

ONLINE MOVIE REVIEW COMPETITION

Guidelines for Participants

Organised by: Writer's and Speaker's Club, Department of English, Assam Don Bosco University

Eligibility: Open to all ADBU students

Last Date of Submission: 31 August 2026

Submission Email: onlinemovieviewss@gmail.com

There is no registration fee for the competition. Participation is free of cost for all eligible participants.

Guidelines

1. Choice of Movie

Participants may choose any movie for their review. The film may be from any language, country, genre, or period.

2. Word Limit

- Minimum: 700 words
- Maximum: 1,500 words
- Entries outside the prescribed word limit may be disqualified.

3. Originality

The review must be the participant's own original work and should reflect their personal observations, interpretation, opinions, and critical judgement.

4. Use of AI Tools

AI-generated or AI-written entries will be directly disqualified. An AI detection system may be used to examine submitted entries.

Participants are allowed to use AI tools only for checking grammar, spelling, punctuation, and other basic language errors. AI tools must not be used to generate, rewrite, structure, expand, paraphrase, or substantially alter the review.

5. Nature of the Review

Participants are free to review the movie in any way they find suitable. You may focus on the story, characters, performances, direction, cinematography, music, themes, social or cultural ideas, or any other aspect of the film that you find worth discussing. You may also include your personal opinions, interpretations, and thoughts on the movie.

There is no fixed format that participants have to follow. However, the review should offer a clear perspective and engage meaningfully with the film. It should not be merely a summary or retelling of the plot.

6. Spoilers

Spoilers are permitted. Participants may freely discuss plot developments, endings, characters, twists, and other significant aspects of the film where relevant to their analysis.

7. Title

Each entry must have an appropriate and original title.

8. Language and Presentation

Entries should be written in clear and coherent English. Grammar, spelling, punctuation, paragraphing, structure, and overall presentation will be considered during evaluation.

9. Sources and References

Participants may consult external sources for factual information. Any quotation, statistic, or specific material taken from another source must be properly acknowledged and mentioned in the review.

10. Plagiarism

Plagiarism in any form will result in direct disqualification. Participants must not submit another person's review or reproduce material from online sources without proper acknowledgement.

11. Submission Format

Entries should be submitted in PDF or Word (.doc/.docx) format. The document must clearly mention the participant's name, programme, semester, university ID, and phone number.

12. Number of Entries

Each participant may submit only one review.

13. Evaluation Criteria

Entries will be evaluated based on the originality of thought, depth of analysis, critical engagement with the film, strength and clarity of argument, organisation and coherence, quality of writing, and overall presentation.

14. Submission Deadline

All entries must be submitted to onlinemoviereviewss@gmail.com by 31 August 2026. Late submissions may not be considered.

15. Prizes

- First Prize: ₹1,500
- Second Prize: ₹1,000
- Third Prize: ₹500

Important Note:

Participants are encouraged to approach their chosen film from their own perspective. The review should demonstrate independent thought, close engagement with the film, and a clear critical position.

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