

Nautanki Study Guide

Introduction:

Nautanki is a category focusing on skits on the culture and heritage features of Pakistan. These skits will explore a range of topics, such as modern issues, cultural heritage, and social satire. The skits will provide a distinctive and enjoyable window into Pakistani comedy traditions by fusing wit, humor, and social commentary. In addition to giving audiences with entertainment, Nautanki seeks to educate and inspire them while offering a unique and meaningful cultural experience.

Round 1: Prepared Skits

Time- 2 hours 45 mins

Delegate Cap- 4-8

For the first round, each team would be pre assigned a topic 1 week before the event on which they have to prepare a 14-18 min skit. These topics can range from “A Mughal Emperor in Modern Times” to “The Life of a Bhatta Worker.” The performances would be judged on the following aspects:

- Creativity
- Engagement
- Relevance to given topic
- Body language
- Team coordination
- Quality of dialogues

Round 2: Impromptu Skits

Time- 2 hours

Delegate Cap- 4-8

In the second round, each team would be given a topic on the second day and the team would be given 1 day to prepare their skit. These topics will be based on cultural stereotypes and taboos and heritage features (for example “Koh-I-Noor”). The skits will be 10-12 minutes long. The skits would be judged on the following aspects.

- Creativity
- Engagement
- Relevance to given topic
- Body language
- Team coordination
- Quality of dialogues

Rules:

- No AI software to be used
- No prop, except for that mentioned in topic given, is to be used without permission of subevent heads
- No outside help is allowed