

Indicators	Excellent Skill is Shown 5-4 points	Moderate Skills is Shown 3-2 points	Inadequate Skill is Shown 1-0 points	Points Earned	Wt.	Total Score
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Oral Communication – 300 points

A. Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples are vivid, precise, and clear • Examples are original, logical, and relevant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples usually concrete but need clarification; need more thought 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples are abstract, not clearly defined • Confusing or irrelevant to topic 		X 15	
B. Speaks without hesitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No unnecessary pauses or hesitations • Pace is steady and reasonable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally needs long pauses • Pace is usually steady but fluctuates occasionally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has long, awkward pauses when speaking • Pace is too fast/too slow most of the time 		X 15	
C. Tone & Volume	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate tone/volume is consistent throughout • Pronunciation is clear and intent apparent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate tone/volume is usually consistent • Shows some nervousness • Pronunciation is somewhat clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty in using appropriate tone/volume • Nervousness in voice is apparent • Pronunciation is lacking 		X 15	
D. General Effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to captivate audience using power of presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker articulates facts but lacks power and “wow” factor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker loses audience with lack of enthusiasm and power 		X 15	

Nonverbal Communication – 300 points

A. Eye Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye contact is consistently used • Looks at the audience 90-100% of the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye contact is mostly consistent • Looks at audience 60-80% of the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye contact is inconsistent • Looks at audience less than 50% of the time 		X 15	
B. Gestures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gestures are purposeful and effective • Expressive, confident hand motions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually uses purposeful gestures • Hands are sometimes used to express points 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally uses gestures • Hands are not used to emphasize points 		X 15	
C. Mannerisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not have distracting mannerisms • No nervous habits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has some distracting mannerisms • Exhibits some nervous habits and ticks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has many distracting mannerisms • Displays nervous habits; anxious ticks and fidgets 		X 15	
D. Poise and Posture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great posture with appropriate body language • Poised and in control at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally slumps; sometimes negative body language • Usually poised; rarely loses composure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slumps, poor posture; inappropriate body language • Isn't poised; loses or lacks composure 		X 15	

Response to Questions – 400 points

A. Speaks Unrehearsed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaks unrehearsed with comfort and ease • Is able to speak with organized thoughts and concise answers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly speaks unrehearsed; sometimes seems unsure or nervous • Can speak effectively but has to stop and think; gets unfocused sometimes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows nervousness or seems unprepared when speaking unrehearsed • Seems to ramble or speaks before thinking 		X 25	
B. Knowledge of Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers show thorough knowledge of subject • Supports answers with detailed and relevant examples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers show some knowledge of subject • Answers are somewhat supported but evidence lacks strength 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers show little knowledge of subject • Evidence is lacking to support answers 		X 55	

Total Points for Oral Communication (300 points possible)	
Total Points for Nonverbal Communication (300 points possible)	
Total Points for Responses to Questions (400 points possible)	
Time Deduction (-1 point per second under or over time) Junior Division: 5-8 minutes; Senior Division: 6-8 minutes	
Net Total Points	

Judges' Comments: