

## Extemp Questions for Practice

### International

1. Will Catalonia be successful in seceding from Spain?
  2. What message were Greek voters sending with the re-election of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras?
  3. Will the European immigration crisis lead to the demise of the Schengen area?
  4. Why are Eastern European countries refusing to accept immigrants?
  5. Why does Thailand find China more amenable than the United States?
  6. Has Aung san Suu Kyi compromised too much in her desire to bring democracy to Myanmar?
  7. Is the future of the Thai monarch uncertain?
  8. Why is President Joko Widodo of Indonesia losing support?
  9. Does Eritrea's track record on human rights crimes and religious freedom warrant a referral to the International Criminal Court at The Hague?
  10. Why hasn't Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan mobilized his nation in battle against Boko Haram?
  11. Where has six months of war left the sides fighting in Yemen?
  12. Why aren't the Gulf states letting Syrian refugees in?
  13. Should Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe resign?
  14. Does the return of Yemen's ex-president mean the Houthis are losing?
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### Economics

1. How can the United States bolster manufacturing growth?
2. What impact will the natural gas boom have on the U.S. economy?
3. Does the recent drop in consumer confidence foreshadow another economic crisis?
4. Is the U.S. housing market headed toward another bubble?
5. Should the U.S. impose greater regulations on banks?
6. Should the US cut farm subsidies?
7. How should VW compensate owners of cars involved in the emissions scandal?
8. How should Brazil react to the recent decline of the real?

9. What will be the most important economic effects of the Sustainable Development Goals newly adopted by the United Nations?
10. Will Shinzo Abe be successful in achieving his newly announced goal for Japanese economic growth?
11. Will China's infusion of capital be enough to halt Zimbabwe's economic freefall?
12. Will Saudi Arabia have to devalue the riyal due to continuing low oil prices?
13. What effect will falling oil prices have on the health of the Canadian economy?

## **DOMESTIC**

1. What does the Papal visit suggest for U.S. social divisions?
2. Is Hillary Clinton the inevitable Democratic nominee in 2016?
3. Should the US Senate relax rules on cloture motions?
4. Will the visit by Pope Francis have any long term effect on US politics?
5. Will the Clinton email issue ever go away?
6. Who will be the next Republican candidate to drop out of the race?
7. Is the United States ready to elect a third party candidate?
8. Did the demise of Scott Walker's 2016 presidential campaign demonstrate the limits of 'Super PACs'?