#### Judge Number Contestant Number

**Technical Scoring Rubric**

| **Items to Evaluate** | **Below Average**  **1-5 points** | **Average**  **6-10 points** | **Good**  **11 – 15 points** | **Excellent**  **16-20 points** | **Points Awarded** |
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| **Comprehension** | * Topic not identified * Not focused * Random thoughts * Difficult to read * Desperate for ideas | * Topic not clear * Searching for ideas * No clear purpose * Hard to picture | * Clear message * General * Functional * Difficult to focus * Shows some purpose | * Ideas well-organized * Demonstrates understanding of subject matter * Easy to read * All important points covered * Free of content errors * Awareness of issue * Grasps overall issue |  |
| **Organization** | * No logic * No continuity * Gaps of information | * Somewhat logical * Difficult to understand * Irregular pacing | * Mostly logical * Some structure * Some critical connections | * Argument follows logical progression * Easily understood * Orderly presentation * Structured to keep reader interested |  |
| **Conclusions** | * No argument * Passive * Struggling | * Too broad * Lacking detail * Meaning obscured | * Vague argument * Weak evidence * Lacking in purpose | * Logical argument * Evidence to support * Convincing * Factual findings/ discoveries * Compelling summary |  |
| **Creativity** | * Inadequate resources * Bland * Rote response * Colorless | * Lacking in resources * General * Acceptable | * Weak resources * Shows some passion * Some originality * Obvious images | * Diverse resources, including interviews * Creative angle on the issue * Originality * Proficiency * Inventiveness |  |
| **Writing** | * Need for editing * Misuse of words * Imprecise | * Limited correctness * Stumbling * Disjointed | * Readable * Questionable meaning * Functional | * Correct grammar, spelling, punctuation * Concise language * Sentence structure/ patterns * Expressiveness |  |
| **TOTAL TECHNICAL SCORING POINTS (100 points maximum)** | | | | |  |