

# Sample Valedictory Speech

(Practice few paragraphs only)

26 different shapes, known as letters. Arranged in endless combinations known, as words. Lifeless, Meaningless until as eye falls on them and then within a fraction of a second those shapes are turned into words, ideas, intellect. 4 letters out of these 26 have been bestowed upon the utmost glory, respect and honour by the Almighty himself. These 4 letters are the soul reasoning behind every creation and every innovation of this universe. Those Four letters are pronounced as "Iqra".

Honorable Governor of Sindh, Respected Board of Governors, Faculty, Fellow Graduates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Asalam o Alaikum,

I am -----, the voice of these beaming graduates of the Academic Year 2018-2019.

There have been many a times in our lives when we have felt extremely proud at different stages of our lives, but today we do not feel proud of ourselves, we feel very proud, we don't have pride in us today, but humility in our eyes, and today we do not feel grand at all, for we feel simply great!!

I am sure we all remember the day when we entered this remarkable place as a bunch of disoriented and disillusioned 12<sup>th</sup> graders, with a typical attire of a school-going attitude. We were such a mixture which could have been easily molded in a mold of disarray. Call it a miracle or Iqra's sheer and aggressive marketing that we landed at this place which we, with great affection call our home, Iqra University. This place didn't shine us into a new apple but actually peeled off all the bad skin from us of the typical school going kids' attitude, literally scrapped the skin off us the dirt of disillusionment and disorientation. This place refined us with the polish of clarity and vision and gave us the shine of Ambition, self actualization and team spirit. And if today at all we look literate, enlightened and credible people then trust me Ladies and Gentlemen it's all because of the rigorous and never-ending efforts of the people behind this institution.

All the time during this journey, a factor worked behind us non stop pushing us beyond our limits in order to excel in our daily quizzes and presentations, they made us shout, scream, pull our hair out with the tension of our final and mid term examinations, they made us study for years non stop during the papers, relying only on a cup of tea in the night and on the help of our dear class mates during the paper (which mostly went in vain).....Ladies and Gentlemen, they are

none other than our beaming, extremely talented, capable and our dear, dear faculty members.

Yes, they did give us a tough time and a rigorous routine, becoming as miser as Uncle Scrooge while giving away the marks, thus striving us to touch a higher standard every time. Yes, we did reach the standards every time, but only to find that the standard has been shifted higher!

Since we came in this world of awareness, we have known that we have three parents. Those who give birth to us, those in whose hands we are born and third are our spiritual parents, our teachers. Who like some our own mother and father are happy when we succeed, and wipe away our tears when we are unhappy.

I remember the time when I first stepped out of my house and I held onto the hands of my parents for support, protection and courage to face the world.

Today as we all step out of this home that we call Iqra University, we feel the same feeling as we hold onto the courage, faith and confidence that our teachers have given us, to face the professional, the REAL life.

We have our feet firmly on the ground and our heads held high, so all those corporate people out there, HERE WE COME!

The methodology, course work, assignments, the blood quenching quizzes and the soul threatening challenging exams have really made us dream.

Yes, ladies and gentlemen there were time when I thought yes, I can become the Chief Engineer at NASA, some of us dreamt of being the heads of IMF and some of us risk takers, decision makers really thought that they have the capability to sit one day here, where all these respectful people are sitting today! (Pointing to the Board of Governors and the Chief Guest)

Lastly, I would like to thank those people without whom we are nothing and never can be anywhere. Those who have always been there holding out their hands praying for us all the time. The debt of whom we can never pay back. Our parents, I thank you for everything, and especially those tears that I see in every parent's eyes today! Thank you!

With this Ladies and Gentlemen, I leave!