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KAPNAYAN 2025

Theme: "A Cure's Formula: Catalyzing Drug Discovery Towards Health Equity Through Medicinal Chemistry"

The **National Science Writing Contest** is a minor competition event under the KAPNAYAN 2025, the triennial weeklong chemistry fair organized by the UPLB Chemical Society. The contest showcases the talent of the youth in literary composition. It aims to let the participants access their creativity and imagination to apply their skills in writing a feature article.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. All bona fide Junior and Senior high school students of recognized learning institutions in the Philippines are qualified to participate in the competition.
2. There should only be one (1) contestant representing their respective institution registered for KAPNAYAN 2025 in the contest proper. The team will be accompanied by ONLY one (1) adviser/coach.
3. This contestant may participate in one (1) major competition but may no longer participate in any other minor competition in KAPNAYAN 2025 except for the photo contest.
4. Only a maximum of 50 participants may participate in this competition. Securing the slot will be on a first come, first served basis.

CONTEST PROPER

1. The contestant must be present at the venue **ten (10) minutes** before the start of the event. Otherwise, they will be automatically **disqualified**.
2. The contestant should wear their respective school uniform and the identification card provided at the registration booth during the event.
3. The contestant must bring the following items:
 - a. A laptop with Microsoft Word installed; and
 - b. A blank flash drive with the name of the contestant and their respective schools written in this format: **[NSWC] Surname_School** taped on its surface.
4. At the attendance booth, the UPLB Chemical Society members will ensure that the laptop brought only has Microsoft Word opened in Full Screen with the internet connection disabled.
5. Each contestant will be given **five (5) scientific articles** that will serve as their source material.
6. The essay must be based on the theme provided by the UPLB Chemical Society.
7. The output must be **700-1000 words** (excluding the title) and has an introduction, a body, and a conclusion. The essay must be written in standard American English and the title must not exceed **15 words**.
8. All essays must be in Times New Roman, font size 12, justified, and with 1.5 spacing without spaces between paragraphs.
9. References used must be properly cited using the **APA 7th Edition**.
10. The essay must be completed within **2 hours** of receiving the topic. The last five (5) minutes of the writing contest proper shall be allotted to saving the participant's files in their respective flash drives.
11. The Quiz Committee Head shall collect all files. Any files not submitted after the allotted time period will be disqualified.
12. The filename must be the same as the one written on the flash drive.
13. The criteria for judging will be announced before the start of the contest proper.
14. The contestants will be judged by the selected board of judges. Winners will be identified as **First Placer, Second Placer, and Third Placer**, which shall be announced during the Awarding Ceremony after the National Chemistry Quiz Contest on February 1, 2025.



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15. The winners shall receive the following prizes:
- First Placer: A winner's plaque, medals, certificates, and a 3,000 peso cash prize.
 - Second Placer: A medal, a certificate, and a 2,000 peso cash prize.
 - Third Placer: A medal, a certificate, and a 1,500 peso cash prize.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- All essays shall automatically become the property of the UPLB Chemical Society.
- All submitted works must be **original**. Any contestant caught submitting plagiarized work will be automatically disqualified.
- All concerns shall be addressed to and resolved by the Quiz Committee. The committee's decision is final and irrevocable.
- The Quiz Committee reserves the right to change these rules with the appropriate notice to the concerned.

CRITERIA

Relevance to the Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>The essay reflects the theme of the contest.</i>	30%
Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>The essay contains the basic parts of an essay (i.e. title, introduction, body, and conclusion).</i><i>The essay uses relevant facts from the given source material.</i><i>The essay makes use of proper attribution to information coming from the source materials.</i><i>The essay laymanizes technical terms and information to digestible and easy-to-read manner.</i><i>The contestant followed the contest guidelines including citation.</i>	40%
Creativity <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>The essay tells a compelling story.</i><i>The writer has a command of the language.</i>	20%
Originality <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>The ideas presented in the essay is unique to the contestant.</i>	10%
TOTAL	100%