

SAMPLE EXTEMP QUESTION SET

This sample is written for a tournament that combines international and domestic versions of extemp into a single tournament. In this example, one round is US, one round is International, and the last round is a potpourri mixture of the two.

ROUND ONE (US)

Speaker One

1. How will Washington's minimum wage increase impact the state's economic outlook?
2. Will the recent welfare scandals in Minnesota and Mississippi shift the domestic focus of the Trump administration?
3. How would Amy Klobuchar entering the race for Minnesota governor impact the Democrats' odds to keep hold of the office?

Speaker Two

1. How will New York City Mayor, Zohran Mamdani, deliver on his promise to make city buses free in the wake of a fare increase?
2. Will the recent welfare scandals in Minnesota and Mississippi shift the domestic policy focus of the Trump administration?
3. Does Pete Hegseth's leadership represent a shift in conservative thinking about the role of the U.S. military?

Speaker Three

1. Is Trump's Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program going to have a genuine impact on healthcare in rural communities?
2. Will President Trump's involvement in redistricting efforts help the GOP in the 2026 midterms?
3. How could the US Congress prevent a January 31st government shutdown?

Speaker Four

1. Will President Trump be able to secure a Republican majority in Congress in 2026?
2. How will the recent outbreak of vaccine-preventable diseases impact governments' public health systems?
3. What will be the Trump administration's response to increasing protests surrounding the shooting of Renee Good?

Speaker Five

1. Will the Trump Administration's Command Investigation of Senator Mark Kelly result in any actions being taken against him?
2. Can Congress reassert its war powers in the wake of the US military operations in Venezuela?
3. What steps can the Trump administration take to combat corporations using AI to justify mass layoffs?

Speaker Six

1. Will calls for RFK, Jr. to be replaced as Secretary of Health and Human Services be heeded?
2. Will the rapid expansion of large-scale data centers generate more political power for tech companies?
3. What does Nvidia's position as a dominant semiconductor designer mean for the broader AI industry?

Speaker Seven

1. How will the US-China tech race impact the everyday American?
2. What does the federal focus on Somali businesses in Minnesota mean for the safety of Somali populations within the state?
3. What will be the Trump administration's response to liberal cities and states taking protective action against ICE?

ROUND TWO - International

Speaker One

1. What steps can other Latin American countries take to minimize the risk of foreign intervention following the US incursion into Venezuela?
2. Given recent attacks against Germany's critical infrastructure, how can the country prevent future sabotage?
3. What steps can China take to reverse its declining population growth?

Speaker Two

1. Can the US capture Haitian Gang Leader "BBQ"?
2. How can Ukraine shift from its reliance on Western allies for defense?
3. How will US missile strikes on ISIS in Nigeria affect counterterrorism efforts across the Sahel region?

Speaker Three

1. How can the Mexican government crackdown on "digital nomads" and the gentrification of Mexico City?
2. Will Vietnam's discovery of the HSV-2X oil deposit result in growing regional influence for the country?
3. How would regime change in Iran affect the nation's relationships with states in the Persian Gulf region?

Speaker Four

1. How can Colombia combat illegal mining by organized crime groups?
2. To what extent will Israel's recognition of an independent Somaliland disrupt cooperation with the nations of the Horn of Africa?
3. Should Denmark take steps to increase its military infrastructure in Greenland?

Speaker Five

1. Can Argentina's adoption of El Salvador's "Bukele Model" of law enforcement be adapted to other Latin American countries facing high crime rates?
2. What steps should the Danish government take to prevent a possible US-led invasion of Greenland?
3. How could South Africa's decision to host BRICS naval exercises affect its relationship with global partners?

Speaker Six

1. What does the UK's rejoining of Erasmus program signal for the future of their relations with the EU?
2. Does the Philippine's landfill collapse signify a broader need for federal infrastructure investment?
3. What steps can the government of Mozambique take to counter the presence of ISIS within its borders?

Speaker Seven

1. Will Prime Minister Takaichi Sanae's attempts to reform the G7's mineral supply chain be enough to rescue Japan's economy from Chinese retaliation?
2. What implications does India's absence from BRICS's joint naval drills have for the organization's stability?
3. Is the government of Cuba on the verge of collapse?

FINALS

Speaker One

1. What are the potential drawbacks to the introduction of the digital Euro?
2. How will China respond to the recent actions of the United States in Venezuela?
3. How will rising home heating costs impact Americans this winter?

Speaker Two

1. Will China's increasing development of an unmanned aircraft force the United States military to restructure its posture in the Indo-Pacific?
2. How will the California government respond to the Appeals Court ruling declaring the state's ban on "open carry" unconstitutional?
3. Will America's stock market continue its rise for the foreseeable future?

Speaker Three

1. How will the U.S. military's action in Venezuela shift U.S. posturing on the international stage?
2. Will India's assertion that a recent deadly attack in Kashmir was carried out by Pakistan-based militant groups result in renewed conflict between the two states?
3. What steps must Chancellor Merz take to convince Germans that Europe needs a stronger Germany?

Speaker Four

1. Will recent investments in hypersonic missiles spark an arms race like the Cold War?
2. How will Nasry "Tito" Asfura's election change the government of Honduras?
3. What steps can the American healthcare system take to reduce physician burnout?

Speaker Five

1. How would Nicolas Maduro's attorneys best try to beat the charges against him in US courts?
2. Is Australia's Bondi Beach massacre an isolated incident or is it representative of growing antisemitism in the country?
3. How has President Trump's support for cryptocurrency impacted the financial industry?

Speaker Six

1. Will Congressional objections to President Trump's actions in Venezuela split GOP unity on foreign policy?
2. How will coming increases in tax rebates and possible checks from the federal government impact public perception of President Trump's management of the US economy?
3. Will President Trump's planned "Trump Accounts" produce the investment yields for American newborns that he has projected?

Speaker Seven

1. Will the “Donroe Doctrine” be a defining feature of US foreign policy in President Trump’s second term?
2. Are bank mergers good for the US economy?
3. What steps can the Federal Aviation Administration take to increase the number of air traffic controllers?