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UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

# COPY EDITING CONTEST

## INVITATIONAL B 2021

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### FOR JUDGE'S USE

Points from PART 1

Points from PART 2

FINAL PLACE

POINTS/15

POINTS/10

TOTAL POINTS

FINAL PLACE

Part 3 is used ONLY in case of tie. Rank them in order, but do not assign points.

There should be no ties.

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**PART 1: Circle the correct response. (1 pt. each)**

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2. Global average temperatures in **Feb. / February** were 2.05 degrees Fahrenheit above average and slightly higher than in the previous month.
3. After earning his **bachelor's / bachelors' / bachelors** in history, he found himself working the same \$7.25-an-hour waiter job he had had in high school.
4. The holiday break over **Christmas / Xmas** was cut short due to the pandemic.
5. The percentage of students who said they felt safe at school dropped 4 percentage points to 87 % / **percent** this year.
6. The ceremony began promptly at **12 o'clock / 12 p.m. / 12:00 p.m. / noon**.
7. The Legislative Budget Board has a new **Director / director**: Jerry McGinty.
8. The new **playoff / play-off / play off** format increases the postseason to 16 teams.
9. Somebody has said that every great poem is a poem of **occassion / occasion**.
10. But in retrospect, the movie may just have been ahead of **it's / its / its'** time.
11. The symphony orchestra is often just as packed onstage as in **its / their** auditorium.
12. The House approved the bill to assure equal pay for equal work, **regardless / irregardless** of the gender of the worker.
13. Biden and Trump say **their / they're** fighting for America's "soul."
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15. The hockey team went **further / farther** than any other team in school history.

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**POINTS**

0   ½   1   1½   2

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4. The accelerating affects of climate change have forced the wine industry to take decisive steps to counter or adapt to the shifts. For example, Wine makers are growing grapes in places once considered to cold for fine wines.

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5. Jerry Jeff Walker, who moved to Austin after becoming famous with the song Mr. Bojangles and helped change the music landscape in the 1970’s, passed away after an extended battle with throat cancer. He was 78.

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_/10

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**You are editing the article to be published Friday, Feb. 12, 2021.**

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The last part of No. 1 is an incomplete sentence. It can be fixed by putting a colon after “goals” and lowercasing the “M.” That’s one error, not two, since fixing one thing forces the second correction. Or the student might just mark “incomplete sentence.”

## Tips for judges

## Part 2

There are four errors per item.

If fixing one error creates another, it counts as one. For example, in the fourth sentence, removing “mutual” requires the editor to change “a” to “an.” That is all one error.

There is some subjectivity in all editing. If a student finds another “error” or rewrites a sentence, the judges will have to consider how to award points.

This section is worth a maximum of 10 points.

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The terms global warming and climate change are often used interchangeably. But climate change is the more accurate scientific term to describe the various effects of increasing levels of greenhouse gases on the world because it includes extreme weather; storms; and changes in rainfall patterns, ocean acidification and sea level. Global warming, the increase of average temperature around the world, is one aspect of climate change.

Some students might question opinionated statements like "enormous political advantage" and "Trump loves to mock." Good. It's a feature story. *The New York Times* let it go.

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#### Part 3

This section is ONLY ranked to break a tie in the combined scores of parts 1 and 2. Assign no points.

Judges should compare the papers of students who tied, ranking them accordingly.

When grading part 3, holistically read the changes the student indicated starting with the highest level of editing. Remember, there are multiple levels of copy editing.

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Modified from "A Trillion Trees: How One Idea Triumphed Over Trump's Climate Denialism" by Lisa Friedman in *The New York Times*, Feb. 12, 2020.