



# Contemporary Issues

(530)

**REGIONAL 2025**

**FINAL**

TOTAL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_ (100 points)

**Preparation Time: 10 minutes**

### **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 than 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 one (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 the 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.

**Please double-check and verify all scores!**

## TOPICS:

Should there be limits on the use of facial recognition technology?

How can businesses use social media to reach more customers?

Should schools have stricter dress codes? Why or why not?

Should the voting age be lowered to 16 years old?

Should college athletes be paid?

What are the benefits of volunteering in the community?

Should the United States adopt universal healthcare?

Should the government provide free tuition for all public colleges and universities?