

SYMPOSIUM



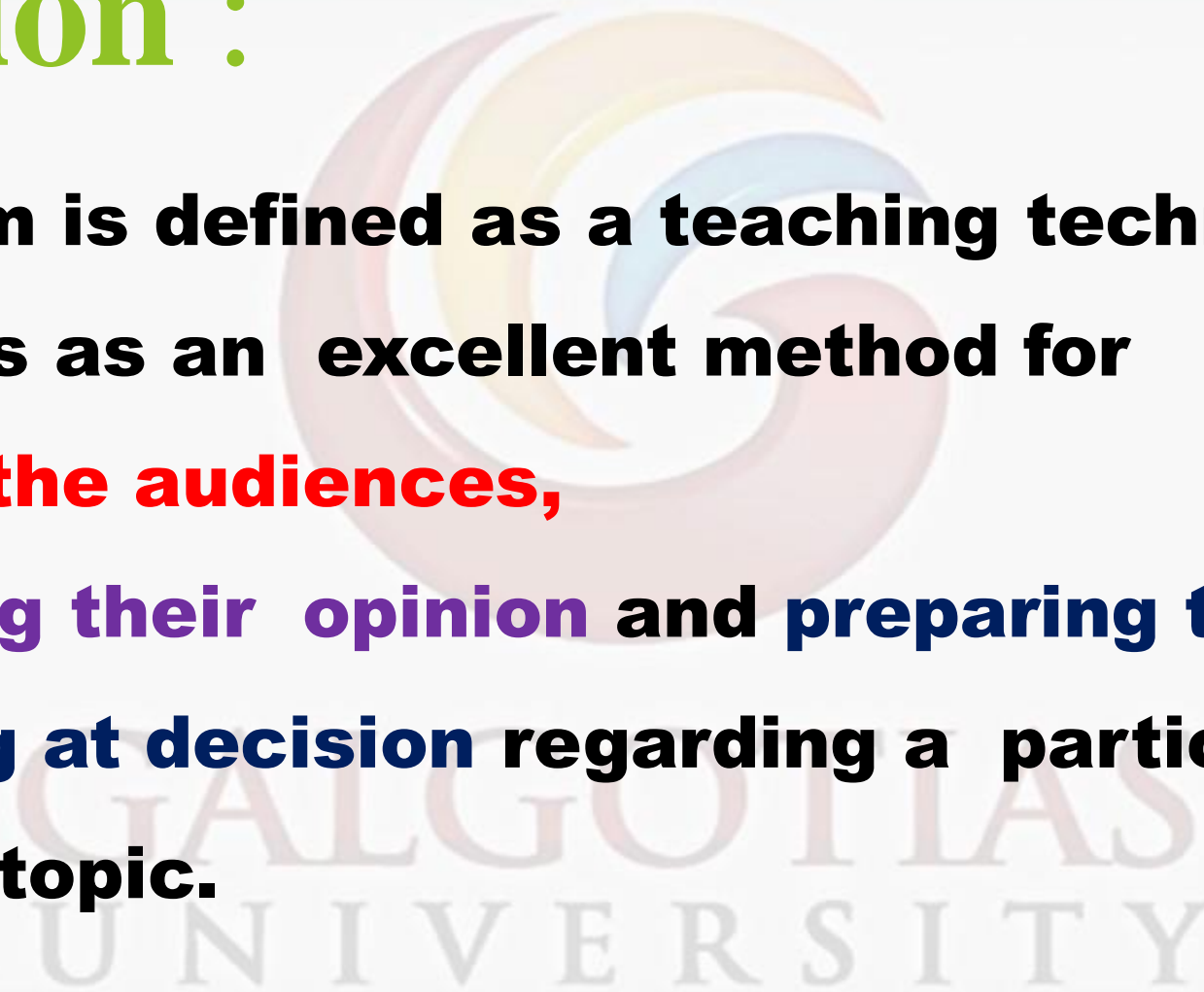
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Introduction

- **Symposium technique is a type of discussion where two or more speakers talk for 10-20 minutes, develop individual approaches or solutions to a problem or present aspects of a policy, process or programme.**
- **This is a technique of higher learning. It is an instructional technique that is used to achieve higher cognitive and effective objectives.**
- **This technique is also an essential method of teaching and learning.**

Definition :

- **Symposium is defined as a teaching technique that serves as an excellent method for informing the audiences, crystalizing their opinion and preparing them for arriving at decision regarding a particular issue or a topic.**



Characteristics

- **It provides broad understanding of a topic or problem.**
- **The listener is provided with an opportunity to take decision about problem.**
- **It is used in higher classes for specific themes and problems.**
- **It develops feelings of cooperation and adjustment.**
- **It provides different views on the topic of the symposium.**

Principles

- **The speeches may be persuasive, argumentative and informative.**
- **Original presentation is objective and accurate.**
- **Always include a summary at conclusion.**
- **Each speech proceeds without interruption.**
- **The chairmen of the symposium introduces the topic, suggests its importance and sometimes indicates the general approaches.**

Guidelines for Conducting Symposium

- 1. All member of the performing group can sit in straight line behind a table or in adjoining chairs with the chairmen in the middle or to one side of the speakers.**



2. The chairmen of the symposium introduce the topic and suggest something of its performance.



3. Two or more speakers talk from 10 to 20 minutes.



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4. The speeches are followed by questions or comments from the audience as in the panel form.



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Advantages

- **It is suited to a large group or classes.**
- **This method is used to present broad topics.**
- **Organization is good as speeches are prepared beforehand.**
- **It gives deeper insight into the topic.**
- **It directs the students to continuous independent study.**
- **This method can be used in political meetings.**

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Disadvantages

- **It provides inadequate opportunity for all to participate actively.**
- **The speech is limited to 15-20 minutes.**
- **It has limited audience participation.**
- **Question and answer limited to only 3-4 minutes.**
- **It has possibility of overlapping of subjects.**
- **There is a probability of repetition of content.**
- **The chairmen has no control over the speakers as they have full freedom to prepare the theme for discussion. They can present any aspect of the theme or problem.**

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