



## **Suvara 2020 Grand Finale – Rules & Guidelines**

1. Venue: Conducted on Zoom in presence of the Parish Priest/Mission Director/individual delegated by the priest. Where reasonably possible a member/representative of the Bible Apostolate Commission of the CSMEGB will be present as well to sort out any technical issues and to assist with the set up.
2. Link to join Zoom will be provided closer to the date of the competition.
3. Real time Live Broadcast: CSMEGB YouTube channel
4. Date: 28/11/2020
5. Timings:
  - 09.40 am: Inauguration
  - 10.00 am – 12.00 noon: 11 – 13 age group
  - 12.15 pm – 14.15 pm: 8 – 10 age group
  - 14.45 pm – 16.45 pm: 14 – 17 age group
6. A practice Quiz session will be arranged on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2020, timings will be announced later. We request the presence of an adult, preferably one of the parents, during this session to support the participant with the set up on the day and during the initial set up on the day of the actual competition. However, on the day of the actual competition, once the competition has commenced, no external interference will be permitted.
7. Topics: Each age group will have questions from a Gospel and a letter/book given below (in full) and one round of general questions around the book/letter/gospel given to their age group.
  - 8 – 10 category: Gospel of St Mark (Mk) & The Letter of St James (Jas)
  - 11 – 13 category: Gospel of St Mathew (Mt) & Wisdom of Solomon (Wis)
  - 14 – 17 category: Gospel of St John (Jn) & The Book of Revelations (Rev)
7. At the start of the quiz, Quiz Master will self-introduce. Following this the participants will self-introduce and quote their favourite Bible quote and explain why, in not more than 45 seconds per participant.
8. Materials required: The participants should arrange the following materials required for the competition at their own risk; laptop (not a mobile phone or a tablet), reliable internet connection, black ink marker pen, pen/pencil, A4 sized white paper in plenty.



9. General Scoring Rules:

- 9.1. Round specific scoring rules are given along with the details for each round.
- 9.2. Minus points are given for the general questions round only.
- 9.3. Passing the questions is planned only for the general questions round.

10. Passing Rules:

- 10.1. Rather than passing the question to the next participant, to ensure fairness throughout, all other participants will get an opportunity to write the correct answer within 15 seconds (writing time) on an A4 sized paper using a black ink marker pen.
  - 10.2. Participants should not start writing the answers before this '15 seconds' is signalled, the 15 seconds start when the Quiz Master says 'pass' (not when anyone else say pass).
  - 10.3. At the end of the 'writing time' Quiz Master will say 'reveal your answer' and all participants interested in joining the passing of questions will now raise their answer sheets up in the air in front of the camera for the Quiz Master to check the answer (checking time).
  - 10.4. Participants continuing to write after the writing time or who have started writing before the Quiz Master saying 'pass' will not score any points for that particular question.
  - 10.5. Quiz master will say the names of the participants who have the correct answers and then the names of the participants who have the incorrect answers out loud for the score keepers to enter the points.
  - 10.6. At this stage if no one has the answers correct, Quiz Master will declare the correct answer and make any additional comments.
11. Quiz master will say 'first question to (name of the participant)', "second question to (name of the participant)', 'next question to (name of the participant)' etc before each question is asked, to grab the attention of the participants. Listening carefully to the questions and instructions and following the question order will be the responsibility of the participant at any point during the quiz, even if the Quiz Master misses this out.
12. Questions will not be repeated at any point during the quiz and no further explanations will be given on the questions. Questions will be shared on the screen for all participants to see.
13. Acceptable answers:
- 13.1. Only the first response will be considered and no further additions/amendments to the first response made will be permitted.
  - 13.2. No incomplete answers will be accepted and Quiz Master's and the Judges Panel's decision shall be final on this.



- 13.3. If the answer is correct, Quiz Master will say 'correct' and may give additional comments at this point and now score keepers will record the points on the score sheet and on the computer.
- 13.4. If the answer is wrong, the Quiz Master will say 'incorrect' and now score keepers will record the minus points on the score sheet and on the computer, if minus marks are used in the round. At this stage the Quiz Master will declare the correct answer and make any additional comments.
- 13.5. Quiz master should only accept the answers/alternate answers on the list as correct answer.
- 13.6. If the Quiz Master is accepting any part answer as 'correct', a brief explanation will be given to why the response was accepted as correct.
- 13.7. Although the Quiz Master is not allowed to prompt any participant, use of praise is acceptable (at the discretion of the Quiz Master), especially for lower age groups.
- 13.8. Without any further comments on the incorrect answer, Quiz Master will now say 'pass' for the question to be passed to the rest of the participants in general questions round.
- 13.9. Quiz Master should stay silent as far as possible during thinking time and should not talk over the candidate during answering time.
- 13.10. Phonetically correct spellings are acceptable.
- 13.11. Abbreviations given in section 7 of this document are acceptable for the names of the books of the Holy Bible.
14. Quiz Master may consult the Judges Panel from time to time during the quiz. Discussing individual answers is left to the discretion of the Quiz Master and the Judges Panel.
15. Time Keepers:
  - 15.1. The time keeper will ring the bell at the end of the 'thinking time' mentioned in the guidelines to alert the Quiz Master and the participants.
  - 15.2. There will no bell at the end of the 'thinking time' if the participant has already started answering the question.
16. Disqualification: Any of the participants/individuals present in the room along with the participants, found to violate any of the guidelines and instructions given to them by the Quiz Team may be 'warned' politely and if found to be consistently violating the guidelines and instructions may be removed from the competition altogether. This may include but not limited to consistently recording/saying out answers even after their allocated time is up or talking over the Quiz Master at any point during the quiz.



17. If any of the participant/participants has any grievance regarding the decision of the Quiz Master or that of the Judges Panel, they should make a note of this on the paper they have with them and raise their hands at the end of the round to bring this matter to the attention of the Quiz Master. No external interference or influence will be accepted during this process or at any times during the quiz.
18. Once grievances if any are settled, the total points for the round will be announced by the Quiz Master, a two to three minute break will be given at this point.
19. The organisers of Suvara 2020 are confident that the participants and their well-wishers will continue to demonstrate the high levels of Catholic faith and integrity that they have shown at various stages of Suvara 2020, throughout the Grand Finale as well and therefore will take all decisions and judgements made during this competition in its true spirit.
20. Rounds:

**20.1. Round 1: Gospel Questions**

- 20.1.1. One question per participant from the given Gospel.
- 20.1.2. Maximum 15 seconds to start answering (thinking time) the question after the Quiz Master has completed the question.
- 20.1.3. Although the participant is expected to complete the answer (answering time) in about 25 seconds (including thinking time) after the Quiz Master has finished the question, reasonable allowance will be given as per the discretion of the Quiz Master due to the fact that competition is conducted over Zoom and may not be seamless at all times. This will be left solely to the Quiz Master to decide and cannot be challenged under any circumstances. The Judges Panel will oversee this and will advise the Quiz Master from time to time.
- 20.1.4. The participant can start the answer even during the thinking time, as soon as Quiz Master has finished the question.
- 20.1.5. If the participant finishes/stops the answer even before the end of the allowed time, Quiz Master will consider it as 'the answer' by the participant (only the first response will be accepted) and there are no further chances to amend the answer or add anything else to the answer and therefore the Quiz Master will declare whether the answer is correct or incorrect then and there.
- 20.1.6. However, even after the end of the thinking time, if the participant hasn't given any response or has said out loud 'Don't Know' earlier on during the thinking time itself,



the Quiz Master will give the answer and an explanation at his/her discretion and the participant will score no points.

20.1.7. Correct answers will score 10 points and there will not be any passing of questions or minus points in this round.

**20.2. Round 2: Yes or No Questions (for 8 – 10 age category only)**

20.2.1. Yes or No style questions only in this round and one question per participant from the given Gospel/Letter.

20.2.2. Same rules as round 1 expect that thinking time is reduced to 10 seconds and that the participant is expected to complete the answer (answering time) in about 15 seconds (including thinking time) after the Quiz Master has finished the question (answering time is at the discretion of the Quiz Master as in round 1).

**20.3. Round 3: Letter/Book Questions**

20.3.1. One question per participant from the given letter/book (no questions from the Gospel in this round).

20.3.2. Same rules as round 1

**20.4. Round 4: General questions**

20.4.1. General questions will be based on the given letter/gospel/book only. Parts of the given letter/gospel/book referred in other parts of the Holy Bible could be used in this round.

20.4.2. Same rules as round 1, but there will be minus points and passing of questions in this round.

20.4.3. Five minus points for incorrect answers if the question was addressed directly to the participant.

20.4.4. The participant can pass the questions before the thinking time ends (15 seconds) by saying 'pass' or by staying silent completely, without scoring any minus points.

20.4.5. Correct answers for passed questions will score 5 points and 5 minus points if the answer is incorrect.

20.4.6. It is the entirely up to the participant to decide whether they want to attempt answering passed questions to gain additional points at the risk of getting minus points.

20.4.7. As the questions will have to be passed on to other participants if the answer is incorrect, the Quiz Master will not make any comments on incorrect answers other than just plainly saying 'incorrect'.



20.4.8. Quiz Master will disclose the answers and make any comments only after passing of the questions is completed.

20.4.9. If there is no response from the participant even after the thinking time ended, the Quiz Master will pass the questions. No minus points will be awarded for 'no responses'.

20.4.10. If the participant gets the answer correct, a bonus question for 5 points (may not be a general question, but questions from the topics given at the discretion of the Questions Team. However, all 8 bonus questions will follow the same pattern) will be given as well to that particular participant who got the answer correct (only if the question was addressed to the participant in the first instance, which means there will be no bonus questions for passed questions). No minus points will be awarded for incorrect answers for the bonus questions.

#### **20.5. Round 5: Bible Quotes**

20.5.1. Scrambled Bible quotes will be shared on the screen.

20.5.2. All participants attempt the questions simultaneously.

20.5.3. The participants should unscramble the quote and write out the name of book, chapter and verse of the quote (unscrambled version of the entire quote is not required) on a white A4 piece of paper using a black marker pen in the format 'Book Chapter: Verse' (for example John 4: 18 or Jn 4: 18). Abbreviations given in the topics list are acceptable for the names of the books.

20.5.4. Maximum time allowed to complete answering a question in this round will be 45 seconds.

20.5.5. All participants who unscramble and identify the book, chapter and verse and write it down on the paper in 15 seconds will get 20 points, participants who unscramble and identify the book, chapter and verse and write it down on the paper in 30 seconds will get 10 points and participants who unscramble and identify the book, chapter and verse and write it down on the paper in 45 seconds will get 5 points.

20.5.6. When a participant has completed answering the question on an A4 piece of paper, he/she should type letter 'C' in the Zoom chat box. The time at which this is received will be considered as the time of completion of the answer for scoring purposes.

20.5.7. Once the participant has signalled that they have completed the answer by typing letter 'C', no further changes/additions/amendments to the answers will be permitted.



20.5.8. Participants should not reveal the answers on the screen or to anyone else until the Quiz Master has instructed them to do so.

20.5.9. When instructed by the Quiz Master, participants should hold their A4 sheet of paper with the answer on it in front of the camera to be seen by the Quiz Master.

20.5.10. No part correct answers will be accepted.

20.5.11. Total 8 questions in this round.

20.5.12. No minus marks for this round.

20.5.13. Once points are awarded, the participant who completed answering the question first and scored 20 points will be given a chance to recite the quote in full for 5 bonus points (has to be NRSV specific and in full word to word to score this 5 bonus points).

20.5.14. If no one gets it correct the Quiz Master will say the answer and recite the quote.

#### **20.6. Round 6: (11 – 13 & 14 - 17 age groups only) - Rapid Fire Round**

20.6.1. One word answer questions only from the given Gospel/Letter/Book.

20.6.2. Each participant will get a maximum of 10 questions and can answer as many as possible from this 10 questions in 60 seconds.

20.6.3. All ten questions will be shared on the screen at the same time.

20.6.4. Participants will get the questions one after the other, which means that participant 2 will get his/her questions only after participant 1 has completed answering the questions and after the Quiz Master has given the scores for participant 1. This pattern will follow for rest of the participants in the quiz.

20.6.5. Answers should be typed in Zoom chat box in the format 'Question number. Answer' one below the other, for example

1. Your answer

2. Your answer

3. Your answer

20.6.6. There will not be any verbal questions for this round but questions will be shared on the screen only.

20.6.7. Participants will get the question set randomly from the 8 sets available.

20.6.8. If the participant is unsure of the answer to any of the questions, the participant can miss it out even without writing the question number and move on the next question immediately.

20.6.9. Participants can answer questions in any order for this round as long as the questions numbers are correct for the answers given.



20.6.10. No correct answers or explanations to the answers will be given for this round at any stage.

20.6.11. Only those answers recorded within the maximum allowed time of one minute will be accepted for scoring and no further responses will be accepted.

20.6.12. Each correct answer will score 5 points each and there are no minus points or passing in this round.

**21. Tie breaker:**

21.1. Marks scored in the final round will take priority to break the tie if any, followed by the scores of the previous rounds in the descending order of the rounds.

22. These guidelines could be updated where and when necessary and will be available on [http://smegbbiblekalotsavam.com/?page\\_id=595](http://smegbbiblekalotsavam.com/?page_id=595) . Although the Quiz Team may notify the participants of any changes to this document by email, it will be the responsibility of the participants to keep themselves informed of the latest versions of this rules & guidelines.

23. Any queries, please contact the CSMEGB Bible Apostolate Commission Team on [bibleapostolate@csmegb.org](mailto:bibleapostolate@csmegb.org)

**Good Luck**

**May God Bless You All**