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2011 Topics and Speaking Times

Primary B

All debates are Prepared Debates. Speeches of 2 minutes; warning bell at 1 minute.

- Round 1 That junk mail should be banned.
- Round 2 That school students should wear a uniform.
- Round 3 That all students should play a sport.
- Round 4 That children should be allowed to have a TV in their bedroom.
- Round 5 That Children's Day is a silly idea.

Primary A

All debates are Prepared Debates. Speeches of 3 minutes; warning bell at 2 minutes.

- Round 1 That teachers should wear uniforms.
- Round 2 That ten years old is too young to be home alone.
- Round 3 That it is better to read the book than see the movie.
- Round 4 That Primary School students should choose their own subjects.
- Round 5 That stronger discipline is needed in schools.

Year 8

All debates are Prepared Debates. Speeches of 4 minutes; warning bell at 3 minutes.

- Round 1 That there should be a SRC in schools.
- Round 2 That violent video games should be banned.
- Round 3 That public funds shouldn't be used to build professional sports stadiums.
- Round 4 That experimentation on animals should be banned.
- Round 5 That court proceedings should be televised.



Year 9

Rounds 1 to 4 are Prepared Debates. Speeches of 5 minutes; warning bell at 4 minutes.

Round 1 That our school system prepares students for the real world.

Round 2 That peer pressure does more harm than good.

Round 3 That Australia should use nuclear power.

Round 4 That smokers should be allowed to die.

Round 5 That the royals are relics.

One Card Debate. Speeches of 5 minutes; warning bell at 4 minutes.

Year 10

Rounds 1 to 3 are Prepared Debates. Speeches of 6 minutes; warning bell at 5 minutes

Round 1 That Global Warming is a myth.

Round 2 That paid surrogacy should be legalised.

Round 3 Oil Mining Quodlibetical. See following pages for details.

Prepared Debate. Speeches of 6 minutes; warning bell at 5 minutes.

Round 4 That we should 'turn back the boats'.

One Card Debate. Speeches of 6 minutes; warning bell at 5 minutes.

Round 5 **Short Preparation format debate.**

Speeches of 5 minutes; warning bell at 4 minutes.

Senior

Round 1 That Julian Assange is a modern day hero.

Prepared Debate. Speeches of 8 minutes; warning bell at 7 minutes.

Round 2 That offshore drilling should be banned.

One Card Debate. Speeches of 8 minutes; warning bell at 7 minutes.

Round 3 Gaddafi Quodlibetical. See following pages for details.

Prepared Debate. Speeches of 8 minutes; warning bell at 7 minutes.

Round 4 **Short Preparation format debate.**

Speeches of 6 minutes; warning bell at 5 minutes.



Special Formats of Prepared Debates

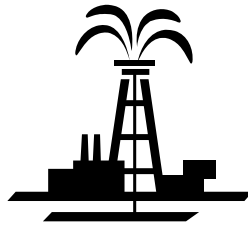
Quodlibetical Topic

There are a number of issues that can't be easily expressed in a one-line topic. Therefore you have been given a fictitious scenario, outlined by a few paragraphs, and a topic that is based on this scenario.

The following should be noted:

1. The first speaker should not attempt to define the topic word for word, but rather should define the issue(s) or dilemma(s) that the topic presents.
2. It is this issue or dilemma that should be debated in an attempt to prove whichever side of the topic, i.e. feel free to debate the particular issue generally, but be sure to link it back to the topic as this is what you want to argue for or against.
3. There is no need for the first speaker to read out the initial paragraphs as the Chairman will do this before announcing the topic, however, any speaker may refer to these paragraphs as part of his/her argument.
4. You are welcome and are encouraged to conduct further research on the issues presented.

Year 10 Round 3 Topic: Oil Mining Quodlibetical



Oil Industry Limited (OIL) is an oil mining firm. In a recent survey for oil resources a team of the mining firm's engineers chance upon an island inhabited by a tribe of people who have had no contact with the outside world or modern society.

The engineers discover that the island inhabited by the primitive natives sits atop one of the richest oil deposits in the world which has the potential to provide fuel for the world for at least the next 50 years.

The tribe never having had contact with the outside world are afraid of the engineers who speak in words they cannot understand and fly within roaring machines that roar across the sky (helicopters). Even more puzzling to them is why anyone would want to dig up their land which has been the tribe's home for generations.

With the global economy turning south and oil discovery at an all-time low Oil Industry Limited has decided to repatriate the natives and bring them into the 21st Century. Anthropologists argue that doing so will destroy the native's culture and fight to resist the move.

Topic: "That Oil Industry Limited should be allowed to drill on the island and forcibly repatriate the natives."

Senior Round 3 Topic: Gaddafi Quodlibetical



In February 2011 there were a series of protests and confrontations in the North African state of Libya against the 42-year ruling dictator Muammar Gaddafi. The protesters wanted democratic elections. The confrontation quickly escalated into armed conflict with rebels controlling cities in the eastern part of the country. Serious fighting and the resulting casualties were beginning to approach the scale of a civil war.

Most nations have strongly condemned Gaddafi's force against civilians, however Gaddafi has attributed the revolt against him to Al-Qaeda. He has also claimed that the revolt against his rule is the result of a colonialist plot by the United Kingdom, the United States and France to control the oil fields. He has vowed to crush the insurrection.

On 17 March 2011 the UN Security Council voted to authorise a No Fly zone and approved a resolution permitting all necessary measures to protect civilians from Gaddafi's forces.

Topic: "That the UN should not interfere with the internal affairs of Libya."

Debaters are welcome and are encouraged to conduct further research on the issues presented.