CCCC Cryptic Crossword Contest (CCCC) 2019

The efficacy of CROSSWORDS as a tool of fun-based learning has been acknowledged by scientific studies. Solving crossword clues benefits students in so many ways. It equips them with a formidable functional vocabulary, power of reasoning, lateral thinking and an ability to draw quick inferences. Above all, it imparts a feeling of achievement and builds self-confidence. All these are crucial ingredients in carving out a bright career in a job market where competition is cut-throat.

One Game, 10 Benefits

- Improves logical reasoning
- Enhances vocabulary
- Strengthens memory
- Stimulates problem solving skills
- Sharpens focus and concentration
- Promotes lateral thinking and creativity
- Provides a sense of accomplishment
- Power to draw inferences
- It's learning with fun
- Creates a desire to explore knowledge

CCCC is an annual, inter-school, national-level crossword solving contest which Extra-C has been organising since 2013. The contest is open to students of class IX-XII studying in schools affiliated to any of the recognized boards in the country. In the past, the contest has been held in association with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). For the CCCC 2017 edition, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), along with Doordarshan, were the associate partners of Extra-C to carry out the exercise. The association continues for the current year's edition CCCC 2019.

The contest brings brightest students from across the country on one competitive platform. It has been acknowledged as the largest contest of its kind in the country. It is also covered widely by the print, broadcast and digital media and brings national recognition for the winning teams.

A TWO-PHASE CONTEST

CCCC 2019 will comprise two phases.

In Phase I (July-September), City Rounds will be conducted in select cities and towns as per Annexure-I. The names of venue schools will be intimated later. They will also be uploaded on www.crypticsingh.com. Schools from cities and towns in the vicinity of the venue city may also participate. The participating schools can send a two-student team to the venue to appear in an hour-long written test. The host school is allowed to send two teams.

The date for the launch of the contest has been fixed as 26-07-2019. The venue will be Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Auditorium at KV No.2, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi. The launch will also witness four NCR Rounds for Delhi, Gurugram, Noida and Ghaziabad.

The exercise for each City Round follows a standard schedule. On-the-spot registration begins at 10 am which goes on till 11 am. The written test duration is from 11 am to 12 noon. Evaluation, announcement of result and prize distribution take another hour. Schools are also advised to register online on

www.crypticsingh.com well before the test date for each City Round. A school team has to be accompanied by a teacher in-charge.

In **Phase II** (November-December), the winning teams from the City Rounds converge on the national capital for a three-day Grand Finale

which comprises a written **quarter-final**, four onstage **semi-finals** and the onstage **final**.

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES

The top teams are eligible for prizes and certificates.

National winners: Rs 25,000 to the team; National Crossword Champion trophy; and certificates

Runners-up: Rs 15,000 to the team; trophies; and certificates

2nd Runners-up: Rs 10,000 to the team; trophies; and certificates

City Round winners receive trophies, certificates and free trip and stay in New Delhi during the Grand Finale

All participants, both at the City Round and Grand Finale levels, receive certificates.

REIMBURSEMENTS

The members of teams from outside the National Capital Region (NCR) qualifying for the Grand Finale will be reimbursed to and fro Sleeper class train fare. Local stay and local transport to the venue and back will be provided by the organizers. The facilities extend to teachers in-charge.

INFORMATION, CLARIFICATION

All relevant information can be accessed on our website www.crypticsingh.com. Schools and participants are requested to visit the site regularly for updates. Sample papers for the City Rounds are available on the site.

For any clarification, Ms Unsa (9650055022) and Ms Rohma (8826880626) may be contacted. Clarifications may also be sought by sending a mail at extracpatna@gmail.com

ANNEXURE 1: City Round Schedule.

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ANNEXURE - I
CCCC 2019 CITY ROUNDS SCHEDULE

Sl No.	Date	City	Sl No.	Date	City
1	26.07.2019	NEW DELHI	27	19.08.2019	BHUBANESWAR
2	26.07.2019	GURUGRAM	28	19.08.2019	NASHIK
3	26.07.2019	GHAZIABAD	29	21.08.2019	SAMBALPUR
4	26.07.2019	NOIDA	30	26.08.2019	BERHAMPUR
5	29.07.2019	JAIPUR	31	28.08.2019	DEHRADUN
6	29.07.2019	GOPALGANJ	32	29.08.2019	KAIMUR
7	29.07.2019	VARANASI	33	30.08.2019	LUCKNOW
8	31.07.2019	MUZAFFARPUR	34	02.09.2019	CHAPRA
9	02.08.2019	BANGALORE	35	02.09.2019	JAMMU
10	02.08.2019	DARBHANGA	36	03.09.2019	LUDHIANA
11	02.08.2019	RANCHI	37	04.09.2019	CHANDIGARH
12	02.08.2019	MUMBAI	38	06.09.2019	SHIMLA
13	02.08.2019	JAMSHEDPUR	39	06.09.2019	AURANGABAD
14	05.08.2019	BOKARO	40	09.09.2019	ROHTAS
15	06.08.2019	DEOGHAR	41	09.09.2019	COIMBATORE
16	06.08.2019	NAVI MUMBAI	42	09.09.2019	SURAT
17	07.08.2019	HYDERABAD	43	12.09.2019	MUNGER
18	07.08.2019	BHAGALPUR	44	12.09.2019	CHENNAI
19	08.08.2019	PUNE	45	12.09.2019	VADODARA
20	09.08.2019	GAYA	46	13.09.2019	ERNAKULAM
21	13.08.2019	PURNEA	47	13.09.2019	AHMEDABAD
22	14.08.2019	GUWAHATI	48	16.09.2019	MYSURU
23	16.08.2019	KOLKATA	49	16.09.2019	INDORE
24	16.08.2019	ALLAHABAD	50	18.09.2019	TRIVANDRUM
25	16.08.2019	PATNA	51	18.09.2019	BHOPAL
26	16.08.2019	BEGUSARAI			

*A few City Rounds may witness minor changes as the contest progresses