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UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

# COPY EDITING CONTEST

## REGION 2021

This test is produced, and should be graded,  
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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. Pete Flores became the first Hispanic **republican / Republican** to serve in the state Senate.
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4. A bitter custody battle centers on the identity of a **7-year-old / seven-year-old** child.
5. Since the standard was set at 98.6 **Fahrenheit / ° F / fahrenheit / degrees Fahrenheit** in 1851, the average human body temperature has steadily declined
6. Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation **Director /director / Dir.** Kim Grabert came from a similar agency in Florida.
7. **2020 / Two thousand and twenty** was full of world-shifting events.
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10. The murder hornet retreated to **its' / it's / its** home inside a tree.
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13. The herd of bison ran across the prairie, leaving a dust cloud in **its / their** wake.
14. John Boehner, the outgoing speaker of the House, shed a tear as he announced his resignation. One of his colleagues said, "It's **alright / all right** to cry, dude."
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**Part 2: Edit the following sentences to eliminate/correct FOUR (and only four) errors in wordiness, AP style, grammar, spelling or punctuation in each of the five statements below. Use clearly understood editing symbols. Judges will consider only the first four corrections marked. Any others will be ignored. Compound errors such as changing “First Lady” to “first lady” will be considered as one error. (2 pts. each)**

## POINTS

0   ½   1   1½   2

1. The data from years of database breeches from major sites and services like Yahoo, Ebay and Sony PlayStation are being melded into traditional fishing scams.

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2. The pandemic decimated tourism, which grew faster than the global GDP for the past 9 years. Once accounting for 10 percent of employment worldwide, the sector is poised to lose a minimum of \$3.4 trillion dollars, according to the World Travel and Tourism Council.

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3. Felicity Huffman reported to a federal jail in California, a low security facility that houses 1227 female inmates, becoming the first parent to begin serving time for their role in the college admissions scandal.

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4. Captain Kelly Searcy was the third Houston fireman whose death was linked to Covid-19, Fire Chief Samuel Peña said. Among some 4,000 members of the force, more than 250 have tested positive for the bacteria.

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5. Dr. Michael Kimmel, who got his doctorate in Anthropologie, is the founder and Director of the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities at Stony Brook University, which will soon start a masters degree program.

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

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In the Rio Grand Valley, where Acting Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Chad Wolf, a graduate of Plano East Senior Highschool, and other officials spoke, authoritys have added just 11 km to existing sections.

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**Tips for judges**

No. 6 Director is a proper title before a name. Stylebook: Capitalize formal titles used directly before an individual's name. It's not a job description, and it's not set off in a construction with commas.

**Part 1**

There is some subjectivity involved in all editing. If you find an error in the answer key, report it to the UIL office

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### Notes to judges

No. 1 Fixing the capitalization in eBay is one error.

No. 3 At the end, the antecedent of the pronoun "their" is first parent or Huffman. Regardless, it's singular and female.

No. 4 Use firefighter for two reasons: (a) We don't know the gender of the other two; and (b) We should avoid sexist words when possible.

No. 5 It's called "masculinities" (plural) to acknowledge that there is "more than one way to be a man."

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### Tips for judges

#### Part 2

There are four errors per item.

If fixing one error creates another, it counts as one.

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This section is worth a maximum of 10 points.

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Modified from "Trump officials tout progress on border wall before election"  
Associated Press, October 29, 2020

### Notes for judges

In the fourth paragraph, the measurement unit is in kilometers. Earlier it used the American system and feet. Be consistent: 11km = 6.8 miles.

in the fifth paragraph, there is a last name, but no first name or identification. The student might assume this was Chad Wolf. That's a dangerous assumption.

### Tips for judges

**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.

- Highest level: Are there any legal or ethical issues with the story?
- Middle level: Does the story uses the right sources? Does it flow?
- Lowest level: Grammar, spelling, punctuation, style