

## **2024 NIETOC IMPROMPTU TOPIC AREAS & SAMPLE PROMPTS:**

### **Rd 1-Quotes**

People don't like the true and simple; they like fairy tales and humbug. - Edmond de Goncourt

Don't be the person who says yes with their mouth but no with their actions." - Ryan Holiday

### **Rd2-Proverbs**

There is no such thing as a free lunch.

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make them drink it.

### **Rd3-Metaphors**

"All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players."-William Shakespeare

"Life for me ain't been no crystal stair."- Langston Hughes

### **Quarters- Quotes from Marginalized Communities**

"Hope will never be silent." -Harvey Milk

"Self-dedication is a spiritual experience."-Caesar Chavez

### **Semis- Quotes from Famous Speech and Debate Alumni**

"Pizza is joy." Ann Kim, Chef, Apple Valley, MN- Class of 1991

"If you're in a situation where you don't see a Michael Scott, you're the Michael Scott."-Brian Baumgartner, Actor, The Westminster Schools, GA- Class of 1991

### **Finals- Stand-Up Comedians**

"Stand-up comedy is a really lonely profession: you perform for 2000 people, then you go to a hotel room by yourself and stare at a wall." -Anh Do

"I don't know what the future holds. All I know is, I'm good today. Real good." -Chris Farley



## **2024 NIETOC EXTEMP TOPIC AREAS & SAMPLE QUESTIONS:**



### **RD1—Triadic Questions (DX/IX)**

Should Southeast Asian nations like Thailand and Malaysia provide overt material support to armed rebel groups in Myanmar?

Will the Supreme Court's decision in *City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson* serve as a turning point in the relationship between U.S. cities and their unhoused populations?

### **RD 2 – The Health of Our Nation (Health, Infrastructure and Law)-DX**

Can the National Labor Relations Board uphold its Biden administration victories in upcoming arguments in front of the Supreme Court?

Should NASA begin the process of replacing the International Space Station?

### **RD 3 – International Hotspots-IX**

Should nations be more concerned that far-right political parties may become a vehicle for foreign espionage efforts?

How many more Russian soldiers will lose their lives before the country's war with Ukraine is concluded?

### **RD 4 – The 2024 Election Cycle -DX**

Which party, Democrats or Republicans, will come out of the primary season more prepared for the 2024 general election season?

Why has the Irish-American vote suddenly become a liability for President Biden in 2024?

### **Octos – Regional Alliances -IX**

Is Google becoming the test case for European Union regulators looking to crack down on poor digital business practices?

Should OPEC work with its member states to develop a bloc-wide sovereign wealth fund to ensure economic stability post-oil?

### **Quarters – The US Economy-DX**

Will recent increases in U.S. domestic retail sales be seen as a sign consumer confidence is increasing?

What impact will recent court settlements involving the National Association of Realtors have on the American real estate sector?

### **Semis –The Indo-Pacific -IX**

Can relations between India and China remain peaceful so long as the same leadership remains in power in both nations?

What steps must Australia take to deter knife crimes following multiple recent mass knife attacks?

### **Finals – Scenarios (Short Format) IX/DX**

North Korea, emboldened by its recent increase in support from the Russian Federation, decides to launch a missile attack on South Korea tomorrow. What steps must the US take to prevent an escalation to general war on the Korean Peninsula?

The countries of the OPEC+ alliance decide to radically cut petroleum exports in protest of expanded Israeli military action in the Middle East. This move triggers an immediate global economic contraction and fears of a repeat of the 1970s energy crisis. What can the U.S. do to mitigate these fears and assist their allies?