

JUDGE SUMMARY SHEET

JUDGING CRITERIA

Speaker

Content

Shows evidence of careful consideration of topic and delivers a logical case.

Gives arguments supported by evidence and relevant analogies.

Considers alternative viewpoints to their own.

Effectiveness in Role

Employs a clear structure that is easy to follow. Spontaneous comments where appropriate to be rewarded.

Answers questions comprehensively yet succinctly, demonstrating a greater knowledge of the topic over and above that displayed in the speech.

Style

Use of sheets or notes appropriate, but does not over rely on them.

Does not appear to have memorised the speech.

Natural fluid style that makes use of carefully chosen language and rhetoric.

Seeks to draw an audience in with tools such as good eye contact, and appropriate body language.

Chairperson

Content

Makes a relevant introduction demonstrating interest in the topic.

Effectively links the Speaker and topic.

Summarises key themes of the presentation at the end.

Effectiveness in Role

Creates a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Introduces speaker and questioner.

Manages the audience questions, asking for re-phrasing or repetition, or re-asking the question directly where appropriate.

Effectively manages time, ensuring presentations do not over run or spend too much time on any one section of the presentation.

Style

Ensures speakers feel welcome and appreciated and leads applause.

Interrupts firmly but politely to keep participants to time.

Questioner

Content

Asks relevant questions that show they have listened to the speech as given, not merely pre-prepared questions.

Shows evidence of understanding of the topic by introducing other aspects where appropriate.

Effectiveness in Role

Attempts to deepen understanding of the topic and add clarity where necessary.

Suggestions of alternative lines of argumentation or views.

Offers clear and succinct questions.

Willingness to ask follow up questions where appropriate.

Style

Employs a non-combative style, being courteous but probing.

Engages in a friendly dialogue with the speaker.

Good use of stance, gesture and eye contact to include the audience in the questioning period.

SCORING SCALES

Speaker

Standard	Content	Effectiveness in Role	Style	Overall
Exceptional	17-20	9-10	9-10	33-40
Very Good	13-16	8-9	8-9	25-32
Good	9-12	7-8	7-8	17-24
Satisfactory	5-8	5-6	5-6	9-16
Poor	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-8

Chairperson and Questioner

Standard	Content	Effectiveness in Role	Style	Overall
Exceptional	13-15	9-10	5	26-30
Very Good	10-12	8-9	4	21-25
Good	7-9	7-8	3	16-20
Satisfactory	4-6	5-6	2	11-15
Poor	0-3	0-4	0-1	0-10