



## ANNUAL SCHOOLS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SOCIETIES (SSTS) ORATORICAL COMPETITION

Schedule:

EVENT	VENUE	DEADLINE FOR ENTRY	DATE OF COMPETITION
Western Region Competition	Montego Bay Civic Centre, Sam Sharpe Square, Montego Bay	October 16, 2009	October 22, 2009
Central Region Competition	Mandeville Parish Church Hall, Market Street, Mandeville	October 16, 2009	October 22, 2009
Eastern Region Competition	PCJ Auditorium, 3-6 Trafalgar Road, Kingston	October 9, 2009	October 30, 2009

The topic for this year's competition is:

***“How can Science and Technology Reduce the Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Jamaica?”***



## **SSTS SCHOOLS ORATORICAL COMPETITION CRITERIA**

### **General Appearance, Poise, Posture, Gestures - 5 marks**

Grooming, good posture, confidence held throughout the presentation, lack of fill words, smile when appropriate, personality complements presentation, occasional glance at notes, meaningful eye contact with audience.

### **Originality and Conclusiveness - 5 marks**

The value of the paper communicates uniqueness of concepts, analysis or interpretations and/or the relevance of the topic.

### **Organization of Presentation - 10 marks**

Logical and clear organization of the paper, the background and historical context, introduction, body, summary and conclusion, serial progression, logically derived conclusions, interpretations, and implications of the paper, sticks with time given, effective use of speech notes, staying on the topic.

### **Voice Projection, Volume, Fluency & Control - 10 marks**

Effective voice variation with clear expression, clear pronunciation, pace of delivery, volume and tone to engage and keep audience attention, voice projection across the room, enthusiasm with appropriate pauses, emotional input to enhance the impact of the speech.

### **Use of Language - 5 marks**

The words were put together well to convey meaning without appearing to be memorized, effective use of language without being too technical or flowery, correct use of grammar, correct words that enable understanding.

### **Scope, Credibility, Complexity, Relevance of Information - 10 marks**

Information presented is relevant to the theme and pulls on a broad scope of knowledge to build theme, information is reliable and factual, sources quoted etc.



## **Response to Questions - 5 marks**

Speaker is prepared and handles questions with ease, good word usage, displays creative and spontaneous problem-solving & creativity in responding to questions.