2025 Judges' Scoring Rubric for All onimA Rounds

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Criterion	Scoring Guidance for a Perfect Score
Fluency (20) & Pronunciation (20)	Speech flows smoothly, maintaining steady pacing and natural articulation. Words are **pronounced** clearly with proper pronunciation, including మహాప్రాణాలు, ల/ళ, ట/ త, etc. Their final score in this criterion is based on the players' fluency and pronunciation. Not overly long pauses that interrupt the flow. Pauses will reduce your score.
Grammar, Sentence Structure & Telugu Vocabulary (20)	Speech demonstrates **correct grammar of Telugu**, proper sentence formation, and **logical phrasing**. A **rich vocabulary** is used, avoiding basic words where appropriate. Telugu equivalents should be used for common words instead of English terms. While the judges cannot keep track of every English word used and grammar error, their score in this criterion considers these two points. Keep in mind that some topics require the use of English words; judges will make special allowance for these. The judges' decision is final on this matter. Please, no discussions. Ex: "పర్యావరణాన్ని రక్షించేలాగా దీపావళి పండుగ ఎలా జరుపుకోవాలి?" Using "environment" is **not acceptable**, because the topic clearly mentions the telugu word పర్యావరణం. దీపావళి is also not acceptable. Please check the rules in the "Valid English Words" section at this link for allowed words:
Confidence, Delivery & Engagement (10)	The speaker maintains **good posture, eye contact, and tone**. Speech is **clear, expressive, and inviting**, demonstrating **strong audience engagement** through voice modulation and hand

	gestures. But, please don't walk all over the stage. Be sure to project your voice. Do not mumble.
Time, Topic Adherence & Coherence (20)	The player's Ideas are **logically structured**, staying **relevant to the topic** throughout the speech. The player maintains a **clear narrative flow**, avoiding unnecessary diversions or repetition. Ex: talking about ఆవు when topic is "డైనోసార్లు ఎలా అంతరించిపోయాయి?". The player stays within a time limit of 60 seconds. Expect fewer points if the player speaks less than or over 60 seconds. Ex 2: "పర్యావరణాన్ని రక్షించేలాగా దీపావళి పండుగ ఎలా జరుపుకోవాలి?" Talking about how the player celebrated దీపావళి is off-topic.
Creativity, Expression & Logical Flow (10)	Speech is **dynamic and original**, avoiding **repetitive sentences and unnecessary pauses**. Players should use సామెతలు, తెలుగు నుడికారం, సొంత అనుభవాలు, సమయ స్ఫూర్తి, చమత్కారం effectively, while maintaining **smooth transitions between ideas**. Show your creative side! Ex: "పర్యావరణాన్ని రక్షించేలాగా దీపావళి పండుగ ఎలా జరుపుకోవాలి?"