

SOUTHERN WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER CONTEST – WORKSHEET FOR JUDGES (revised July 2014)		
Contestant's Name:	Paper Number	
Point allocation: Excellent = 4 pts, Good = 3, Fair = 2, Poor = 1, Absent = 0		
		SCORE
1. Abstract (8 Total points)		
Abstract submitted on time and included in packet		
Clear statement of Objectives, Materials and Methods, Results and Conclusions		
SECTION TOTAL		
2. JUSTIFICATION, STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES, ORIGINALITY, AND SCIENTIFIC MERIT (12 Total points)		
Objectives and/or hypothesis stated clearly, concisely, and well defined		
Problem chosen is of scientific merit		
Problem approached in original and creative manner		
SECTION TOTAL		
3. VISUAL AIDS (16 Total points)		
Printing on slides easy to read		
Correct spelling and terminology used		
Slides effectively used to highlight major concepts		
Pertinent essential information presented on slides		
SECTION TOTAL		
4. VOICE, LANGUAGE, AND PHYSICAL MANNERISMS (16 Total points)		
Speaker confident and enthusiastic about talk		
Effective use of gestures during talk		
Voice inflection evident and effectively used		
Eye contact with audience		
SECTION TOTAL		
5. MATERIALS AND METHODS (12 Total points)		
Materials and methods clearly explained		
Proper use of statistics and experimental design		
Appropriate and current experimental technique used		
SECTION TOTAL		
6. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION (24 Total points)		
Results summarized concisely		
Conclusions relevant to objectives		
Conclusions supported by results		
Relevance of data to resolution of problem		
Data collected compared to work of others		
Recommendations for future research		
SECTION TOTAL		
7. Questions (12 points)		
Questions repeated to general audience		
Confident and effective response to questions		
Allowed adequate time for questions		
SECTION TOTAL		
GENERAL COMMENTS:	TOTAL SCORE	
	FINAL RANKING	