

Names: _____

Group: _____ Date: _____

Three Chinese Philosophies' Debate Grading Rubric—GROUP

Opening Statements: (10)

- _____ Did your group succinctly and coherently state the philosophy's history, origin, basic beliefs using information from text, class notes, and documents provided?
- 9–10: opening statement clear and organized with all aspects and major principles and ideas covered; clear preparation; presentation good
 - 6-8: opening statement generally clear and organized, with some aspects missing; fair presentation and delivery
 - 4–5: there is only a general reference to the philosophy; presentation somewhat disorganized
 - < 3: many ideas or major principles missing from opening statement; little or no preparation in presentation and delivery

Position Statements: (15)

- _____ Did your group clarify the basic foundation for your philosophy? That is, did you address each of the questions regarding human nature, providing clear, specific examples (quotes)/evidence from reading and handouts?
- 13–15: Answers to questions are clear and organized with wealth of appropriate evidence to support position statements; clear preparation; presentation good
 - 10–12 Answers to questions generally clear and organized with some appropriate evidence, but on the whole, relied too much on one source
 - 7–9: There is only a general answer to questions; mixture of appropriate and inappropriate evidence; presentation somewhat disorganized
 - < 8: Answer to questions vague or unclear; little or no evidence provided

Questions/Rebuttal: (25)

- _____ Did your group ask the other Councils at least three questions regarding the other groups' Position Statements?
- Did your group respond effectively to questions posed?
 - Did your group challenge statements made by other Councils? (Their view on human nature, countering their arguments?)
- 23–25: Focused, challenging questions asked; demonstrated knowledge of other philosophies; ample detailed and appropriate examples provided; responded effectively using sufficient and appropriate evidence; group was organized and well prepared
 - 18–22: Clear and pointed questions asked with some appropriate evidence provided; generally well prepared, group worked effectively
 - 12–17: There are only very general questions posed with mixture of appropriate and inappropriate evidence; presentation somewhat disorganized
 - < 11: Unclear, unfocused questions raised; little or no evidence provided in questions raised or for those that your group was asked to respond to; group showed little organization or preparation

Closing Argument: (15) ○ Does closing argument succinctly and clearly restate basic principles of philosophy?
○ Does argument effectively and clearly synthesize arguments made by other two philosophies

Individual Grade (10) ○ Did you follow through on the tasks you were assigned?
○ Did you work collaboratively with your group?
○ Did you contribute to the debate in a meaningful way?

FINAL GRADE: _____