

Prepared Public Speaking CDE Manuscript Rubric – 200 points

Speaker Name: _____ State: _____

Indicators	Very strong evidence skill is present	Moderate evidence skill is present	Strong evidence skill is not present	Points Earned	Weight	Total Score
Points possible per indicator	5-4	3-2	1-0			
Section A: Manuscript Content						100 possible points
Topic is important and appropriate						50 points
Current topic of interest	Topic is current or a strong evidence of personal involvement in the topic is expressed.	Topic is dated or some evidence of personal involvement has been expressed.	Topic is irrelevant for the times or unrelated to personal involvement.		x 5	
Topic is relevant and within the scope of identified subjects in the CDE guide	Topic addresses an issue facing the industry of agriculture.	Topic addresses an issue that may show some relationship to the industry of agriculture.	Topic addresses an issue that is unrelated to the industry of agriculture.		x 5	
Suitability of materials used						50 points
Validity of resources	Resources are from reputable sources.	Resources are from questionable sources.	Resources are from unreliable sources.		x 5	
Accuracy of content	Manuscript reflects accurate statements from resources.	Manuscript reflects some misinterpretation of resource materials.	Manuscript does not reflect accurate statements based on the resources provided.		x 5	
Total points for this section						
Section B. Manuscript Composition						100 possible points
Organization and development of content						40 points
Logical order and unity of thought	Clearly organized and concise by remaining on target; completely focused with obvious construction and strong introduction, body and conclusion layout.	Good organization with few statements out of place or lacking in clear construction.	Little to no organization is present; sometimes awkward and lacking construction.		x 4	
Accomplishment of purpose	The style chosen has obviously been well thought out based on the specific audience.	Most language is appropriate for the intended audience.	Some language used might be confusing for some audiences.		x 4	
Grammatical accuracy						35 points
Spelling/grammar (sentence structure, verb agreement, etc.)	Spelling and grammar are extremely high quality with 2 or less errors in the document.	Spelling and grammar are adequate with 3-5 errors in the document.	Spelling and grammar are less than adequate with 6 or more errors in the document.		x 7	
Manuscript written according to guidelines	5 points		0 points			25 points
Double-spaced on 8½" x 11" white bond paper 12 point Arial or sans serif font					x 1	
1" margins in the body of the paper Cover page with speech title, participant's name, state and year					x 1	
APA style for references and bibliography					x 3	
Total points for this section						
Grand Total Points						