

**SS. 10 CURRENT EVENTS PRESENTATIONS**  
**ON**  
**CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**

“Current Events” is an oral presentation that requires two people to discuss each newspaper article presented. One person presents the issue and the other person is the questioner of that same article. Below is a detailed description of the criteria for each person’s role.

**Presenter:**                      **30 marks**

1. Present an overview of the **main points** of the article.
  - What is the main idea of the article?
  - Explain or define any terms necessary for the audience to understand the topic.
2. Explain what **values** the story portrays.
  - What is the point of view on the subject in the article?
  - Whose values are represented?
3. Explain why the topic is currently controversial. (if it’s not, don’t present this article!)
4. Explain why society (or a segment of it) finds this a difficult issue.
5. Explain with which side you agree and why.
6. Provide thoughtful answers to the questions posed by the questioner.

**Questioner:**                      **10 marks**

1. The questioner must take the opposite side of the presenter. You must ask **three** questions that challenge the presenter’s opinion that was presented.
2. Be able to give a response to one’s own questions that supports the side that you have taken.

**Your “Presenter” Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your “Questioner” Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(An audience participation mark out of 25 is also assigned. Marks are given for thoughtful contributions to each discussion. Marks are tallied and assigned at the conclusion of all presentations. Marks are deducted for disruptive behaviour during presentations.)