



CONTEMPORARY ISSUES (530)

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Judges: 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. Discuss some of the benefits of using cellular communication, as well as some of the problems of misuse.
2. Defend both sides of employees displaying tattoos in the workplace.
3. Is it appropriate for companies to drug test their employees?
4. Should Congress place a tax on sugary foods and/or drinks?
5. What impact does employee wellness have on a business?
6. How does taking time off affect employee productivity?
7. How does the way you dress affect your work performance?
8. Make a case for the benefits of a 4-day work week vs. the traditional 5-day work week.
9. Should disposable products that are not at least 50% biodegradable be banned?
10. To what extent, if any, is reliance on technology affecting our ability to learn and retain knowledge?
11. What is product or company branding and how is it used?