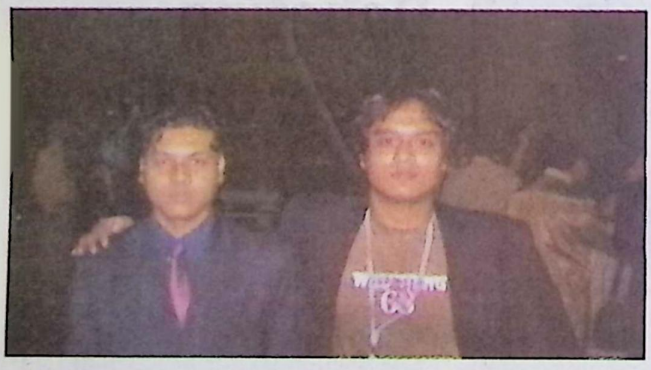
In this method debates are given the evaluation papers to rank and leave comments about the adjudicators. The Chief Adjudicator of the Championship then evaluates the performance of the adjudication panel and decides whether he or she is capable of performing their responsibilities. This feature adds the element of neutrality and ensures efficient adjudication to the championship.

Adjudication Panel for BDC Pre Worlds Championship 2007

Bangladesh Debating Council-BDC from its very first year stated these adjudication requirements with its 1st BDC Pre World Schools Debating Championship in 2005. Every year this grand championship for school and college students selects the National Schools Debating Team for World Schools Debating Championship. BDC held the first Championship Adjudication Test in Bangladesh in 2005 to evaluate the performance of the Adjudication panel.



Many school kids who participated as debaters in annual debating championship organized by BDC surprised me with their efficient evaluation to select the top of the top adjudicators for the national team selection. By doing this Bangladesh is moving towards the modern era of debating where we are not only creating good debaters but also best future debating judges who are neutral and accountable to the art of debate.

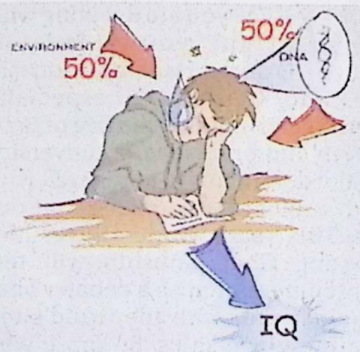
Last year when I was in Canada for 27th World Universities Debating Championships, I saw many adjudicators being made trainees, a position for not being capable to judge the world championship. Someone might think that was not the best thing to do with the adjudicators, but World Championship simply can't effort to have those because of the standard that this grate championship offers to the world.

Lastly, I remember one day when I was Chairing one of the preliminary rounds of World Debate in Canada, I faced this question from one of the participants from USA. I will name him as "X". That day "X" came to me and asked whether the adjudicator has the option to introduce his own idea while judging the debate and say, "I was expecting you to say this in this way, and I was surprised to see you didn't touch those issues. Why didn't you think of this example? And I think you lost the debate right there."

My answer to "X" was "NO"; the adjudicator can't say things like this. In a debate, adjudicators are requested not to bring their own ideas, opinion and even any prediction like "if you say this, you might win the debate". Adjudicators can't introduce their expertise excluding the judging skill in the debate.

Adjudicator will consider the flow of the debate and give their judgement based on what the debaters have said and how they have argued with each other. Later I saw the names of adjudicators in the trainee list who were not able to judge. This grate debating event has plenty to offer and we just have to know how we can make the best use of the opportunity. Let's hope for the best and look forward to lots of fun in this year's Words.

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01. A: None, they don't burry survivors.

02. A: Meat!

03. A: 15 times

04. A: If you traveled the return trip instantaneously, this would be equivalent to traveling double the distance in the same amount of time as the one-way trip. So if the rate of speed of the return trip is infinite, you do indeed get an average speed of 40 mph.

05. A: The problem is with the division that takes place between the fourth and fifth equations. Since a = b, a - b is zero, and you can't divide by zero.

06. A: there are 44 chickens and 28 rabbits in the cage

07. A: He waits until night time and then goes through the first door.

08. A: An Hourglass

09. A: Flip any switch you want. Wait for about 5-10 minutes to let the bulb heat up. Flip that same switch off, and switch another one on. Go check the light. If it's off and hot, it was the first switch, if it's on it was the second and if it's cold and off, it was the last one.