



# AHL-E-QALAM

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Rules and Procedure:

- Round 1

The first round will be a trivia round consisting of 30 questions given to each delegate on a sheet of paper expected to be solved within 35 minutes. These questions will check their Urdu literary knowledge, hints related to a poet, some incomplete poetic verses, and various references towards a particular famous poet or writer will be given for them to guess. In the next segment of this round delegates will be asked to pick up random words from a bowl and will have thirty seconds to recite a shair that contains their picked word (similar to antashkari). This will be an elimination round.

- Round 2

This round will be an elimination round. Delegates will be given three alphabets to choose from ا پ ب , each flashcard will have a different prompt/picture with a unique theme. The alphabet they choose will decide the prompt they will be writing on. Delegates will be given an hour to write and submit within that time. For prose and poetry delegates will be judged on a different criteria, in the prose more focus will be given to the setting, plot and the use of language whereas in poetry delegates will be judged on the basis of relevance to the theme, creativity, originality and uniqueness. Delegates who want to proceed with prose will be given a different set of topics and delegates wanting to write poetry will be given different prompts. Once the prompts are given, delegates will not be allowed to change their decision.