

# Junior Open Topics 2015

## **Round 1 (Prepared)**

That we should allow doctors to override medical decisions parents make on behalf of their children.

## **Round 2 (Prepared)**

That we should determine teachers' wages on the basis of student feedback.

## **Round 3 (Prepared)**

That given the choice, we should choose to be famous.

## **Round 4 (Prepared)**

That we would hold parents responsible for crimes committed by children under the age of 16.

## **Round 5 (Secret)**

That we should require a minimum academic performance from highschool athletes.

That playing a team sport should be compulsory for all highschool students.

That we should ban the sale of junk food in school cafeterias.

## **Round 6 (Secret)**

That we should ban homeschooling.

That we should ban child beauty pageants.

That we should make vaccinations compulsory for all children.

# Senior Open Topics 2015

## **Round 1 (Prepared)**

That the government should pay housewives and househusbands a wage.

## **Round 2 (Prepared)**

That we would ban academic streaming in schools.

## **Round 3 (Prepared)**

That the media should be banned from reporting on the mental illness of those accused of crimes.

## **Round 4 (Secret)**

That we should allow criminals who have been sentenced to life imprisonment the option to choose the death penalty instead.

That we should ban public schools from suspending or expelling students for misbehavior.

That we should ban criminals from publishing accounts of their crime(s).

## **Round 5 (Secret)**

That we should ban single sex education

That we should prevent doctors in the developing world from migrating to the developed world.

That we should not give organ transplants to patients who have irreversibly damaged their organs through smoking and/or drinking.

## **Round 6 (Secret)**

That we should allow highschool students to choose the subjects they take (i.e. there will be no compulsory subjects).

That we should require all citizens, upon turning 18, to perform two years of National Service.

That co-educational schools should create female-only classes for traditionally male dominated subjects.

# Advanced Open Topics 2015

## **Round 1 (Prepared)**

That adulterers should lose their right to a portion of their partner's assets.

## **Round 2 (Secret)**

That we would educate children with intellectual disabilities in separate schools.

## **Round 3 (Secret)**

That we regret the glorification of material wealth in popular culture.

## **Round 4 (Secret)**

That Australia should impose trade sanctions on countries that sentence Australian citizens to the death penalty.

That we should allow convicts who have served their full sentence to suppress media reporting of their crime(s).

That we should allow convicts to submit to corporal punishment in exchange for a sentence reduction.

## **Round 5 (Secret)**

That mothers who put their children up for adoption should not be allowed to conceal their identity and contact details from those children.

That, in the context of a limited supply of organs, we should make it compulsory to donate non-essential organs (such as kidneys, portions of your liver) while you are alive.

Scientists have developed a drug which renders those who ingest it incapable of feeling eros (romantic love). That we, as an ambitious, career-oriented student, would choose to ingest the drug.

*Note: The effect of the drug lasts for ten years. Once the drug has been ingested, there is no way to reverse its effects. The only option is to wait for the drug to naturally wear off.*

## **Round 6 (Secret)**

That social media platforms (such as Facebook and Instagram) should censor images which glorify the consumption of alcohol and recreational drugs.

That employers should be allowed full access to the Facebook accounts of their employees.

That, upon graduation, we should require students who attended private schools to spend one year living in a socioeconomically disadvantaged area.