

Grading Rubric: First Round

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| Written Response | <p>Response always addresses specific issues raised in prompt</p> <p>Writing is always clear and well-organized</p> <p>Arguments are always compelling</p> <p>Response always uses appropriate visualizations (graphs, charts) to illustrate arguments</p> <p>Visualizations are always self-contained</p> | <p>Response usually addresses specific issues raised in prompt</p> <p>Writing is usually clear and well-organized</p> <p>Arguments are usually compelling</p> <p>Response usually uses appropriate visualizations (graphs, charts) to illustrate arguments</p> <p>Visualizations are usually self-contained</p> | <p>Response sometimes addresses specific issues raised in prompt</p> <p>Writing is sometimes clear and well-organized</p> <p>Arguments are sometimes compelling</p> <p>Response sometimes uses appropriate visualizations (graphs, charts) to illustrate arguments</p> <p>Visualizations are sometimes self-contained</p> | <p>Response rarely addresses specific issues raised in prompt</p> <p>Writing is rarely clear and well-organized</p> <p>Arguments are rarely compelling</p> <p>Response rarely uses appropriate visualizations (graphs, charts) to illustrate arguments</p> <p>Visualizations are rarely self-contained</p> | <p>Response almost never addresses specific issues raised in prompt</p> <p>Writing is almost never clear and well-organized</p> <p>Arguments are almost never compelling</p> <p>Response almost never uses appropriate visualizations (graphs, charts) to illustrate arguments</p> <p>Visualizations are almost never self-contained</p> |
| Understanding of the banking sector and the FDIC | <p>Response demonstrates mastery of simple and advanced concepts relevant to banking</p> <p>Policy recommendations are always within the scope of FDIC's mission</p> | <p>Response demonstrates mastery of simple concepts relevant to banking and some knowledge of advanced concepts</p> <p>Policy recommendations are usually within the scope of FDIC's mission</p> | <p>Response demonstrates solid understanding of simple concepts relevant to banking</p> <p>Policy recommendations are sometimes within the scope of FDIC's mission</p> | <p>Response demonstrates some understanding of simple concepts relevant to banking</p> <p>Policy recommendations are rarely within the scope of FDIC's mission</p> | <p>Response demonstrates minimal understanding of simple concepts relevant to banking</p> <p>Policy recommendations are almost never within the scope of FDIC's mission</p> |

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| Interaction with judges | <p>Speakers always defend positions taken in presentation</p> <p>Speakers always answer the entire question</p> <p>Speakers always answer questions with composure</p> | <p>Speakers usually defend positions taken in presentation</p> <p>Speakers usually answer the entire question</p> <p>Speakers usually answer questions with composure</p> | <p>Speakers sometimes defend positions taken in presentation</p> <p>Speakers sometimes answer the entire question</p> <p>Speakers sometimes answer questions with composure</p> | <p>Speakers rarely defend positions taken in presentation</p> <p>Speakers rarely answer the entire question</p> <p>Speakers rarely answer questions with composure</p> | <p>Speakers almost never defend positions taken in presentation</p> <p>Speakers almost never answer the entire question</p> <p>Speakers almost never answer questions with composure</p> |
| Teamwork | <p>All team members play important roles in the presentation</p> <p>Team members always demonstrate appropriate interdependence</p> | <p>Most team members play important roles in the presentation, and all contribute significantly</p> <p>Team members usually demonstrate appropriate interdependence</p> | <p>Some team members play important roles in the presentation, and others contribute somewhat</p> <p>Team members sometimes demonstrate appropriate interdependence</p> | <p>Some team members play important roles in the presentation, and others contribute marginally</p> <p>Team members rarely demonstrate appropriate interdependence</p> | <p>Only one or two team members play important roles in the presentation, and others contribute minimally</p> <p>Team members almost never demonstrate appropriate interdependence</p> |

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