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(Unless you're an extemporaneous student, and have received authorization to begin your prep time and look at the questions)

Seriously, don't be a scummy scum scum and look at these questions if you're a student.

You'll feel scummy for the rest of your life if you're a student and you choose to cheat and look at these questions.

Alright, all of the students shouldn't have made it to this page.

If you're a student, and you're still reading, know that you're cheating, and that you should stop.

Last warning: Only proceed to the next pages if you are a judge or extemporaneous competitor with prior authorization

1. What are the main factors contributing to skyrocketing housing prices? How long do you predict prices will rise?
2. What policies should states and/or the Federal Government adopt to improve the housing crisis?
3. How is the housing market today similar to the housing market before the Great Recession? How is it different?

1. Considering conditions after a month of fighting, how and when will the Russian invasion of Ukraine end?
2. Should foreign powers increase the amount, type, and/or directness of military and humanitarian assistance given to Ukraine?
3. Why has Russia failed to accomplish most of their pre-invasion objectives?

1. How has Russia's invasion of Ukraine changed NATO, the EU, and other international bodies?
2. How effective are the economic sanctions on Russia? How harmful have they been to the economies of the nations levying sanctions?
3. How severe is the Ukrainian refugee crisis? What should be done to help the millions of displaced Ukrainians?

1. Compare and contrast the housing crisis between urban, suburban, and rural areas of the US.
2. How has social media and the internet in general affected the Russia-Ukraine war?
3. What effect will the sanctions on Russian commodities, and the disruption of Ukrainian wheat production, have on the world?

Impromptu Round 1

Speaker One

Pre-prepared meals
Vaccines
News

Speaker Seven

Love
Laptops
Budgeting

Speaker Two

Guns
Gossip
Planes

Speaker Three

Books
Jogging
TV

Speaker Four

Microwaves
Invisible hand
Gardening

Speaker Five

Prison
Salt
Libraries

Speaker Six

Minimum wage
Boredom
Internet

Impromptu Round 2

Speaker One

Paper
Books
Social media

Speaker Seven

Dependance
Goals
Gratitude

Speaker Two

Creativity
Winter
Cooking

Speaker Three

Independance
Nature
Sports

Speaker Four

Confidence
Police
Piano

Speaker Five

Exercise
Cleanliness
Space

Speaker Six

Movies
Time
Walmart

Impromptu Round 3

Speaker One

Vladimir Putin
Textbooks
Milk

Speaker Seven

Promise
North Korea
Service

Speaker Two

Summer
Energy
Happiness

Speaker Three

Trials
Hair
Vote

Speaker Four

Support
Android
Child

Speaker Five

Star Wars
Water
School

Speaker Six

Friends
Electricity
Commitment

Impromptu Round 4

Speaker One

Moral relativism
Medication
Laugh

Speaker Seven

Interest
Story
Loyal

Speaker Two

Abortion
Dessert
Light

Speaker Three

Judge
Home
Defend

Speaker Four

Weight
Control
Stove

Speaker Five

Seek
Texting
Music

Speaker Six

Fight
Soap
Blame

Presidential Debate Round 1

Question #1

Do you think that the American economy currently offers a reasonable equality of opportunity for all? What will you do as president to try to improve or maintain equal economic opportunity in America?

Question #2

Should the future of the American economy be built on renewable or traditional energy source? What will your energy policy be?

Question #3

The U.S. Census Bureau reports in 2018 that median household income for African Americans was \$41,642, well below the median household income for all households which is \$63,197. Why are African American households lagging behind the rest of America in prosperity? What policies will you pursue to work to improve this situation?

Question #4

Would you like to see the federal minimum wage raised, lowered, or kept at its current rate?

Question #5

One of the key approaches by both the Trump and Biden Administrations to combat the economic impact of the covid-19 pandemic has been direct stimulus payments to American citizens. Are you in favor of this approach?

Question #6

What policies will you pursue to spur job creation in America?

Question #7

What sorts of tax rate increases or decreases would you push for as President? Where would you recommend increasing or decreasing spending to cover the tax rate changes?

Question #8

Some experts project that China will overtake America as the world's largest economy as early as 2030. How do you plan to set up America to compete against China in the global marketplace?

Presidential Debate Round 2

Question #1

The U.S. Treasury reports that the national debt is now in excess of 30 trillion dollars. Do you see this as a threat to economic prosperity? If so, what would be your approach to deal with the issue?

Question #2

A recent report by the Urban Institute indicates that 37% of millennials age 25-34 are homeowners while 45% of genXers and baby boomers owned homes at the same age. The report also notes that the supply of affordable housing has declined in recent decades and that a majority of renting millennials say that they haven't purchased a home because of cost. What do you think is the right approach to ensure that more young people will be able to afford to get into a home?

Question #3

How do you think income tax should be structured for the United States?

Question #4

Do you view combatting climate change as an economic priority? If so, what would be your approach?

Question #5

What would be your overall approach to trade policy?

Question #6

In 2018 Pew Research reported that when wages are adjusted for inflation, the average hourly wage in 1964 in 2018 dollars was \$20.27. In 2018 that same number was \$22.65. In between there has been little fluctuation. Why has this number risen so little in over fifty years? What should be done to improve the purchasing power of the average American hourly wage?

Question #7

In the 1940s manufacturing made up over one third of all jobs in America. In the 1970s it was over one fifth. Now manufacturing constitutes a little above 8%. Do you think we need to do more to make manufacturing a staple of the American economy, or is it good that America is moving toward other types of jobs?

Question #8

The most recent U.S. Census data shows that 11.4% of Americans live below the official poverty line in America. What policies will you pursue to get more people in America out of poverty?

Presidential Debate Round 3

Question #1

The 2021 budget included \$705 billion for defense spending, but Republicans are calling for a 5% increase over inflation due to Russia's increased aggression. Would you increase defense spending as President?

Question #2

The current inflation rate is 7.9%, which is the highest it's been in roughly 40 years. How would you help America through its current period of high inflation?

Question #3

One of the largest ways the President of the United States influences the national economy is by appointing members of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. What would you be looking for in people you would wish to appoint to the Federal Reserve Board of Governors.

Question #4

Since the 1970s the income gap between rich and poor in the United States has grown relatively steadily. Do you see income inequality as a serious issue? What approach would you take to the issue?

Question #5

Under what circumstances do you see protectionist policies as an option for purposes of improving the American economy?

Question #6

Are you in favor of fiat currency, such as the US dollar, a backed currency, such as the gold standard, and/or a digital currency, such as Bitcoin?

Question #7

Would you see an increase in the number of immigrants legally allowed from Central America as a benefit or detriment to the American economy and why?

Question #8

The Federal Reserve reports that approximately half of college students go into debt to obtain a college degree. The website EducationData.org also reports that the average citizen with student loans owes \$37,500. What should be done to make college more affordable for more citizens?

Presidential Debate Round 4

Question #1

Name one piece of legislation you would like to push to improve the U.S. economy?

Question #2

The US Small Business Administration indicated in 2020 that 47.1% of American workers are employed by small businesses. What will you do as president to ensure that the economy is an environment where small businesses startup and thrive?

Question #3

What approach will you take as president to ensure that America stays competitive when it comes to technological advancement with other tech leaders such as China, Germany, Singapore, and South Korea?

Question #4

The Federal Reserve seeks to keep inflation at a stable 2%. Others see a stable dollar with no inflation or deflation as a better goal. Which of these is the better approach, or is there another approach which is superior to either of these?

Question #5

What role do you see the President of the United States playing in promoting technologies that will drive the American economy forward?

Question #6

As robots and automation become an increasingly important part of the American workforce, some have argued for a universal basic income. Are you in favor or opposed?

Question #7

What role do you see the federal government playing in the U.S. economy?

Question #8

According the US Census Bureau, in 2018 21% of Americans participate in at least one government welfare program. Does the U.S. government offer welfare programs to too many? What would your approach be to welfare benefits?

Spar Topics Round 1

First Pair

- Resolved: Raising animals is an important part of child's education.
Resolved: Government should require businesses to give full time employees some amount of paid vacation.
Resolved: Hard cover books are better than soft cover books.

Second Pair

- Resolved: A child is more likely to gain scientific knowledge through camping than through reading a textbook.
Resolved: Teachers should be allowed to carry handguns in public schools.
Resolved: Reading the dictionary should be considered interesting.

Third Pair

- Resolved: For young children, imaginary friends are better than real friends.
Resolved: The United States Government should stop producing pennies.
Resolved: Reading poetry is better than reading biographies.

Fourth Pair

- Resolved: Physical fighting can be a positive way to resolve conflicts.
Resolved: The government should pay for inmates to receive education in jail.
Resolved: Writing a book is better than building a treehouse.

Fifth Pair

- Resolved: Dogs are the best pets.
Resolved: Gambling should be illegal.
Resolved: Reading a mystery book is better than reading a fantasy book.

Spar Topics Round 2

First Pair

- Resolved: It is wrong for fast food companies to advertise on children's channels.
Resolved: It would be better to be able to jump ten feet in the air than to be able to hold your breath for an hour.
Resolved: Working as a safari guide would be better than working as a school teacher.

Second Pair

- Resolved: Facebook should block racist posts on their site.
Resolved: Playing video games is a good source for education.
Resolved: It is better to be fast than strong.

Third Pair

- Resolved: It should be illegal to threaten to beat up another person.
Resolved: It would be better to have a self driving car than a personal flying suit.
Resolved: Learning math past Algebra is unimportant for most people.

Fourth Pair

- Resolved: It should be illegal to publish a sequel to another living author's book without that author's consent.
Resolved: It would be better to have someone to cook your food, than to have someone to clean your house.
Resolved: If you had to be a villain, a pirate would be the best choice.

Fifth Pair

- Resolved: Government should not be able to punish a person for burning a flag.
Resolved: Access to a smartphone makes one's life better.
Resolved: It would not be fun to be king of America.

Spar Topics Round 3

First Pair

- Resolved: People who have committed serious crimes should still be able to vote.
Resolved: Owning a car is generally a necessity in American society.
Resolved: Cinderella would make a better police officer than the Sleeping Beauty.

Second Pair

- Resolved: The very wealthy should have to pay a higher fine if they get a speeding ticket.
Resolved: If you could only own one pair of shoes, tennis shoes would be the best choice.
Resolved: Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk would be a better best friend than Rapunzel.

Third Pair

- Resolved: It would be better if cities didn't allow pandhandlers (you may define this term for students) to ask for money in public.
Resolved: Public schools should not sponsor sports teams.
Resolved: If one had to turn into a toy, it would be better to become Mr. Potato Head than to become a remote control helicopter.

Fourth Pair

- Resolved: Students should be allowed to bring a small pocket knife to public schools.
Resolved: Paper maps are better than a GPS.
Resolved: Traveling over the ocean by boat is better than traveling over the ocean by airplane.

Fifth Pair

- Resolved: The U.S. should replace the dollar bill with a dollar coin.
Resolved: It is more important to learn to type than to learn how to write by hand.
Resolved: Skiing is better than snowboarding.

Spar Topics Round 4

First Pair

- Resolved: Government should ensure that every person has access to internet service.
- Resolved: Our world would be better if superheroes were real.
- Resolved: Stores should not be able to sell very violent video games.

Second Pair

- Resolved: It should be illegal to spit in public.
- Resolved: It would be better if gravity on earth were slightly stronger than if gravity were slightly weaker.
- Resolved: Fall is better than Spring.

Third Pair

- Resolved: Parks should not be owned and maintained by government.
- Resolved: It would be better to live life as a giant sized human than to live life as a mouse sized human.
- Resolved: Single level homes are better than multiple level homes.

Fourth Pair

- Resolved: It should be illegal to talk on the phone while driving.
- Resolved: It is better to have imaginary enemies than to have imaginary friends.
- Resolved: Flying a kite is more fun than riding a bike.

Fifth Pair

- Resolved: Government should put an extra tax on sugary drinks.
- Resolved: It would be better if humans had hands for feet.
- Resolved: Pinatas are more fun than sidewalk chalk.