**DOMESTIC**

1. Can Chris Christie win over the GOP?

2. Was election day on November 5th a good day for the Tea Party?

4. Is the president out of touch with American citizens?

3. What does the Republican party need to do right now?

5. Are NSA snoops out of control?

6. Is the religious right pulling away from politics?

7. Is the whole country poised to accept same-sex marriage?

8. Is it time to put new curbs on the pharmaceutical industry?

9. Is marijuana on the way to being legalized throughout the U.S.?

10. Will the recent cut to food stamps cause great harm?

11. Who was hurt most by the government shutdown?

**INTERNATIONAL**

1. Have Snowden’s leaks aided al Qaeda?

2. Will the Sochi Olympics be successful for Russia?

3. Can Obama regain Angela Merkel’s trust?

4. Does Egypt face a growing militant threat?

5. Can China do anything about its Xinjiang problem?

6. Is al Qaeda taking hold in Syria?

7. Is Pope Francesco reviving the Catholic faith around the world?

8.  Are trans-national non-governmental organizations the best promoters of human rights?

9. Has the U.S. stood up to Assad as strongly as it needed to?

10. Does the U.S. handling of Syria weaken our efforts in Iran?

11. Should Britain leave the EU?

12. Can Secretary of State Kerry succeed in getting Israel and Palestine to an agreed upon two-state solution?

**ECONOMIC**

1. Should the U.S. raise the federal minimum wage?

2. With China entering a period of slower economic growth, what does this mean for its social stability in the near future?

3. It is good or bad for the U.S. economy that many Americans are being forced out of private insurance policies into the new government health insurance program?

4. Will Detroit’s fate be the future of other American cities?

5. Is Japan's economy secure for the long term?

6. Does outsourcing of technological work promote global economic growth?

7. Will the opening of India to global banks help or hurt the Indian economy.

8. Will China’s efforts to reduce smog by placing restrictions on new cars harm their economy?

9. Is the U.S. economy on the road to recovery?

10. Will the Eurozone be dragged down by Germany's cooling economy?

11. Without Steve Jobs, has Apple lost its edge?

12. Should congress pass legislation to extend the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program beyond January 1, 2014?

**FINALS – SCIENCE/TECH/MEDICINE**

1. What will be the outcome of the Apple-Samsung patent war?

2. How will the Philippines hurricane impact the fight over global warming?

3. How much of a future does ‘big science’ have with federal funding?

4. How much of a future do trans-fats have in the United States?

5. What can be learned from the failures of the Affordable Care Act website?

6. What are the U.S. health care system’s biggest challenges?

7. Is the Affordable Care Act fatally flawed?

8. Did Obama make the right choice in allowing Americans to keep their existing health insurance if they want to?

9. How will 3-D printing change industry?

10. Do MOOCs (Massive open online courses) represent a revolution in higher education?

11. How successful can the USDA be in improving school lunch nutrition?

12. Will the new American Heart Association cholesterol guidelines dramatically change how medicine is practiced in the U.S.?