



**ECONOMIC  
RESEARCH TEAM  
(160)**

**REGIONAL 2026**

**PRELIMINARY**

**Judge Key**

## TOPIC

Is market failure grounds for government intervention? Use at least two examples to support your answer. In your response, consider the following:

- Circular Flow of the Economy
- Costs/Benefits of Market Failure
- Externalities
- Market Competition & Incentives
- Property Rights
- Public Goods

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## GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. **Formulate Questions:** As a team of judges, create two to three questions to ask at the end of each presentation. *Make sure to ask the same questions to every team.* Potential questions are listed below.
2. **Presentation Details:**
  - **Setup Time:** Teams have up to 3 minutes to set up.
  - **Presentation Time:** Teams have up to seven (7) minutes to present, followed by up to five (5) minutes for judges' questions.
  - **Completion:** Excuse the team after the judges' questions are finished.
3. **Judging Rules:**
  - **No Ties:** There can be no ties in the top 10 teams. Judges are responsible for breaking any ties.
  - **Ranking:** The administrator will fill out the ranking sheet before dismissing the judges.
4. **Scoring:**
  - Individual scores are not to be given to students.
  - Only general statements are to be shared.
  - Contestants are not allowed to ask questions.
  - Please share your comments directly online. Contestants will see these comments which will help prepare them for future competitions.
5. **Post-Presentation:**
  - **Materials:** Give any contest materials to the administrator.
  - **Audience:** No audience is allowed in the contest room.

## POTENTIAL JUDGE'S QUESTIONS

1. In your view, what was the most surprising or unexpected finding from your research?
2. If you had more time or resources, what additional research would you have done?
3. What challenges did you encounter while researching this topic? How did you overcome them?

## FINAL STEPS

Double-check and verify all scores.