## **Report on Debate Competition**

The Department of Political Science in collaboration with the Department of History organized a 'Debate Competition' on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2022. The topic of the debate competition was 'Can celebrities make good politicians?' The primary objective of the competition was to encourage participants to harness their rigorous and critical thinking, academic skills, mental and emotional maturity. Two teams, each comprising of six students of second and third year B.A Honours gracefully assumed the centre stage. Team A comprising of the following students- Kahkasha Nasim, Laiba Fazal, Taniya Parveen, Shafaque Nazneen and passionately argued in favor of the topic, while Team B comprising of Marriyam Mishkaat, Amna Ahmad, Tuba Tahreem, Sarah Zaheer, Famida Khatoon and Fouzia Khan ardently opposed it, sparking a spirited debate. Following the compelling arguments, a vibrant discussion ensued, illuminating different perspectives on the aforementioned topic. Team A supported the motion by stating that if a celebrity fulfils the requirement of an efficient leader and enter politics, chances are very high that he/she will turnout to be a good politician. Team B cornered Team A by stating that celebrities are far away from ground realities and thus cannot win the trust of the general public and alleviate their problems. Each team presented their arguments with passion and conviction.

The evaluators for the competition were Dr. Arsh-e-Muneer, faculty member, Department of Urdu, Ms. Naghma Ahmed, faculty member, Dept. of History, Ms. Zeenat Mustaque, faculty member, Dept. of Islamic History and Culture. The session was moderated by Ms.Zarrin Sattar, faculty member Dept.of Political Science. The winner of this competition were Team B who outperformed Team A with their factual arguments and evidence. All the participants were awarded a certificate of Participation.





