

2010 Oregon Extemp Questions

Round One

Speaker One

1. Should NATO countries extend their commitment to Afghanistan?
2. Can the European Union improve its relations with Russia?
3. Can Joe Lieberman be counted on by Democrats to deliver support for their agenda?

Speaker Two

1. Will Sudan's president ever be subjected to trial before the International Criminal Court?
2. Can the European Union become a state in its own right?
3. Have President Obama's aides failed to manage his public image effectively?

Speaker Three

1. Can the International Monetary Fund help Africa fight climate change?
2. Is corruption undermining stability in Kosovo?
3. Does the Obama administration have the support necessary to pass meaningful immigration reform?

Speaker Four

1. Is the Palestinian government in the West Bank making progress at meeting Israel's expectations for peace?
2. Is Nicolas Sarkozy losing popularity in France?
3. Has Obama's health care reform victory saved his presidency?

Speaker Five

1. Can Iraq's elections be called a success?
2. Is the German governing coalition unraveling?
3. Is Nancy Pelosi an effective Speaker of the House?

Speaker Six

1. Can Iran's opposition regain its footing?
2. Can Russia succeed in reducing the frequency of terrorist attacks on its soil?
3. Are Democrats in trouble as the 2010 elections approach?

Speaker Seven

1. Should Zimbabwe hold early parliamentary elections?
2. Is Slovakia's Prime Minister exploiting nationalism for political gain?
3. Is Mitt Romney the man to beat for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination?

Round Two

Speaker One

1. Will Google's departure from China slow the country's moves toward openness?
2. Are high unemployment numbers here to stay?
3. Is the right to homeschool one's children sufficient justification for granting foreign families political asylum?

Speaker Two

1. Is democracy in danger in Sri Lanka?
2. Should the federal government have a role in controlling childhood nutrition?
3. Has Eric Holder proven to be an effective Attorney General?

Speaker Three

1. Should Malaysia eliminate its affirmative action policies?
2. Will the recently passed health care reform bill deliver the improvements its supporters have promised?
3. Will the Race to the Top initiative produce improvements in education?

Speaker Four

1. Can reformers gain the upper-hand in Indonesian politics?
2. Should Senator Dodd's proposed banking reforms be passed?
3. Is the Supreme Court weakening America's gun control laws?

Speaker Five

1. Can political corruption in Brazil be curbed?
2. Can Ford Motor Company increase its market share in Asia?
3. Will the President's planned education reforms fix the No Child Left Behind law?

Speaker Six

1. What steps can be taken to improve international cooperation in the Arctic?
2. Will the proposed "cap and trade" law have an impact on carbon emissions in the United States?
3. Should courts block scientists from being able to patent human genes?

Speaker Seven

1. Can Muslims play a significant role in Indian electoral politics?
2. Has the recession had a disproportionately negative impact on America's children?
3. Is it premature to retire the space shuttle fleet?

Semifinals

Speaker One

1. What steps can be taken to better regulate medical marijuana dispensaries in the United States?
2. Will the recent decision on property rights by the European Court of Human Rights inject new life into peace talks on Cyprus?
3. Will Robert Harding bring improvements to the Transportation Security Administration?

Speaker Two

1. What can the federal government do to accelerate the delivery of broadband Internet to all citizens of the United States?
2. Were recent talks designed to expand the CITES Treaty a success or failure?
3. Will the career of Congressman Charles Rangel survive pending ethics charges against him?

Speaker Three

1. What fields will experience the greatest growth in jobs as the recession ends?
2. Could Mohamed El Baradei be a successful contender for Egypt's presidency?
3. Should the federal government change its methods for conducting the Census?

Speaker Four

1. What is responsible for increased productivity in U.S. industries?
2. Will Ukraine continue its westward leanings, despite the election of pro-Russian President, Viktor Yanukovich?
3. What steps can the United States take to curtail terrorist recruiting on the Internet?

Speaker Five

1. What steps can be taken to curtail the spread of sexual assault in the U.S. military?
2. Will continued protests by the Red Shirts succeed at restoring former Thai Prime Minister, Thaksin Shinawatra, to power?
3. Did the Congressional testimony of Akio Toyoda help restore the credibility of Toyota Motors in the United States?

Speaker Six

1. How should the federal government improve oversight of private military contractors?
2. Will President Uribe's center-right coalition maintain its grip on power in Columbia after his term ends?
3. Which is most troubling for America's future: low test scores in reading, or mathematics?

Speaker Seven

1. What steps can be taken to improve college students' access to affordable loans?
2. How can the United States and Mexico cooperate to decrease drug-related deaths in Mexico?
3. Are environmentalists losing the scientific debate over climate change?

Finals

Speaker One

1. What can the Vatican do to rehabilitate the Church's image in the wake of child abuse scandals in several countries?
2. Will new federal laws governing the credit card industry provide meaningful protection to consumers?
3. Will America's new arms reduction treaty with Russia provide the protection from nuclear weapons that the world needs?

Speaker Two

1. What steps should be taken to help Armenia and Turkey normalize diplomatic relations?
2. Was Arlen Specter's switch to the Democratic Party a political misstep?
3. Will Sudan's cease fire with the Justice and Equality Movement help bring an end to the conflict in Darfur?

Speaker Three

1. What steps can the government of Greece take to restore stability to their economy?
2. Should laws be changed to increase protection of private electronic communications from government access?
3. Will the Liberal Democrats make a difference in upcoming British parliamentary elections?

Speaker Four

1. What was the key to Eastern Europe's economic recovery?
2. Is support for college education a problem best left to the states or the federal government?
3. Can the Democratic Party of Japan tame the country's powerful bureaucracy?

Speaker Five

1. How did Germany succeed at weathering the global recession?
2. Will federal government support for green industries have a noticeable impact on the environment?
3. Can Jacob Zuma's political career survive criticisms emerging from his personal affairs?

Speaker Six

1. What can India do to combat the Maoist insurgency in its eastern states?
2. Has the Council of Economic Advisors outlived its usefulness?
3. Can Italy's Silvio Berlusconi lead a credible crusade against corruption in his country?

Speaker Seven

1. What can be done to curb female infanticide in Asia?
2. Did the United States do its fair share to make the Copenhagen environmental summit a success?
3. Are the odds of cooperation between Cuba and the United States increasing or decreasing under the Obama administration?

Extras

1. Can European nations unite to undermine the power of Russia's energy monopolies?
2. Can tighter sanctions against Iran halt the country's development of nuclear technology?
3. Should Japan's right to fish for significant quantities of bluefin tuna be protected?
4. Is the UN succeeding in its efforts to reinstitute the rule of law in Guatemala?
5. Should whaling for scientific purposes be outlawed?
6. Is America's strategy for combating the Taliban effective?
7. Is Israel to blame for the failure of peace talks with the Palestinians?
8. How big of a role does opium production play in the Afghanistan conflict?
9. Has America's patience with Israel run out?
10. Can Israel's governing coalition hold together?
11. Should the United States intervene to help Somalia expel the Shabab?
12. Will the transition between Presidents in Nigeria result in increased instability there?
13. Will France's sale of warships to Russia pose a threat to Russia's European neighbors?
14. Can Gordon Brown secure a fourth term for the Labor Party?
15. Is the rebellion of the ETA against Spanish rule of the Basque region weakening?
16. Will China yield to American demands to revalue their currency?
17. Are Pakistan's fears of encirclement by its enemies justified?
18. Will property taxes be good for China?
19. Will Myanmar's upcoming elections be fair?
20. Does the National People's Congress have any real power in China?
21. What steps can be taken to protect Haiti's orphans from being sold into servitude?
22. Will Sebastián Piñera prove as popular as his Chilean presidential predecessor?
23. Is Argentina's government hostile to business?
24. Who will be victorious in Peru's upcoming presidential elections?
25. Are anti-assimilation policies on native-Canadian reservations unconstitutional?
26. Did the Olympics serve to heighten Canadian nationalism?
27. What can the world community do to speed the reconstruction of Haiti?
28. Should Canada continue to contribute troops to the war in Afghanistan?
29. Is it time to lift the embargo on Cuba?
30. Is Hugo Chavez guilty of persecuting his political enemies?
31. Is continued deficit spending good for America?
32. Did the community organizing group, ACORN, deserve to lose government support?
33. Can the City of Detroit succeed at its efforts to decrease vacant neighborhoods and consolidate its population?
34. Who will be the likely victor in California's gubernatorial race?
35. Can President Obama convince a skeptical public that health care reform is in their best interests?
36. Should women be guaranteed a fixed number of seats on all corporate boards?
37. Has President Obama been harder on the Taliban than President Bush was?
38. Is it time for the military to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"?
39. Should US funding for the war in Afghanistan be increased?
40. Should the US military have less influence on American foreign policy?
41. Should the use of aerial drones in Afghanistan and Pakistan be curtailed?
42. Is the Navy's decision to lift its ban on women serving on submarines good for women?
43. Is disaster relief an appropriate role for the U.S. military?
44. Should the United States withdraw its support for Israeli-Palestinian peace talks?
45. Should the showing of "Killer Whales" at zoos and aquariums be banned?
46. Are cellular phones a significant threat to human life?
47. Can genetically modified crops be pronounced a success of science?
48. Will 3D television prove to be as popular as its HD predecessor?

49. What scientific contributions can the world expect from the Large Hadron Collider?
50. Does recent research of exoplanets suggest a heightened probability of life beyond Earth?
51. Are the world's tsunami warning systems adequate?
52. Should the Obama administration restore funding for the Orion program?
53. Should citizens be allowed to carry a gun openly?
54. Can growth in college tuition be contained?
55. Is two drug possession convictions sufficient justification to warrant deportation of legal immigrants to the United States?
56. Should colleges and universities give courses away online for free?
57. Does the public advocacy of Jenny McCarthy help or hurt the cause of autistic children in America?
58. Should chat roulette be outlawed?
59. Should Google be allowed to help compile patient medical records online?