



CONTEMPORARY ISSUES (530)

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PRELIMINARY

**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:

Is it appropriate for employers to ask staff to work through their lunch break?

Does a college degree guarantee success in business?

How important is it for the owner of a company to be involved in the day-to-day running of the business?

Should companies have the same set of rules for everyone?

Do you believe keeping a person ready for retirement around will benefit younger staff?

Should people in the business environment have to hide their tattoos?