**QUIZ ON DEBATES**

1. An argument is:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| a) a fight or quarrel | b) a series of statements used to support your opinion about something | c) the word means both (a) and (b) |

2. The definition of debate is:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| a) an argument with your friends  | b) An organized public argument on a specific topic | c) an issue that people can’t agree about, such as school uniforms. |

3. “All students should wear uniforms” is an example of a topic for a debate, also known as a:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| a) resolution or argument | b) proposition or position | c) resolution or proposition |

4. The four types of evidence are:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| a) statistics, common sense, anecdote and expert opinion | b) statistics, rumor, anecdote and newspapers | c) anecdote, rumor, the internet and common sense | d) common sense, dictionaries, anecdote and statistics |

5. In the debate, “all students should wear uniforms,” the team that speaks first:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| a) can decide if it wants to support or oppose the resolution | b) speaks in favor of the resolution. | c) speaks against the resolution | d) can change the topic to another topic |

6. The team that speaks first is called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ team?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| a) “pro” or contributing | b) pro or aligned | c) pro or affirmative |

7. What does it mean if your team is called the “negative” team?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| a) it means your team must speak against the resolution | b) it means your team lost the debate | c) it means your team is too harsh and rude and should be more polite. |

8. In debate, which side uses evidence to support their argument?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| a) the pro (yes) side | b) the con (no) side | c) both sides use evidence | d) neither side uses evidence |

9. To “refute” an argument means to:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| a) make a joke so the audience will laugh | b) change to a different topic | c) show why what the other team said is wrong |

Which of these topics would be good for a debate? Which would not be good for a debate? Put a check beside the good topics and “X” beside the bad topics. Be ready to explain your choices.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ People should not be permitted to spend their money on unhealthy things like cigarettes and candy.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ A certain amount of pollution is necessary if China is to become a rich nation.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ All students should study hard to do well in school.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ There is a “glass ceiling” which holds women back from reaching the top positions in society.