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MOOT PROPOSITION

1. Arcadia is a democratic republic in the Asian Continent which fought against the imperial power for liberation with the support of Indian national leaders and successfully liberated and replicated the constitution and domestic laws of republic of India. Vaani Ltd is an unlisted public company engaged in infrastructural projects in PPP model in the state of Arcadia. The company is maintaining net worth of 13000 crores and net tangible assets of 5200 crores excluding the monetary assets for last three years with an average operating profit of 330 crores. Karta Group Private Ltd is the holding company of Vaani Ltd. Karta Group Private Ltd is holding 66% of shares and voting rights in Vaani Ltd. Karta Group Private Ltd is promoted by Karta Trust, which is holding 99% of equity shares and voting rights in Karta Group Private Ltd. Mr. Avesh Karta and his brother Mr.Arjun Karta from the famous Karta business family in Arcadia are the trustees of Karta Trust and they are the board of directors of Karta Group Private Ltd. Vaani Ltd was incorporated by the Karta Group Private Ltd in the year 2010 as decided by the Karta Trust. At the time of incorporation, Karta Group Pvt Ltd was holding 99% of the shares and voting rights of Vaani Ltd. Remaining 1% shareholders were the selected employees of Vaani Ltd. Mr. Avesh Karta was appointed as a Chairman-cum-CEO of the Vaani Ltd.
2. Later, there was a marriage alliance made between the youngest daughter Ms. Meena Karta of the Karta family and youngest son Mr. Anil Seol of the Seol family. Anil Seol is a known budding successful businessman in Arcadia holding 99% of shares in Seol Investment Pvt Ltd remaining 1% is held by his father Vikram Seol. The marriage took place on 26-06-2015. Later, in order to increase the trust and bondage of these two business families, Karta family transferred 17% of its shares and voting rights of Vaani Ltd to Seol Investment Pvt Ltd for a price equivalent to the face value of shares on 05-12-2015. Later, during the course of time, Vaani Ltd also issued shares in favour of its employees. Thereafter, Seol investment Pvt Ltd increased its shareholding and voting rights from 17% to 21% till today by purchasing shares from the employees of Vaani Ltd. As of today, the shareholding and voting rights of Karta Group Pvt Ltd in Vaani Ltd comes down to 66%.
3. A Resolution was passed on 10.05.2017 by the Board of Directors of Vaani Ltd and appointed Anil Seol as its Chairman-cum-Chief Executive Officer with effect from 26.05.2017. When Mr.Anil Seol

came into position, he decided to shift main focus of the business from its flagship highway, bridge development projects and other PPP projects to Multi-storeyed building projects for Multi-national companies. Even though this changing strategy is not badly affecting the business and profitability of the company in the near future of the company, the decision has created disappointments in Karta Trust because of the less emphasis given by Anil Seol to the well-established business areas of the company. They also feared that this step may badly affect the reputation and recognition of the company at different government level. However, the Company was successful in achieving 8% more growth during the tenure of Anil Seol, than its earlier 7 years growth rate. Mr. Anil Seol noticed that 64% of the net tangible assets of the company are in monetary assets. So, Mr. Anil Seol wanted to utilise all these monetary assets and capital reserve to the ongoing three projects of the company, which was opposed by the Karta Trust nominated directors in the Board without giving their affirmative voting in favour in the board meeting stating that this will affect the financial stability of the company. Anil Seol dissatisfied by these incidents, and openly criticised in the media on 05-12-2018 about the existence of hefty control of Karta Trust over the management of Vaani Ltd and requested the remaining shareholders of the company to stand against the provisions of Articles of Association of Vaani Ltd which is providing significant power to Karta Trust over the management of Vaani Ltd. He also criticised before the media that such provisions of Articles of Association is contrary to the existing law and practice. Meanwhile, Meena Karta on 15-12-2018 filed a police complaint against her husband Anil Seol alleging domestic violence followed by a petition for Divorce which is pending.

4. As this trust deficit was increased in the Karta family on Anil Seol, later, in January 12, 2019 Karta Trust decided to remove Anil Seol from the position of Board chairman of the Vaani Ltd. Accordingly, the nominated directors initiated and passed a resolution to remove Mr. Anil Seol from the position of Chairman of the Board on January 25, 2019. The selection committee appointed Mr. Arjun Karta as the new Chairman of the board of directors of Vaani Ltd on February 5, 2019. As a result of the initiatives and efforts of Arjun Karta, Vaani Ltd on November 18, 2019 successfully secured the State of Sourashtra's [A South western state of Arcadia] tender for developing Kolapur – Sikola State High Way to be completed by the year 2026. It is expected that the company could achieve 20% more revenue than now in the upcoming years. Now, the board of directors consists of nominated directors decided to raise 49% of this project cost estimated around 6500 crores rupees through initial public offering of compulsorily convertible debentures in the year 2020 with a reservation of 15% of the issue in favour of the Chief Executive Officer and employees on a competitive basis upon the same issue price. The Board also decided to issue sweat equity shares

equivalent to fifteen percent of the then existing paid up equity share capital of Vaani Ltd at the price equivalent to face value to Mr. Arjun Karta in the year 2021 after the completion of the IPO. The project, the proposed IPO and the issue of sweat equity shares are vehemently opposed by the Anil Seol and tweeted against this PPP project as the company already secured enough building projects with his efforts from the Multi-national Companies for completion. Anil Seol also started influencing the remaining directors to vote against the project and issue of securities. In contrary, for the successful completion of the new project the Karta Trust directed the board of Vaani Ltd to proceed with the issue of compulsorily convertible debentures. Board of directors consists of nominated directors removed Mr. Anil Seol from the position of Chief Executive Officer of Vaani Ltd on December 11, 2019 and appointed Mr. Anand karta, Son of Avesh karta as the new Chief Executive Officer of Vaani Ltd. The Board passed a resolution in this regard. The reason stated for the removal is that, Mr. Anil Seol is acting against the interest of the Vaani Ltd and Anil Seol is a promoter of Seol Engineering Ltd which was prohibited by SEBI from accessing the capital market for 2 years from January 02, 2019. Later, Vaani Ltd issued compulsorily convertible debentures worth of rupees 6500 crores through initial public offer in December 28, 2020, convertible after 5 years from the date of issue.

5. Now, Seol Investment Private Ltd and Anil Seol together filed a petition before National Company Law Tribunal alleging that the removal of Anil Seol from the position of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Vaani Ltd was illegal. It also alleged that the material changes caused to the company through the removal of Mr. Anil Seol from the position of Chairman-cum-Chief Executive Officer of the Vaani Ltd is oppressive and mismanagement which is prejudicial to the interest of the company as well as other members. They also alleged that Articles 45, 86, 98 and 106 of the Articles of Association of Vaani Ltd are oppressive, unreasonable and in violation of Companies Act, 2013, it's Rules and allied laws. Petitioners further alleged that the Karta Trust is not a promoter of Vaani Ltd, hence, the provisions of Articles of Association of Vaani Ltd giving unscrupulous power to the Karta Trust shall be declared as illegal. Petitioners also alleged that the raising of finance through issue of compulsorily convertible debentures and the proposed issue of sweat equity shares are oppressive and in violation of the Companies Act, Rules and SEBI Regulations and allied laws.
6. After hearing both sides of arguments, the NCLT decided in favour of Vaani Ltd, Karta Trust and Karta Group Private Ltd. Being aggrieved by the decision of NCLT, Seol Investment Private Ltd and Anil Seol filed an appeal before the NCLAT. NCLAT reversed the decision of NCLT. Now

Vaani Ltd, Karta Trust and Karta Group Private Ltd filed an appeal before the Supreme Court of India.

7. The laws and legal system of Arcadia is *pari materia* with the law and legal system of Republic of India

Relevant provisions of the Articles of Association of Vaani Ltd read as follows:

“45. Quorum at General Meetings:

No quorum at a general meeting of the holders of the Ordinary Shares of the Company shall be constituted unless the members who are personally present are not less than seven in number including at least one authorised representative nominated by Karta Trust so long as the Karta Trust remaining as the promoter with substantial control of Vaani Ltd.”

“86. Nomination of Directors

So long as the Karta Trust remain as the promoter with substantial control of the company, Karta Trust, shall have the right to nominate 2/3rd of the prevailing number of Directors including the Managing Director on the Board and in like manner to remove any such person so appointed and in place of the person so removed, appoint another person as Director.

The Directors so nominated by the Karta Trust shall be appointed as Directors of the Company. Similarly the Key Managerial Personnel of the Vaani Ltd shall be appointed by the board of directors from among the persons nominated by the Karta Trust”.

“98. Matters How Decided.

Matters before any meeting of the Board which are required to be decided by a majority of the directors shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors appointed pursuant to Article 86 present at the meeting and in the case of an equality of vote's the Chairman shall have a casting vote.”

“106. Appointment of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in Article 86, for the purpose of selecting a new Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Chief executive officer, so long as the Karta Trust remains as the promoter with substantial control of the Company for the time being, a Selection Committee nominated by the Karta Trust shall be constituted in accordance with the provisions of this Article to recommend the appointment of a person as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Chief executive officer, the Board may appoint the person so recommended as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer, subject to Article 98 which requires the affirmative vote of all Directors appointed pursuant to Article 86.

The same process shall be followed for the removal of the incumbent Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Note: Teams are allowed to frame additional issues, if any, based on the Factual and Legal aspects.



RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. THEME AND DATE

The 4th VITSOL National Moot Court Competition on Corporate Law shall be held from the 29th to the 31st of July, 2022.

2. LANGUAGE

The Language of the competition shall be English.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open for students pursuing a three or five-year LL.B Degree Course from any recognized College/University/Law School subject to the fulfilment of registration formalities.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 4.1. Each Team shall consist of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members.
- 4.2. Every Team shall consist of a maximum of two speakers and a maximum of one researcher.

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1. Teams from each Participating Institution are requested to fill the Registration Form at <https://forms.gle/AnqJcZU2JXs6ggnF6> in order to confirm their participation.
- 5.2. The registration fees of Rs. 3,000/- shall be paid through the following link: <https://vitchennaievents.com>
- 5.3. Teams will be registered upon receipt of online payment of **Rs. 3,000/-**
- 5.4. Teams which are registered according to Rule 5.3 will be provided with a Team Code, which will be intimated to the official E-mail ID.
- 5.5. Registration will close on the 31st of May. No further extension will be provided.

- 5.6. The details provided in the registration form shall be final for the purposes of certificates and awards.
- 5.7. Team shall not be allowed to change the speakers and/or the researcher after registration
- 5.8. The teams shall not swap the speakers inside the Court Hall; it must be as per the registration.

6. MEMORIAL EVALUATION AND QUALIFICATION

- 6.1. The Team must send a Soft Copy of their memorial for evaluation to chennai.vitsolmcs@vit.ac.in
- 6.2. Late submission shall attract a penalty of one point per side (Applicant and Respondent) for every 12-hour delay subject to a maximum delay of 24 hours. No further extension shall be given. If the memorials are not submitted within time, it shall be deemed as the participation is withdrawn by the team.
- 6.3. Memorials submitted as per Rules 6.1 and 6.2 will be considered for evaluation.

7. ORAL ROUNDS

- 7.1. The student counsels shall not state their names during Oral rounds, and must use their Team Code assigned to the Team.
- 7.2. There shall be two preliminary rounds, a quarter-final round, a semi-final round and a final round. If the number of Teams participating is less than 12, there shall be no quarter-final round.
- 7.3. The participants shall be in formal attire with blazers.
- 7.4. During the Oral Rounds:
 - 7.4.1. Each Round will take place for a total of ninety (90) minutes. Applicant/s and Respondent/s are each allotted forty-five (45) minutes.
 - 7.4.2. The Team may not allocate more than twenty-five (25) minutes, including rebuttal or surrebuttal, to either Speaker.
 - 7.4.3. Time allocated but not used by one Oralist may not be used by another Oralist, or in rebuttal or surrebuttal.
 - 7.4.4. Judges may, at their discretion, extend total Team argument beyond the forty-five (45) minute allocation.

7.4.5. Each Team may reserve up to ten (10) minutes for rebuttal or surrebuttal.

7.4.6. The arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.

7.4.7. The Researcher needs to be present with the Speakers during the oral arguments.

7.4.8. The Researcher is not allowed to pass notes to the Speaker during the Rounds. Maximum scores for the Oral Rounds shall be 100 points per speaker.

7.4.9. The Oral Rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:

- i. Knowledge of Law: 20 points
- ii. Application of Law to Facts: 20 points
- iii. Ingenuity and ability to answer questions: 20 points
- iv. Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour: 20 points
- v. Time Management: 10 points
- vi. Organization: 10 points

7.5. Only the Oral Communications described in Rule 7.3 are permitted. In particular, no written communication or exhibits may be presented or delivered by any Team member to any Judge or Court Officer during the oral rounds.

7.6. Oral Courtroom Communication and Activity at the Counsel Table – Communication at the Counsel Table between Team Members may only be in writing to prevent disruption. Team and Team-affiliated spectators shall avoid all unnecessary noise, outbursts, or other inappropriate behaviour which may distract the Court from the arguments in progress. Any such incident, if reported by the presiding Judges, shall lead to disqualification.

7.7. Written Courtroom Communication – Written Communication during the Oral Rounds shall be limited to the Team members sitting at the counsel table. No other written communication may take place between any combination of the following parties: judges, the oralist, Team Members sitting at the counsel table, or spectators (including Team Members sitting in the audience). Violation of the Rule will lead to disqualification.

8. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS AND QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS

- 8.1. Lots will be drawn during the orientation. The Exchange of Memorial will take place on the same day.
- 8.2. There will be two preliminary oral rounds per Team.
- 8.3. No two Teams shall face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- 8.4. All efforts will be made to ensure that no Team faces the same Bench more than once.
- 8.5. The Quarter Final Rounds shall be based on ranks obtained in the Preliminary Round. The Top 8 Teams which have the highest aggregate Memorial Scores and Preliminary Oral Rounds scores shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds.
- 8.6. In case of a tie, in the Preliminary Oral Round the highest Oral Round score will be the determinant factor to resolve the tie.
- 8.7. The Top 4 Teams which have the highest Quarter-Final Oral Round score will qualify for the Semi-Finals. Memorial Scores will not be included while calculating the Quarter Final scores except in case of a tie.

9. SEMI-FINAL AND FINAL

- 9.1. The Semi-Final shall be knock-out rounds.
- 9.2. Memorial Scores will not be added to the scores of Semi-Final and Final Rounds.

10. SCORING AND RESULTS

- 10.1. Each Judge will score each Memorial on a scale of fifty (50) points.
- 10.2. Each Judge will score each Oralist on a scale of hundred (100) points.
- 10.3. The Results will be announced after each Round.
- 10.4. The Result of the Final Round shall be announced at the Valedictory ceremony.

11. MEMORIALS

The following guidelines must be strictly followed for the memorials.

Non- compliance will entail penalties as provided below:

- 11.1. Teams have to prepare Memorial for both sides.

- 11.2. All soft copies must be entailed in .PDF (Portable Document Format) only. Any other file extension will entail a penalty of 2 points. Attachments should be titled as <Team Code> <A> for Petitioner side and as <Team Code> <R> for Respondent side. E.g., 30A and 30R. The soft copies of the memorials must be e-mailed to chennai.vitsolmcs@vit.ac.in. Each Team must ensure that the subject of the e-mail reads “Memorial Submission by Team Code”.
- 11.3. The Teams are required to submit 5 hard copies of the memorial for each side on or before the last day. Delay would entail a penalty of 2 points per day.
- 11.4. Teams must not disclose the identity of their College/University anywhere in the Memorial. Team Code assigned to each Team shall be mentioned at the top right corner of the cover page of the memorial.
- 11.5. The Team shall not disclose or mention their identity including the name of their institution other than in the Registration Form. Non-compliance with this Rule will entail penalties which may extend to disqualification.
- 11.6. The content of the Hard Copies must be the same as that of soft copies. Non-compliance with this Rule will entail penalties which may extend to disqualification.
- 11.7. The memorials have to be submitted on A4 size paper, printed on only one side, and must contain the following sections:
- i. Cover Page;
 - ii. Table of Contents;
 - iii. Index of Authorities;
 - iv. Statement of Jurisdiction;
 - v. Statement of Facts;
 - vi. Statement of Issues;
 - vii. Summary of Arguments;
 - viii. Arguments Advanced; and
 - ix. Prayer

Non-compliance with this Rule with respect to sections (i) to (vii) and (ix) will result in a penalty of 1 point per missing section. Non-compliance of the Rule with respect to section (viii) will result in the Memorial not being considered for evaluation at all.

- 11.8. The Memorials must be printed in Times New Roman font, font size 12 with 1.5-line spacing. All paragraphs must be justified aligned. The footnotes must be in Times New Roman font, font size 10 with single line spacing. The arguments advanced should not exceed 15 pages. The memorial as a whole should not exceed 30 pages including the cover page. The memorials should have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page. The numbering should be on the bottom and center of each page. The Applicant memorial cover page shall be printed on blue color A4 size paper, and the Respondent memorial on red color A4 size paper. A uniform style of citation according to Bluebook 21st Edition should be followed throughout the memorial.

Non-compliance would result in a penalty of maximum of 10 points.

- 11.9. The maximum scores for the memorial shall be 100 points. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:
- i. Knowledge of Law and Facts; 25 points
 - ii. Proper and Articulate Analysis: 25 points
 - iii. Extent and use of Research: 20 points
 - iv. Clarity and Organization: 20 points
 - v. Grammar and Style: 10 points

- 11.10. Memorial Scores shall be added to the Oral Score only in the Preliminary Rounds. In case of a tie, the Oral Scores will be considered to determine the higher placed team.

12. JUDGES AND ELIGIBILITY TO JUDGE

- 12.1. The Chairman will determine the eligibility of persons to serve as Judges.

12.2. Unless expressly permitted or approved by the Chairman, Team Advisors, or others directly affiliated with a Team, may not act as Judges in any Round until the Team they advise has been eliminated from the Competition.

12.3. Affiliations which Do Not Constitute Conflict of Interest – The difference between a mere Affiliation and a Conflict of Interest is the reasonable inference of partiality. (In the absence of additional facts)

13. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

13.1. Judges should not attempt to ascertain the school of any Team during a competition. However, in circumstances where the judge believes his or her evaluation of a particular Memorial would be affected by knowledge of whether or not the primary language used by the Team Members in their legal studies is English, the judge may request VITSOL MCS Convener to reveal this information.

14. ORAL ROUND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

14.1. For the purpose of this Rule, the following **definitions** shall apply:

14.1.1. With respect to a given Oral Round, an “Affiliation” means a personal or professional relationship between a judge and a school, coach, or Team member that is participating in the competition in which the judge is participating.

14.1.2. With respect to a given Oral Round, a “Conflict of Interest” means an Affiliation which would, in the eyes of a reasonable observer, create an inference that the affiliated judge would be unable to be impartial as to the conduct or result of the Oral Round.

14.2. Prohibition and Mitigation of Conflict of Interest - The Convener should avoid placing a judge in an Oral Round in which he or she has a Conflict of Interest. In the event the Convener is unable to avoid a Conflict of Interest, the Convener should take responsible steps to mitigate the effects of the conflict on the Oral Round.

Such steps might include:

14.2.1. Obtaining a waiver from both Teams in the Oral Round

14.2.2. Informing the other members of the panel of the judge’s

affiliation

14.2.3. Adding to the panel a judge with a proportional Affiliation with the opposing Team, and

14.2.4. Assigning a neutral official to observe the Oral Round and the subsequent deliberations to determine whether the Conflict of Interest affected the outcome of the Oral Round.

14.3. Waiver by Consent of Both Teams- Any Conflict of Interest shall be cured by the express oral or written waiver, either before or after the Oral Round, of both Teams. In this event, neither Team may later file an appeal or other complaint on the basis of Conflict of Interest.

In Addition:

14.3.1. If a Team is aware of an Affiliation before the commencement of an Oral Round and fails to report it, before the Oral Round begins, it shall be deemed to have waived the Conflict of Interest.

14.3.2. If a Team becomes aware of an Affiliation after the completion of an Oral Round and fails to report before the completion of the Tournament, it shall be deemed to have waived the Conflict of Interest.

14.4. Prophylactic Avoidance of Conflicts - It is the duty of a judge to report any Affiliations at the time he or she registers to judge or, subsequently, directly to the Convener in advance of the Competition. The Convener shall investigate any alleged Affiliation (whether self-reported by a judge or otherwise) and shall determine whether such Affiliation constitutes a Conflict of Interest.

14.5. Reporting Obligation of Teams - If a Team believes that an Affiliation exists which may form the basis of a Conflict of Interest, it shall promptly inform the Convener. The Convener shall take appropriate steps to investigate and, if he or she determines that a Conflict of Interest exists, to eliminate or mitigate such Conflict of Interest. The Team's failure to timely inform the Convener will constitute a waiver under Rule 14.3.

15. SCOUTING

- 15.1. No member of any Team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any Court Room in which that Team is not one of the contesting teams whilst that Team is still in the Competition. Scouting by any Team in any manner shall result in instant disqualification.

16. AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 16.1. Winning Team Award: A trophy and a cash prize
16.2. Runners-up Team Award: A trophy and a cash prize
16.3. Best Memorial: A trophy and a cash prize
16.4. Best Speaker: A trophy and a certificate
16.5. Certificates will be provided to the Team with the Second Best Memorial, Second Best Speaker.
16.6. Participation Certificates will be provided for all the participants.
16.7. Merit certificate for the quarter-finalist and semi-finalist shall not be issued.

17. DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL

18. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION

- 18.1. Accommodation will be provided only on the days of the competition.
18.2. Business lunch will be provided to the participants on the days of the competition
18.3. Food will be provided only on the days of the competition to those who are availing the official accommodation provided by the college.
18.4. Transportation shall not be provided by the Institution.
18.5. All Teams would be assisted by an Usher, who shall be the single point of contact for the Team with regard the Moot Court Competition. The Usher will also intimate the Team on the accommodation provided to them. Food will be provided free of cost.

19. CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE MOOT PROPOSITION

19.1. All queries relating to clarifications regarding the Moot Proposition should be sent to chennai.vitsolmcs@vit.ac.in.

20. VIDEO AND AUDIO TAPING

20.1. Audio and Videotaping of the Court Room proceedings is strictly prohibited. Violation will entail a penalty of disqualification.

21. COMPUTERS, MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN COURTROOMS

21.1. During an Oral Round, Oralists at the podium and participants seated at the counsel table may not operate, for any purpose, mobile phones, laptops, PDAs, or any other electronic devices, particularly those with internet connectivity, or have instant messaging capabilities. All such devices, including mobile phones, must be turned off and removed from sight as Judges enter the room, and must remain switched off and out of sight until the conclusion of the Oral Round. A Team that violates this Rule forfeits up to thirty Oral Round Points.

22. CONTACT

22.1. In case of any queries or clarification regarding the Moot Court Competition, contact:

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22.2. E-Mail ID: chennai.vitsolmcs@vit.ac.in. E-Mails would be replied within 24 hours of receipt.

22.3. Queries Regarding Propositions should only be sent to the E-Mail Address of the Moot Court Society. Phone calls will not be entertained.

23. RULES FOR ONLINE PLATFORM

23.1. In the circumstance wherein it is not possible to conduct the event physically, the event will be conducted virtually. The rules and regulations regarding the same will be intimated to the teams' official E-mail id.

24. DRESS CODE

24.1. Participants shall be appropriately attired for the rounds of the competition.

Robes and collar bands are not permitted.

24.2. The Dress Code for the Inauguration, Oral Rounds and Valedictory shall strictly be:

- For Gentlemen - Western Formals (White formal shirt with formal black pants and a black blazer with black tie); and
- For Ladies - Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal pants/black formal skirt and a black blazer) or Indian Formals.

25. COPYRIGHT

25.1. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in, VIT School of Law, VIT University, Chennai. The participants shall certify in writing the originality of materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

IMPORTANT DATES

S. No.	PARTICULARS	DATE
1.	Last date of registration https://vit Chennai events.com (For Payment) https://forms.gle/AnqJcZU2JXs6gggF6 (For Registration)	31 May 2022
2.	Moot Proposition Clarification	13 June 2022
3.	Soft Copy of Memorials	5 July 2022
4.	Hard Copy of Memorials and compendium	12 July 2022
5.	Competition	29 –31 July 2022

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