participating teams coming from colleges like NMIMS, PICT, AFMC, COEP etc. The 9 finalist teams were given goodie bags and the winner and the runner-up were awarded 15000 and 10000 INR respectively. The quiz again was a cliff-hanger and was decided on the last question. The audience and the participants appreciated the quality of the questions and lapped up the opportunity to increase their knowledge.









9) BizWiz

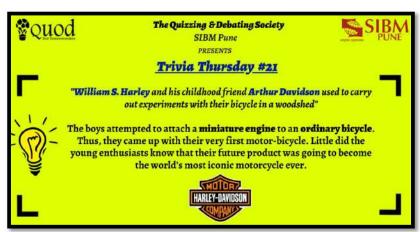
To equip the first-year students with the current affairs and business knowledge, Quod in association with Research & Scholastic Development Team, conducted a series of Quizzes on current affairs and business events. Questions and answers were shared to the students post every BizWiz quiz event. It helped all the first-year students to be ready with all the knowledge to face their Group Discussions & Personal interviews for summers.

10) Ace the GD

QUOD conducted "Ace the GD" - a platform where first year students can come together, practice and improve their group discussion skills. Seniors who are very well equipped with group discussions were chosen as the GD panellists. Different kind of GD's were conducted familiarizing the participants with different GD formats that students might encounter during summer placements. Post every discussion, detailed feedback and mentoring was given to each and every student. This helped the students to understand where they are lagging and improve in it. In fact, Quod received a very good response from the students asking to conduct "Ace the GD" regularly for the upcoming batch.

11) Trivia Thursdays

With the belief of Knowledge sharing, an online social media engagement activity is conducted every Thursday where interesting trivia and facts are posted on the official **QUOD Facebook** & **Instagram** handles to keep the curiosity alive and pepper the minds of students with new information that might come in handy for acing future quizzes.









12) Saturday Silhouette

To test the observational skills of students, Quod launched the **Saturday silhouette** this academic year where images of different **monuments**, **bridges**, **personalities** etc. are posted on social media handles every Saturday. Winner details along with the answers and information about the silhouette are shared every Monday. The participants demonstrated much enthusiasm and eagerness, week after week, with their overwhelming responses appreciating this new concept of quizzing.









In addition to all the above events, Quod also successfully organised a Quizzing round for the flagship event "HR Conclave" of SIBM Pune. In the upcoming academic year, to carry Quod's legacy forward, we are coming up with new events like Informal GD's & personal interviews where the students will be given an opportunity to get familiarity with different types of GD's and processes that are conducted by companies for recruitment during the summers and final placements. We also aim to conduct MUN – Model United Nations for the first time in SIBM Pune. Also, quizzing events with different themes like Mythology, Climate, Nature and many more are in line-up for the upcoming academic year.

Social Media handles



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