NYSFL 26 Extemp Questions

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Round 1 - 2026 Elections

A1. Will the Democrats be able to gain control of the Senate in 2026?

A2. What will be the defining issue for the 2026 midterms?

A3. Who will win the Democratic primary for Senate in Maine?

A4. Will Virginia's redistricting proposal pass on Tuesday?

A5. What should Democrats learn from Zohran Mamdani's campaign for NYC mayor?

A6. What will be the effect of a record number of GOP House members retiring during the 2026 elections?

A7. Will the GOP be able to maintain their 2024 gains with Latino voters in the midterm elections?

A8. Has the Democratic Party lost faith in Chuck Schumer's leadership in the Senate?

A9. Can James Talerico win the Texas Senate seat?

A10. Will Mike Johnson maintain control of the Speakership after the 2026 election?

A11. Will Jon Ossoff be able to successfully defend his seat in 2026?

A12. Will 2026 yield a 'Blue Wave' in November's election?

Round 2 - International Conflicts

B1. What is needed to have a lasting ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon?

B2. Will the US blockade of Iranian ports truly have its desired outcome?

B3. Will the EU remain steadfast in their support of Ukraine?

B4. Are Israel and the US aligned in their objectives in Iran?

B5. Should Ukraine cede territory to achieve an end to conflict in Ukraine?

B6. How has Pakistan come to be the peace broker in the Iranian conflict?

B7. How has the advancement in drone technology changed the landscape of modern warfare?

B8. Why is conflict so persistent in Sudan?

B9. What is needed to achieve an end to the war in Gaza?

B10. Who has been most affected by the closing of the Strait of Hormuz?

B11. What is needed for a lasting ceasefire in Iran?

B12. What effect has the US removal of Maduro had in Venezuela?

Round 3. US Economics

C1. Will inflation continue to rise in the US?

C2. Will limits on student loan debt make college unaffordable for more Americans?

C3. Should there be national legislation to address "junk fees?"

C4. Should Mamdani's proposed increase on corporate tax rates be adopted?

C5. Should US workers be afraid of AI making them obsolete?

C6. What steps can the federal government take to curb rising gas prices?

C7. Will interest rates remain steady in the next six months?

C8. What effect are Trump's threats to oust Jerome Powell having on markets?

C9. What should be done to combat massive wealth inequalities in the US?

C10. What effect will the increasing price of diesel fuel have on the US economy?

C11. Is the US headed for recession?

C12. Should institutional investors be prohibited from owning single-family homes?

Round 4 - Science and Technology

D1. Should the US invest more in nuclear energy?

D2. Should the use of Generative AI be allowed in schools?

D3. Should more nations adopt a ban on social media for teenagers?

D4. What effect will changes in federal policy towards vaccines have on the health of Americans?

D5. Will the recent successful Artemis II mission relaunch investment in the US space program?

D6. Should Americans be more wary of the increasing collection of biometric data by government?

D7. Will New York be able to achieve the climate goals it set for itself by 2030?

D8. Are data centers bad for the environment?

D9. What is the barrier to US investment in energy from wind?

D10. Are GLP-1's the answer to America's obesity epidemic?

D11. Has Starlink been a net positive for developing countries?

D12. Is AI making cybersecurity harder?

Quarters - US Foreign Policy

E1. Is there a strategic advantage in the US attempting to claim Greenland?

E2. Will the war in Iran result in significant numbers of ground troops being deployed?

E3. How should the US engage with new Venezuelan leadership?

E4. What effect will Trump's feud with the Pope have on US standing globally?

E5. Will the US leave NATO under Trump's leadership?

E6. What effect will Trump's support of Viktor Orban have on the US relationship with the EU?

E7. Should the US seek to distance itself from Netanyahu's government?

E8. Will the US actions in Iran affect its relationship with China?

E9. What should the US do to open the Strait of Hormuz?

E10. Is Cuba next?

E11. How have Trump's immigration policies affected the US relationship with Mexico?

E12. Will the US renege on its trade deal with the UK?

Semis - US Legal Issues

F1. What can be done to help an overstressed US immigration court system?

F2. Should Congress be allowed to police itself when their members commit misconduct?

F3. What will be the effect of the Supreme Court striking down Trump's tariffs?

F4. Should there be more restrictions on the pardoning power of the President?

F5. Is the future of the Voting Rights Act in jeopardy?

F6. Will vote by mail be in jeopardy for the 2026 election?

F7. Should members of Congress be allowed to own and trade stock?

F8. What is likely to be the outcome of the Supreme Court birthright citizenship case?

F9. Would the SAVE Act, if passed, be constitutional?

F10. Should the "Citizen's United" decision be overturned?

Finals - World Leaders

G1. What does the election of Peter Magyar mean for Hungary?

G2. Has Rodriguez been effective in her first 100 days as President of Venezuela?

G3. Can Zelenskyy convince EU nations to maintain their support of Ukraine against Russia?

G4. What actions will Xi Jinping take in reaction to the US war on Iran?

G5. Has Claudia Sheinbaum effectively navigated Mexico's relationship with the US?

G6. How will securing a majority in Parliament affect how Mark Carney will lead Canada?

G7. Will other far-right leaders in Europe share Orban's fate?

G8. Has Pope Leo used the moral authority of his position effectively?

G9. Can Netanyahu maintain political power in Israel?

G10. Will Lula's anti-Trump rhetoric affect Brazil's relationship with the US?

G11. Is the Russian war in Ukraine eroding Putin's political power?

G12. Will Mojtaba Khamenei be even more hardline than his predecessor?