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UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

# COPY EDITING CONTEST

## STATE 2021

This test is produced, and should be graded,  
using the *2020-2022 Associated Press Stylebook*  
in print or updated on or before May 27, 2020 online.

### 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. Today's bulbs come in several types: compact **florescent / fluorescent** and LED.
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4. The sixth-grader says he feels **bad / badly** about bullying.
5. U.S. Rep. John Ratcliffe, a Heath Republican, was nominated as **director of national intelligence / Director of National Intelligence**.
6. Little Richard did not invent **rock 'n roll / rock n roll / rock-and-roll / rock 'n' roll**.
7. The North Carolina and Georgia **senates / Senates** passed resolutions approving mail-in ballots.
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12. Imani said it was **she / her** who would play the lead, Eliza Hamilton.
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14. Facebook's digital currency, **Libra / libra**, could spin up an entire shadow banking system.
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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**

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

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**You are editing the article to be published Saturday, May 1, 2021.**

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Instalations and repairs took hours at the space station, vs minutes on the ground, Krikalev recalled.

“Each day seemed to have it’s own set of challenges,” Sheppherd voiced during a NASA panel discussion with his crewmates.

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The space station has sense morphed into a complex thats almost as long as a football field, with eight miles of electrical wiring, an acre of solar panels and 3 high tech labs.

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No. 4 Feel bad is the grammatically correct version when describing that you don't feel well physically or emotionally. "Feel," like all other sense verbs, can double as an action verb or a "linking verb," where it connects the subject with a clause describing the subject.

### Tips for judges

#### 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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No. 2 Another solution to putting “the” before coronavirus is to substitute COVID-19 for coronavirus. Then you don’t need the “the.”

No. 4 That usually may be omitted when a dependent clause immediately follows a form of the verb to say.

No. 5 The last sentence is incomplete. One suggested way to fix it is to add a verb.

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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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Rear Admiral ALAN Shepard Jr. was an American astronaut, naval aviator, test pilot, and businessman. In 1961, he became the first American to travel into space, and in 1971, he walked on the Moon.

William "BILL" Shepherd is an American former Navy SEAL, aerospace, ocean, and mechanical engineer, and NASA astronaut who served as Commander of Expedition 1, the first crew on the International Space Station.

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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 use the right sources? Does it flow?
- Lowest level: Grammar, spelling, punctuation, style

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Modified from "Space station marking 20 years of people living in orbit" by Marcia Dunn, Associated Press, Oct. 30, 2020.