Topic A: Leadership

There are many different types of people in the world, however each person has his/her advantages and disadvantages. Many people say the phrase, "He/she is a natural born leader" when they see someone who was a good leader, but is this actually true?

Question: Are people born leaders, or are they taught how to be a leader by other people and life experience?

Topic B: Energy

Today, there is a large push for alternative fuel sources, ideally to get out of using Big Oil (petroleum). One famous example that is showing great progress is electric vehicles and their companies (such as Tesla).

Question: Besides cars, what is another area where research is advancing to decrease dependence on or to replace oil?

(Examples: Airplanes/flight, farming equipment, manufacturing plants, etc.)

Topic C: E-Sports

Since the first video game was invented, people naturally have been interested in playing these games. It has become highly competitive and very profitable for some of the top players in the world. Many have argued that some of the more popular games should be included in the Olympic Games.

Question: Should E-Sport games be included in the Olympic Games?

(Hint: This is not a question of when it should be included, or if it will be included, the real question is <u>SHOULD e-sports be included</u>, and why or why not? Recognize that competition is not enough to consider something as athletic, you should define what really is important before you start your argument.)

Topic D: Money

Historically, there have been several ways people have paid for something, starting with bartering, leading into trading valued assets, such as gold or silver, which led into currencies and what is now seen as money. In the current world, there are many forms of payment including cash, Credit Cards, and even cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin. Today, many people simply use apps linked to bank accounts such as WeChat, Alipay, Apple Pay, and Android Pay.

Question: What will be the primary form of payment be in the future?

(Examples: Do you think the world will run on Bitcoin or some other cryptocurrency? Do you think we will return to Gold? Do you think that the world will focus only on Online payments, and how? Will money be controlled by governments? Do you think another method of currency will arise, and if so...what?)