

## **2025 NIETOC Impromptu Topic Areas**

### **Rd 1- Quotes**

"Europe was created by history. America was created by philosophy." -Margaret Thatcher

"Learning never exhausts the mind." -Leonardo da Vinci

### **Rd 2-Proverbs**

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice. — Cherokee Proverb

You can't wake a person who is pretending to be asleep. — Navajo Proverb

### **Rd 3-Metaphors**

She sings like a lark.

You're building castles in the air.

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

"If you're not white, you have to be brilliant, just to be considered acceptable." — Luis Valdez

"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences." Audre Lorde

### **Semis- Quotes from Famous Chefs**

"A recipe is a guideline. Adding, subtracting, evolving it - that is part of the pleasure."- Gordon Ramsay

"The way you make an omelet reveals your character." Anthony Bourdain

### **Finals- Quotes from Famous Missourians**

"Never put off till tomorrow what may be done day after tomorrow just as well"- Mark Twain

"If it's not bold, if it's not ruffling feathers, what's the point?" -Chappell Roan

## **2025 NIETOC Extemp Topic Areas:**

### **Round 1 - 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?

### **Round 2 - 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?

### **Round 3 - The Health of Our Nation-Health, Infrastructure and Law (DX)**

Is RFK Jr. doing more harm than good with his response to the recent measles outbreak in Texas?

Will Kilmar Abrego Garcia's deportation continue to be a rallying cry for those seeking to end President Trump's immigration policies?

### **Round 4 - Europe (IX)**

Will the implementation of Europe's Entry/Exit System signal the window of opportunity Britain had to rejoin the EU?

Is Marie Le Pen's political career over following her recent conviction for embezzlement?

### **Octos - Triadic Questions (DX/IX)**

Is it time for state and local governments to demand a more structured rollout of federal policies from the Trump administration?

Are recent strikes by Israel in Syria a direct challenge to Turkey's leadership in the region?

### **Quarters- Stepping Into Their Shoes (DX)**

As Donald Trump, how can I restore flagging support in my leadership while also appearing strong to my MAGA base?

As U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz, how do I ensure my response to wildfires remains intact despite turmoil in my workforce?

### **Semifinals - Central/South America and Africa (IX)**

Is Peru facing its most serious political crisis in decades as multiple current and past presidents face legal scrutiny?

Is Bayo Ojulari up to the task of leading the NNPC into a golden era of accountability and profit?

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

North Korea, emboldened by continued support from the Russian Federation, decides to launch a missile attack on Seoul tomorrow. What steps could Japan take to assist South Korea, while also not causing 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 American production of oil and gas. This move triggers fears of a repeat of the 1970s energy crisis. What can the U.S. do to mitigate these fears and assist their allies?