

Extemporaneous Public Speaking Rubric

1000 points

NAME _____ MEMBER NUMBER _____

CHAPTER _____ STATE _____

INDICATORS	Very strong evidence of skill is present 5-4 points	Moderate evidence of skill is present 3-2 points	Strong evidence of skill is not present 1-0 points	Points Earned	Weight	Total Score
Oral Communication – 600 points						
Examples	Examples are vivid, precise and clearly explained. Examples are original, logical and relevant	Examples are usually concrete, sometimes needs clarification. Examples are effective, but need more originality or thought.	Examples are abstract or not clearly defined. Examples are sometimes confusing, leaving the listeners with questions.		X 10	
Speaking without hesitation	Speaks very articulately without hesitation. Never has the need for unnecessary pauses or hesitation when speaking.	Speaks articulately, but sometimes hesitates. Occasionally has the need for a long pause or moderate hesitation when speaking.	Speaks articulately, but frequently hesitates. Frequently hesitates or has long, awkward pauses while speaking.		X 10	
Tone	Appropriate tone is consistent. Speaks at the right pace to be clear. Pronunciation of words is very clear and intent is apparent.	Appropriate tone is usually consistent. Speaks at the right pace most of the time, but shows some nervousness. Pronunciation of words is usually clear, sometimes vague.	Has difficulty using an appropriate tone. Pace is too fast; nervous. Pronunciation of words is difficult to understand; unclear.		X 10	
Being detail-oriented	Is able to stay fully detail-oriented. Always provides details which support the issue; is well organized.	Is mostly good at being detail-oriented. Usually provides details which are supportive of the issue; displays good organizational skills.	Has difficulty being detail-oriented. Sometimes overlooks details that could be very beneficial to the issue; lacks organization.		X 30	
Connecting and articulating facts and issues	Exemplary in connecting facts and issues and articulating how they impact the issue locally and globally. Possesses a strong knowledge base and is able to effectively articulate information regarding related facts and current issues.	Sufficient in connecting facts and issues and articulating how they impact the issue locally and globally. Possesses a good knowledge base and is able to, for the most part, articulate information regarding related facts and current issues.	Has difficulty with connecting facts and issues and articulating how they impact the issue locally and globally. Possesses some knowledge base but is unable to articulate information regarding related facts and current issues.		X 30	
Speaking unrehearsed (questions &	Speaks unrehearsed with comfort and ease.	Speaks unrehearsed mostly with comfort and ease, but sometimes seems nervous	Shows nervousness or seems unprepared when speaking unrehearsed.		X 30	

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answers)	Is able to speak quickly with organized thoughts and concise answers.	or unsure. Is able to speak effectively, has to stop and think and some- times gets off focus.	Seems to ramble or speaks before thinking.			
Oral Communications Total						
Non-verbal Communication – 400 points						
Attention (eye contact)	Eye contact constantly used as an effective connection. Constantly looks at the entire audience (90-100% of the time).	Eye contact is mostly effective and consistent. Mostly looks around the audience (60-80% of the time).	Eye contact does not always allow connection with the speaker. Occasionally looks at someone or some groups (less than 50% of the time).		X 20	
Mannerisms	Does not have distracting mannerisms that affect effectiveness. No nervous habits	Sometimes has distracting mannerisms that pull from the presentation. Sometimes exhibits nervous habits or ticks.	Has mannerisms that pull from the effectiveness of the presentation. Displays some nervous habits – fidgets or anxious ticks.		X 20	
Gestures	Gestures are purposeful and effective. Hand motions are expressive and used to emphasize talking points. Great posture (confident) with positive body language.	Usually uses purposeful gestures. Hands are sometimes used to express or emphasize. Occasionally slumps; sometimes negative body language.	Occasionally gestures are used effectively. Hands are not used to emphasize talking points; hand motions are sometimes distracting. Lacks positive body language; slumps.		X 20	
Well-poised	Is extremely well-poised. Poised and in control at all times	Usually is well-poised. Poised and in control most of the time; rarely loses composure	Isn't always well-poised. Sometimes seems to lose composure.		X 20	
Non-verbal Communication Total Points						
Oral Communication Total Points						
Time Deduction *						
NET TOTAL POINTS						
RANK						

* –1 point per second under 4 minutes or over 6 minutes, determined by the timekeepers