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Judges/Graders: Please double check and verify all scores and answer keys!

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Workplace Skills Assessment Program competition.



Description

Demonstrate communication skills in arranging, organizing, and effectively presenting information orally without prior knowledge of the topic.

No materials or previously prepared notes will be allowed into the preparation or presentation room with the contestant.

JUDGING PROCEDURE

- The contestant will draw two (2) different business topics and will select either one. The topics may deal with Business Professionals of America, office situations, the business world, etc.
- The contestant will be provided ten (10) minutes to develop the topic. Notes will be made on the note cards provided by the event proctor. No advisor contact will be allowed between the time of receiving the topic and the delivery.
- Cell phones may not be used in the preparation room.
- Contestants will be introduced by contestant number. **Contestants may continue to wear their name badges.**
- Contestants will present before a panel of judges and timekeeper.
- The length of the speech will be no less three (3) minutes and no more than five (5) minutes.
- The contestant will be given warnings via flash cards when there are two (2) minutes remaining and when there is (1) minute remaining during the speaking time.
- The speech will be stopped at five (5) minutes.
- No time is allotted for judges' questions.
- Contestants should be dismissed upon completion of their speech.
- **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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TOPICS:

1. Some children and adults overuse social media and electronic entertainment as a substitute for face-to-face interaction. What are your thoughts on the effect this can have on individuals and on society as a whole?

2. Drama is all around us, and the workplace is not immune to it. How can an employee maintain a good balance between workplace socialization and focusing on the job requirements?

3. Most employers have policies about employees' use of personal social media. Do you believe that social media postings should affect your employment?

4. Poverty and hunger affect productivity in the workplace. Share other concerns around this issue and ways for an employer to deal with them.

5. Self-driving cars are being produced to reduce the number of car crashes attributed to human error. What are your thoughts on this new product?

6. Our country has seen a slight decrease in volunteerism over the past few years. Describe how you would encourage individuals in your BPA chapter and your community to participate in more volunteer activities.

7. Working from home or from a mobile office is sometimes an option for employees. Discuss some of the pros and cons of working in this manner versus working at the workplace.