SURANA & SURANA
TRIAL ADVOCACY MOOT COURT COMPETITION :
NORTH & SOUTH ROUNDS 2026-27

CLARIFICATIONS

1. **Whether the College opposite to the crime scene (Dorne College) has lights surrounding the campus?**

   Ans. The proposition does not require a separate finding on this. Participants may treat the surrounding illumination in accordance with their reasonable reading of the scene and facts.

2. **What is the exact distance between the crime scene and the street light mentioned in the Observation Mahazar?**

   Ans. Refer to the scale in the rough sketch.

3. **Kindly clarify the meaning and significance of the symbols/markings used in the Observation Mahazar.**

   Ans. The markings are scene-identification and location markings in the rough sketch; they carry no separate significance beyond depicting the scene.

4. **According to the given map of crime scene where was the stone located as of the murder weapon was obtained?**

   Ans. The wooden log was recovered from a secluded spot behind a cluster of rocks near the crime scene, as recorded in the Recovery Mahazar.

5. **Whether the crime scene, which is opposite to the Dorne College, is situated in the middle of the city or is it in the outskirts of the city? And What is the name of the City (Name of the City in Kuninjipadi District)?**

   Ans. The occurrence is in the Kuninjipadi area of Kuninjipadi District, Neverland. No separate city name or precise classification as city-centre/outskirts is intended.

6. **What is the working hours of the Kirana Store?**

   Ans. 06:00 AM - 11:00 PM

7. **What are the exact operational timings during which the Kuninjipadi Rural Police Station remains open and accessible to the public?**

   Ans. Remains open round the clock.

8. **The case materials mention a first recovery at 7:45 A.M. and another recovery at 12:00 P.M. on the same day. Kindly clarify whether the crime scene was cordoned off, guarded, or otherwise under police security during the intervening period.**

   Ans. The bus station remained operational to the public, but necessary procedures were taken.

9. **In Confession statement pg no. 19, states that the accused was arrested near the bus terminal in kuninijipadi. While in pg no. 20 it was mentioned that he was arrested when he was standing near the busstand. So, both the places concludes to the same or do they differ?**

   Ans. The references to the 'regional bus terminal' and 'bus stand' concern the same general bus-stand/terminal location in Kuninjipadi, no distinction between two different places is intended.

10. **Why was there a gap of 3 months from the date of crime in the final report, dated 26/7/2026?**

    Ans. The period between the occurrence and filing of the final report may be treated as part of the investigation. No specific cause for the intervening period is intended.

11. **What is the distance between the Kuninjipadi Government Hospital and the crime scene? And towards which direction, the Hospital is situated from the crime scene?**

    Ans. Upto the interpretation of the participants.

12. **What is the distance between the Kuninjipadi Government Hospital and the Kuninjipadi Rural Police Station? And towards which direction, the Police station is situated from the Hospital?**

    Ans. Upto the interpretation of the participants.

13. **What is the distance between the crime scene and the house where Cersei lived in with her daughter and her parents? And towards which direction, the house is situated from the crime scene?**

    Ans. Upto the interpretation of the participants.

14. **What is the distance between the crime scene and the house where Jamie lived in? And towards which direction, the house is situated from the crime scene?**

    Ans. Upto the interpretation of the participants.

15. **What is the distance between the crime scene and the house where Jamie's sister lived in?**

And towards which direction, the house is situated from the crime scene?

Ans. Upto the interpretation of the participants.

16. **What is the distance between the crime scene and the residence of Mrs. Lily (Witness in Recovery Mahazar)? And towards which direction, the house is situated from the crime scene?**

    Ans. Upto the interpretation of the participants.

17. **What is the distance between the crime scene and the residence of Mr. Roy (Witness in Recovery Mahazar)? And towards which direction, the house is situated from the crime scene?**

    Ans. Upto the interpretation of the participants.

18. **What is the distance between the crime scene and the residence of Mr. Tyrion (DW 2 - Brother of Jamie) ? And towards which direction, the house is situated from the crime scene?**

    Ans. Upto the interpretation of the participants.

19. **What is the distance between the house where Jamie's sister lived in and the Regional bus terminal where Jamie was arrested?**

    Ans. Upto the interpretation of the participants.

20. **What is the distance between the house where Jamie lived in and the house where Jamie's sister lived in?**

    Ans. Upto the interpretation of the participants.

21. **Page 15 recovery mahazar and Page 11 of inquest report, both state contradicting statements. Kindly clarify whether the clothing was found on the body of the deceased or at the scene of crime.**

    Ans. Participants may consider the record as it stands.

22. **According to the accident register, there's a blunt wound on the R-foot and abrasion on the right leg, whereas the same has not been mentioned in any other medical reports or the autopsy reports which identify wounds on the Left leg. So the absence of corroboration in accident register and other medical reports about the R-foot/Right leg and the left leg injuries are intentional? Were there actual wounds on her right foot or only left foot?**

    Ans. No additional fact is intended to reconcile the difference.

23. Whether the injuries on the R foot/Right leg are also ante mortem in nature?

Ans. Participants may rely on the medical record as a whole.

24. In page 13 of casedata (Recovery Mahazar), it is inconsistently mentioned as Mr. Lily/Mrs. Lily and Mr. Roy. Is it just a typo, and which is correct?

Ans. Yes. 'Mrs. Lily' is the intended reference; 'Mr. Lily' is a typographical inconsistency.

25. How is the confession given by myrcella, consistent with Jamie's, since she places a call to him at around 9:30 and he reaches in 30 minutes and accompanies her to the hospital, however Jamie claims to have gone directly to the hospital?

Ans. Both statements form part of the record.

26. Name of the place from which body was sent is mentioned as Kuninjipadi Rural Police Station, why is there no mention of the body reaching the police station?

Ans. No separate entry describing its arrival at the station is required.

27. Who collected the deceased's clothing and delivered it to the forensic laboratory?

Ans. The exhibits were forwarded to the Forensic Sciences Department through C. Jung, Head Constable.

28. What was the height of accused and victim?

Ans. The victim's height is recorded as 165 cm in the inquest report. The accused Jamie's height is 178 cm.

29. Whether the two eye-witnesses namely Browne Mani and Telex Pandian purchased the cigarettes at the kirana store?

Ans. Kindly examine your relevant witnesses accordingly.

30. Whether the owner of the kirana store was present in the store at the time of incident?

Ans. Kindly examine your relevant witnesses accordingly.

31. Where was the accused's confession recorded? In the police station or at the village administrative office?

Ans. The confession was recorded after Jamie's arrest in the presence of the VAO and Village Assistant at the Police Station.

32. Was the VAO a witness to the confession or merely a witness to the arrest and a signatory

to the confession statement?

Ans. Refer to the case details appropriately.

33. **Page 17 of the proposition ie. The Arrest Memo has BNSS Section 37, kindly clarify the relevancy of Section 37, or provide the alternate legal provision appropriate for the recovery of weapons and other items seized from the arrested person. (Note: Section 37 of the BNSS mandates displaying arrest details digitally for transparency).**

Ans. Section 37 of BNSS in the memo shall be read as Section 50 of BNSS 2023.

34. **Apart from the serological examination and blood grouping mentioned in the Forensic Report, were any other forensic analyses, such as DNA profiling or fingerprint examination, conducted during the course of the investigation?**

Ans. Forensic Report stands as it is on record.

35. **The Arrest Memo indicates the seizure of a mobile phone and a wallet from the accused. Were these items further investigated for evidence (e.g., retrieving call detail records, cell tower location data, or analyzing the contents of the wallet such as bus tickets)?**

Ans. Kindly examine your relevant witnesses accordingly.

36. **Was the location behind the rocks from which the wooden log and shirt were recovered a publicly accessible area, or was it an area exclusively controlled/associated with Jamie?**

Ans. Jamie has no exclusive ownership or control of that location.

37. **Were Browne Mani or Telex Pandian present during the recovery conducted at 3:45 P.M.?**

Ans. Refer Recovery Mazahar.

38. **In pg no. 17, (E) states that the accused was arrested and remanded to judicial custody. So when was the accused sent to judicial custody? While giving the confession statement was he in police custody or judicial custody?**

Ans. The confession and recovery took place after Jamie's arrest and before the later remand to judicial custody.

39. **Where is the case taking place, under which jurisdiction? (which local acts of states can be applied)**

Ans. The criminal laws and other laws of Baratheon are to be interpreted in *pari materia* with the corresponding laws of India.

40. To whom were the statements (DWs) made to?

Ans. DW statements are *aide memoire*.

41. Is the presence of the VAO and Village Assistant intended to satisfy any particular procedural requirement for recording the confession/recovery?

Ans. Upto the appropriate legal acumen of the participants.

42. Was Jamie medically examined after arrest? The memo only says "Nil" injuries. That isn't necessarily the same thing as proving a medical examination was conducted.

Ans. Kindly examine your relevant witnesses accordingly.

43. Was a copy of the arrest memo supplied to Jamie? The memo contains his signature, but the proposition doesn't expressly say a copy was supplied.

Ans. Pay due attention to the arrest memo.

44. Were the arrest documents sent to the Magistrate?

Ans. Upto the appropriate legal acumen of the participants.

45. Was there any other evidence collected from the accused?

Ans. Kindly acquaint yourself with the case documents.

46. With what number the case was registered in the Sessions Court? (S.C. No.____/2026)?

Ans. Irrelevant.

47. Age of Cersei: What is the correct age of Cersei?

Ans. Any discrepancy in age of Cersei should be deemed to be deliberate

48. What is the actual scene of crime in the proposition?

Ans. Kindly acquaint yourself with the case documents.

49. What does the phrase "TIME PERIOD: ON" signify in the case data?

Ans. Participants are requested to refer to the timing mentioned in the subsequent fields

50. The complete date of the FIR has not been mentioned. Kindly clarify the correct date.

Ans. Kindly pay due attention to the FIR

51. Are all documents in the case data deemed to have been duly signed, even where signatures

are not expressly visible or mentioned?

Ans. Participants may consider the record as it stands.

52. **Modification of Witness Testimony: To what extent are we permitted to modify or develop the testimonies of witnesses while preparing and examining them, provided that the modifications remain consistent with the facts of the proposition?**

Ans. The participants are free to develop testimonies, provided it stays compliant to the facts of the case and adequate justification can be provided during cross examination.

53. **Are we permitted to add annexures during the proceedings and/or include additional annexures in our memorials beyond the documents available in case data?**

Ans. The Trial Proposition's annexures should be deemed exhaustive.

54. **Number and Selection of Witnesses: How many witnesses are we required/permitted to examine? May the teams select the witnesses they wish to examine, or will the organisers provide/designate the witnesses based on the case data?**

Ans. A set of 10 witnesses will be provided by the organising committee to each team. The teams are to free to examine a maximum of how many ever witness they want subject to time limit and the teams are at liberty to allot whichever character amongst the provided team of witness.

55. **Additional Witnesses During Oral Rounds: Are teams permitted to introduce or examine additional witnesses during the oral rounds, apart from those expressly mentioned in the proposition?**

Ans. The teams are not at liberty to examine any other witness other than the ones involved in the proposition. However, the teams will be permitted to examine the Investigating Officer as part of the prosecution witness and the accussed as a defence witness.

56. **Examination of the Investigating Officer: Will the Investigating Officer (IO) be counted among the prescribed two witnesses, or will the IO be treated as a third/additional witness?**

Ans. The Investigating Officer is to be deemed a prosecution witness and should mandatorily be examined during the rounds

57. **Whether the Accused (Jamie) and the Investigating Officer (I.O) Mr. Ace Ventura can be called/examined as a witness in the instant case by the Prosecution or Defence, and what is**

the applicable procedure?

Ans. The Investigating Officer is to be deemed a Prosecution witness and the accused, a defence witness. No separate petitions to be made to examine them.

58. **Whether participants are permitted to amend, supplement, or read into the provided witness statements for both the prosecution and the defense? Specifically, can discoveries or other deductive reasoning be utilized to elaborate on vague aspects of the existing statements, and if so, to what extent?**

Ans. The participants are permitted to interpret the witness testimonies provided, they don't run contrary to their statements. The same will be subject to cross-examination during the rounds.

59. **Could the organizers clarify the rules regarding the division of examinations between the two speakers? Specifically, are both speakers permitted to conduct both examination-in-chief and cross-examination in a single round (e.g., Speaker 1 examines PW-1 and PW-2, while Speaker 2 examines PW-3 to PW-5)?**

Ans. The Chief examination and Cross examination is to be conducted by different counsels, respectively. The participants are prohibited from splitting any single examination between them (i e., all the cross examination should be done by a single counsel and all the chief examination done by a different single counsel)

60. **Are participants allowed to file additional applications or petitions during the course of the competition, such as an application for the alteration or addition of charges?**

Ans. The participants may kindly refrain from altering charges or any other material aspects of the trial proposition. All the specified details in the proposition are to be deemed deliberate and the participants will be tested on their skill to utilise and defend the same.

61. **Are participants permitted to raise objections during examination-in-chief and cross-examination? If yes, should the objection be raised immediately during the question, and will the Bench decide the objection before the witness answers?**

Ans. Yes, the participants are permitted to raise objections during the examination of witnesses. It is expected to be raised immediately after the questions and the bench will be given the discretion to either allow or overrule it.

62. **To what extent are participants permitted to brief/prepare their witnesses before examination? Are participants permitted to explain the procedure and manner of**

answering, and are they permitted to discuss the facts/questions with the witness beforehand?

Ans. The participants will be assigned with a team of witnesses briefly before the rounds. The participants are at liberty to brief them regarding any topic they deem required for the rounds.

63. **Dr. Murugesan Nolan, who examined the deceased at the time of admission and prepared the Accident Register, is not listed among the Prosecution Witnesses. Kindly clarify whether his testimony is not required, or whether teams may treat his non-examination as a fact and make submissions based on the same.**

Ans. The contents of the accident register by its very nature is not conclusive and only serve as a record of reporting of accident. Therefore, separate examination of the same is not required.

64. **Tyla, the deceased's mother, is mentioned as being present during the inquest and as having accompanied the deceased to the hospital, but she is not listed among either the Prosecution or Defence Witnesses. Kindly clarify whether her testimony is unavailable/not intended to be adduced, and whether teams may comment upon her non-examination.**

Ans. The testimony of the deceased's mother is deemed not necessary in the present matter. The teams are, however, free to question the non-examination of Mrs. Tyla to the relevant witness.

65. **Are participants permitted to submit or show photocopies/printouts of documents, photographs, maps, or other materials that are specifically mentioned or referred to in the case proposition, for the purpose of assisting the Bench in understanding the facts? If permitted, are participants required to obtain prior approval from the Bench/organising committee before relying upon or showing them during the proceedings?**

Ans. All the relevant documents, photographs and other materials already form part of the annexure. The teams are prohibited from introducing any other such supplementary document for the aid of the bench.

66. **Where a particular fact, document, person or circumstance is mentioned in the case proposition but is not included among the listed witnesses or supporting documents, may teams rely upon the absence/non-production of such evidence in their arguments, or should such omission be treated as neutral?**

Ans. The participants are permitted to examine the absence of any relevant and specified document if it's not attached in the case details. However, any assumption or testimony regarding the contents of such document can be accepted from relevant witness, subject to the

discretion of the bench. No other witness than what is provided in the case details should be examined by the witness, except those explicitly acknowledged in the Clarification.

67. **Can a witness be declared hostile during the examination itself, without the concerned participant being informed beforehand? If yes, kindly clarify the procedure for declaring a witness hostile and whether the opposing participant will be given an opportunity to respond before the witness is treated as hostile.**

Ans. Based on the courtroom proceedings, the bench will have the discretion to declare any witness as hostile.

68. **If a witness gives an answer during examination which is contrary to the witness's previously recorded statement, can the participant immediately request the Bench to treat the witness as hostile, or is the participant required to follow any particular procedure or seek permission from the Bench first?**

Ans. Every deviation from the previous testimony will not be deemed as the witness turning hostile. However, the participants will be tested on their ability to train their witnesses accordingly to answer in compliance with the team's strategy and still remain compliant with the case details.

69. **Kindly clarify whether the Bench may put questions directly to witnesses during examination, and whether participants will be permitted to seek clarification or re-examine the witness on matters arising from such questions.**

Ans. The bench has the discretion to directly pose questions to the witnesses. Re-examination may be permitted, subject to the discretion of the bench.

70. **Will it be allowed to state that some of the facts or statements given by the witnesses (PW & DW) are fabricated?**

Ans. The teams are permitted to draw inferences from the statement, provided they can corroborate the same to the satisfaction of the bench.

71. **Can the defence witness statements be used in the arguments to put across points?**

Ans. Witness statements are deemed acceptable only after the examination of the relevant witness.

72. **Can the section 180 (3) statements be used in the memorandum by prosecution and defence, and at what stage of trial are the defence witnesses providing their statements?**

(Note: Section 180 statements correspond to police examinations of witnesses under the BNSS).

Ans. The witness statements may be relied upon in the memorandum, subject to the understanding that the statements are deemed legally acceptable only after the cross-examination of witness in the oral rounds.

73. **Whether any of the items recovered during the recovery mahazar will be provided to the participants during the examination of witnesses?**

Ans. The teams are expected to rely on the Recovery Mahazar and the cross examination of relevant witness to assert or make inferences on the recovery mahazar.

74. **Clarification regarding Point XIV under the Rules for Oral Rounds (Clause d for Prelims, Clause c for Semi-Finals): What exactly is contemplated under the said provision? What would be the role and responsibility of the respective speakers? Will the speakers be required to remain assigned to their respective sides/issues throughout the round? Will there be any opportunity to change/address a different issue? Is compliance mandatory or is flexibility permitted?**

Ans. During each of the round, each of the 2 counsels of the team are to conduct an examination (chief or cross) and render a statement (opening or closing). The division of such examination and statements between the 2 counsels are to be intimated to the Court Officers prior to the commencement of the rounds. Eg: If A & B are the speakers in the team, A cannot take up both the chief and cross examination while B takes up both the Opening and closing statement. A and B both are expected to do one examination (Chief or cross) and submit one statement (opening or closing) (i.e, say A takes up Opening statement and Cross examination and B takes up Closing Statement and Chief examination). The detail that A will be conducting which examination and statement and B will be conducting what examination and statement will have to be provided to the court officer beforehand.

75. **In Rule XIII(b)/Point XII(b) of the Competition Rules, it mentions preparing all the documents required to Prosecute/Defend as suggested in the Proposition as a part of the memorial. What is the scope/prescribed format of the term "Documents"? If it includes additional items like the FIR copy, Inquest report, Recovery Mahazars, Medical/Forensics/Final Reports, where should they be inserted (after statement of charges, summary of arguments, arguments advanced, or prayer)? Are they submitted with the memorial or only for Oral Rounds?**

Ans. Notwithstanding Rule XIII(b) and Rule XII(b) of the rulebook, the teams are prohibited from adducing any additional documents other than the ones provided as annexures in the case details. The annexures in the trial proposition is deemed to be exhaustive.

76. According to Rule XIII(g), the maximum page limit for arguments advanced is 15 pages. Then, what is the maximum limit of total number of pages of the memorial?

Ans. Refer to Rule XIII(g) of the rulebook to find the prescribed contents of the memorial.

77. The citation format as mentioned in Rule XIII(h), any one of them can be used, right? Also clarify the space between the two footnotes, as it states "Double space between two footnotes".

Ans. Any of the prescribed citation can be used in the memorial uniformly. The double space is to be understood in its plain and simple meaning.

78. What should be the file name of the memorials for online submission?

Ans. Refer to Rule XIII(l) of the rulebook ; Team Code (TC), Code XX (code number assigned and shared to each team), Prosecution (P) / Defence (D) : Eg., TC XX - P (for Prosecution side)

79. In the memorials, should page borders be inserted or not?

Ans. Refer to Rule XIII(i) of the rulebook

80. In the memorials what should be mentioned in the header and footer, other than page numbers?

Ans. No such requirement, Refer to Rule XIII(l) of the rulebook

81. Whether the soft copy of the compendium should be submitted along with the soft copy of memorials?

Ans. No, the teams who would like to submit Compendium for the Competition, will be required to submit along with the Hard copies of the Memorials at the Campus Registration Desk.

Note : Team's should ensure non-disclosure of identity in the submitted Memorial / Compendium.

82. AI and Plagiarism: What is the permissible extent or threshold of AI assistance and plagiarism in the preparation of memorials and oral submissions?

Ans. The submissions shall be the original work of the team. The similarity index (plagiarism) for a Memorial should not be more than 15%.

If teams choose to use Generative AI tools to assist with creating the content of their Memorials, they are fully responsible for ensuring that no fictitious, fabricated, or non-existent facts, information, quotations and/or sources are incorporated into their submissions. The OC shall conduct a review, independent of the Memorial evaluation, to verify the authenticity and legitimacy of the sources cited. Any Memorial found to contain such inaccuracies or fabricated material shall be liable to significant penalties, including disqualification from the Competition.

83. **In the memorial Statement of facts, whether only the charges should be written, or the entire format of the charges (including the name of the Judge) should be written?**

Ans. Statement of facts should describe the factual circumstances of the case. The statement of charges can be framed as how 'Statement of Jurisdiction' is framed describing the jurisdiction.