



MaRRS INTERNATIONAL SPELLING BEE

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMS 2018-2019

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Dear Participant,

Welcome to the MaRRS International Spelling Bee International Prelims 2018- 19.

The instructions for the oral rounds of the competition are as follows :

SYNONYMS& ANTONYMS ROUND

- This is an automatic slide show round. You have to give the answers before the slide changes. The answers given after the change of the slide will not be recorded / considered.
 - You are expected to give the synonym (a word or phrase that means exactly or nearly the same as another word or phrase in the same language) of the word.
 - Then you are expected to give the antonym (a word which means the opposite of another word) of the synonym (the answer you have given).
 - If the synonym given by the candidate is not correct, they will not be allowed to give the antonym.
 - The time duration for each slide would be 15 seconds.
 - The marks would be given as follows:
 - 5 marks for the synonym
 - 5 marks for the spelling of the synonym
 - 5 marks for the antonym
 - 5 marks for the spelling of the antonym
- i.e each slide carries a total of 20 marks.
- The total marks for the synonym - antonym round would be 200 (20 x 10).
 - The time duration for this round would be 150 sec.

SEGMENTALS

- This will be an automatic slide show round.
- The word is shown in each slide and it changes automatically.
- A word with a letter underlined will be shown.
- Choose the phonemic symbol that represents the sound of the underlined letter from the options given. You can say a,b or c .

- The time duration for each word would be 8 seconds.
- 10 marks will be awarded for each correct answer:
- The total marks for this round would be 100 marks (10x10).

SPELL IT:

CATEGORY1- CATEGORY6

- The SPELL IT round will be conducted using a talking dictionary installed on a computer along with the headphones.
- You may also use your own headphones, but only the ones with microphones (mics.).
- The invigilator will play a dummy word before they start the real competition to test the audibility and clarity of the earphones.
- British Pronunciation and Spelling will be used for the competition.
- Once you confirm the dummy word, the invigilator will proceed with the competition.
- Any complaint regarding the clarity of the earphones beyond the start of the competition rounds will not be entertained.
- Each word would be played thrice.
- The time limit for spelling each word would be 10 sec.
- You can always correct your spelling within this time frame.
- You will be first given a set of 5 words. You have to spell a minimum of 4 out of 5 correctly to get the next group of 5 words. If you spell 4 out of 5 correctly from this batch, you will be given the 11th word. From the 11th word onwards, it will be a knock out. You will be given new words till you make a mistake.
- Five marks will be awarded for each right answer.

AURAL SKILLS:

- This will be done using separate software. A dummy test consisting of an audio clip and two questions will be given to all the participants to familiarise them with the round as well as the system. Only after this, the tutor will start with the actual round.
- The participants will be made to listen to the audio clip (only once) prescribed for their category. After listening to the audio, they have to answer the questions based on the audio.
- This round consists of ten questions, one appearing after the other. Each question will have three options, namely, A, B and C. Each question will change after 10 seconds.
- For answering, the participants of categories 3 to 6, can either type the option in the box or click on the option which they feel as most appropriate. However, for categories 1 and 2, the tutor will write down the option which the participants say. Five marks will be awarded for each right answer.

GOOD LUCK