#### Judge Number Contestant Number

**Technical Scoring Rubric**

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| Contestant Violated the Copyright and/or Fair Use Guidelines | [ ]  Yes (Disqualification)  | [ ]  No |
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| **Items to Evaluate****Research Paper** | **Below Average** | **Average** | **Good** | **Excellent** | **Points Awarded** |
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| Contestant submitted the correct information and in the correct format.* Individual Entry Form – .pdf format (must be keyed, but does not have to be signed for pre-submission)
* Research Paper – .pdf format

***All points or none are awarded by the technical judge.*** | 10 |  |
| **Comprehension of topic**Demonstrates understanding of subject matter | 1-5 | 6-10 | 11-15 | 16-20 |  |
| **Organization and expansion of ideas**Argument follows logical progression | 1-5 | 6-10 | 11-15 | 16-20 |  |
| **Introduction/Summary**Logical argument, evidence to support conclusions, compelling summary | 1-5 | 6-10 | 11-15 | 16-20 |  |
| **Creativity**Diverse resources, creative angle on the issue, originality, inventiveness | 1-5 | 6-10 | 11-15 | 16-20 |  |
| **Writing Skills**Correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, concise language, sentence structure | 1-5 | 6-10 | 11-15 | 16-20 |  |
| **Overall Effectiveness of Research** | 1-5 | 6-10 | 11-15 | 16-20 |  |
| **TOTAL TECHNICAL POINTS (130 points maximum)** |  |

**Contestant is required to format research paper according to the** [***Style & Reference Manual***](http://www.bpa.org/sdownload/2015-16_SPS_Style_Reference_Manual.pdf)***.***