

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES (530)

—Post-secondary—

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TOTAL POINTS

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Workplace Skills Assessment Program competition.

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.