**ECONOMIC RESEARCH PROJECT**

**INDIVIDUAL (10)**

##### **KEY**

***TOTAL POINTS (180)***

***Judges/Graders:***

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*Workplace Skills Assessment Program* competition.

**Topic**

In today’s national economy, unemployment is a pressing issue. The highest unemployment is amongst high school students and recent college graduates. What causes high unemployment among these age groups and what is the economic impact on these individuals, their parents, and the country?

Your research paper should include but not be limited to the following items:

1. Reasons for these alarming statistics
2. The economic impact
3. What can be done to fix the problem?

**Contestants who do not submit an entry that follows this topic will be disqualified.**

**judging procedure**

* Contestant will be introduced by contestant number.
* As a team of judges, formulate two to three questions to ask at the conclusion of the presentation. Be sure to ask the same questions of each contestant.
* Contestants should be dismissed
* **There can be no ties in the top ten (10) contestants.** It is the responsibility of the judges to break any ties
* Administrator will fill out ranking sheet prior to dismissing the judges
* If more than one (1) section is necessary, finalists will be determined by selecting an equal number from each section
* Give administrator all Judges’ Rating Sheets, Judge Evaluation Sheets and contest materials
* No audience is allowed in the contest room

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