

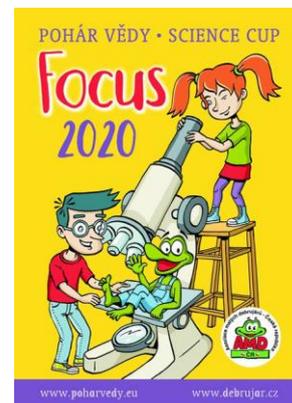
SCIENCE CUP – FOCUS 2020



POHÁR VĚDY SCIENCE CUP

Category 1 – Pre-School

1st round – January – deadline 31. 1. 2019 23:59



Introduction

Dear competitors, welcome in the first round of the already ninth year of the Science Cup – FOCUS 2020. Before you start working, please spend some time on this information on tasks, solutions, and evaluation.

Every month's assignment includes creativity task (20 % of the total evaluation), theory task (30 %), and practical task (50 %). The solution procedure of individual tasks should be described with your own words and documented with your own photos or pictures.

For each assignment solution, there is always one month. The solution must be handed in no later than on the last day of the given month at 23:59, when the assignment is closed.

The solution must be uploaded to the Science Cup web interface in the given period as one file in PDF format, not exceeding 10 MB in size. All the content of the solution (texts, drawings, schemes, photos) cannot exceed 3 pages of A4 paper format, and should be easily readable (simple font, minimal font size 11 pt.).

We can imagine you can write and fill with pictures far more than only three pages. The judges, however, need to have the possibility to read and fairly evaluate all the solutions. Thus, all the solutions that would not meet the given criteria would get, unfortunately, zero points. On the contrary, if your solution gets full marks, you can get 20 points for creativity, 30 points for theory, and 50 points for practice. In total, you can reach to 100 points in each of the four rounds of the corresponding part of the competition. Each evaluation consists also from the written feedback, so you know what was your strong part, and what you can improve for the next rounds. For the evaluation, the work of the team, not of the team leader, is crucial. Team leaders are asked to capture the reactions, expressions, and ideas of children.

Now you can start working, good luck with the tasks and enjoy the exploring!

Yours FOCUS 2020 Team

1. Creativity (20 %)

"FOCUS" in optics, acoustics and mathematics, "FOCUS" as a verb, "FOCUS" in medicine...

Focus on the Science Cup and in the creative section introduce your team and its name. We wonder why did you choose the name and we also wonder what your logo would look like. The logo will guide you through the competition.

Design your competition team logo, draw or model it and take a picture, or design it in your chosen graphics editor. Also tell us how it was created and why.



Logo (from Greek logos = word, speech, law, concept...) is a simple and easy to remember graphic of an organization, company, or institution, in your case a team. The company (team) logo is then featured on various company (team) documents and materials, helping to identify and create brand awareness (image-building).

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2. Theory and research (30 %)

Prepare a magnifying glass, a table lamp or a flashlight (if the weather is nice, you can also use the Sun light), and white paper.

ATTENTION: Never look directly into the light through the magnifying glass – your eyes may be damaged!

- See what it looks like if the light (from the Sun, a lamp or a flashlight) falls directly on the white paper.
- Examine what happens if the light (from the Sun, a lamp or a flashlight) falls on the paper through the magnifying glass and draw it for us.
- Suggest what the rays' concentration can be used for.

3. Practice and project (50 %)

Arrow behind a glass with water

Draw a horizontal arrow on a paper, place it 10 to 20 centimeters behind a glass or a transparent cup, and look at the arrow through the glass or transparent cup. Then pour water into the glass / cup and observe the arrow through the water. How do you see the arrow now? (If the arrow has not changed significantly, move it further away from the glass and try the experiment again.) Move the paper with the arrow away from and closer to the glass and watch how the arrow changes. Draw and describe your observations.

Play with hydrogel beads

Put clear hydrogel beads in water as directed and let them soak the water and swell (usually you need to leave them in the water overnight). Perform all subsequent experiments with swollen balls.

Take some beads out of the water and look at them, look through them around you, place them on a picture and look through at the picture through the bead. Draw us your observations.

Pour the beads into a transparent cup / bowl and put in the middle of the beads, so that it is completely hidden in the beads, something colored that would not be destroyed when wet (like a small toy). Look into the cup from the side. Do you see the toy? Pour water into the cup or bowl and look from the side again. Was there any change in what you see?

Place some hydrogel beads on a checkered paper and inspect the squares well through the beads. Let everything lie in a dry place and watch the beads every day. What is happening with the balls? Is there any change in how you see the squares through the beads? Watch the beads for at least five days.

Think and try your own experiment with hydrogel beads and draw or take a picture and describe it to us.

Document your experiments and experimenting with photos and pictures, eventually ask your team leader to write important things down. The best way would be to make an experimental diary where you can draw everything. The diaries would be for you, not to be sent to us.

Please do not forget that should we be able to judge all your solutions, you cannot send us anything longer than three pages!

We are looking forward to your solutions, and see you in the next round!

Describe the solution procedure of each task, the results of your team work, and any additional information, and document them with photos.

The solution can be handed in only before the deadline. Only the solutions fulfilling all the requisites given in the propositions will be judged.

If you have any questions, you can ask a category consultant in your country:

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