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NATIONAL "ESSAY" CONTEST

CONTEST JUDGE'S INDIVIDUAL SCORING SHEET

CONTESTANT # _____

JUDGE'S NAME _____ JUDGE'S # _____

Based on a maximum of 90 points

JUDGING CATEGORY AND COMMENTS

CONTENT – Maximum points possible = 30

30	24	18	12	0
The essay is focused, purposeful, and reflects original insight and ideas	The essay is focused on the topic and includes relevant ideas	The essay is focused on topic, and includes few loosely related ideas	The essay poorly addresses topic, and includes irrelevant ideas	The essay does not address topic, or provide relevant ideas

POINTS

Comments: _____

ORGANIZATION – Maximum Points Possible = 30

30	24	18	12	0
Effectively organizes ideas to build a logical, coherent argument	Organizes ideas to build an argument	Some organization of ideas to build an argument	Little organization of ideas to build an argument, or contains fallacies in the argument	No organization of ideas to build an argument

POINTS

Comments: _____

COMMAND OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE – Maximum Points Possible = 20

Grammar Spelling Punctuation

20	15	10	5	0
Uses correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation without errors.	Uses correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation with few errors.	Contains frequent errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation 25% of the essay.	Many errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation, 50% of the essay	Egregious errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation makes readers comprehension difficult.

POINTS

Comments: _____

DELIVERY/STAGE PRESENCE – Maximum Points Possible = 10

Points: Excellent = 2 Satisfactory =1, Unsatisfactory =0

POINTS

		Score
Poise and Appearance	Posture, platform presence, appropriate attire	
Voice	Tone quality, projection	
Communication	Audience eye contact	
Gestures	Appropriate hand motions, facial expressions, emotions	
Accuracy	Speech must follow manuscript	

Comments: _____

Impromptu Writing – Based on a maximum of 10 points

JUDGING CATEGORY AND COMMENTS

CONTENT – Maximum points possible = 4

POINTS

4	3	2	1	0	Score
The essay is focused, purposeful, and reflects original insight and ideas	The essay is focused on the topic and includes relevant ideas	The essay is focused on the topic, and includes few loosely related ideas	The essay poorly addresses the topic, and includes irrelevant ideas	The essay does not address the topic, or provide relevant ideas	

COMMAND OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE – Maximum points possible = 4

POINTS

4	3	2	1	Score
Uses correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation throughout without errors.	Uses correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation with few errors.	Contains frequent errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation.	Many errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation makes reader's comprehension difficult.	

CREATIVITY – Maximum points possible = 2

Points: Excellent = 2. Satisfactory =1, Unsatisfactory = 0

POINTS

Maturity of thought	Score

Comments _____

GRAND TOTAL

TOTAL POINTS

Judge's Name _____

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Judge's Signature _____ Date _____