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UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

COPY EDITING CONTEST

INVITATIONAL A 2023

This test is produced, and should be graded,
using the 2022-2024 *Associated Press Stylebook*, 56th edition,
in print or updated on or before June 1, 2022 online.

Students may use the AP Stylebook, dictionary and/or thesaurus
during the exam.

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.

DO NOT TURN THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO DO SO!

RECOMMENDED EDITING MARKS

Students should use clearly understood editing symbols.

Students will NOT be penalized for using other symbols. It is up to the judges to determine if marks are "clearly understood."

 LEAGUETOWN, TEXAS — The organization	indent for paragraph
said Thursday.  It was the first and last	paragraph
attempts. 	no paragraph
 With this the president tried	
the Jones  Smith company is not	transpose
over a period of  sixty or more years	use figures
there were  5 in the group.	spell out
former  Captain Kirk attended	abbreviate
The  Ala. man was the guest of	don't abbreviate
king Charles said it was his	uppercase
 as a result  this will be	lowercase
the ac  cuser pointed to them	remove space
In  these times it is necessary	insert space
The order for the later  devices	ignore correction
The ruling  a fine example	insert word
according to the this  source.	delete
	insert comma
	insert apostrophe
 	insert quotation marks
 	insert period
	insert hyphen
	insert dash
 misspelled misspelled	Spelling errors should be corrected, not simply marked for correction.

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

1. The Texas **capitol / Capitol / Capital** building is in Austin.
2. Among **its / it's / its'** firsts, the shuttle carried the Hubble Space Telescope.
3. You can learn **allot / a lot / alot** about a team in back-to-back games against ranked teams.
4. I had four cups of coffee before **12 o'clock / 12:00 p.m. / noon / 12 pm.**
5. Midwestern State University is in Wichita Falls, **Tex. / TX / Texas.**
6. Parts of the Southwest remain in a **20-year-plus / 20 year plus** megadrought.
7. He sent a card to wish his former boss a **Merry Christmas / merry Christmas.**
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9. And just like warm-weather camping, there is a huge range of **Winter / winter** experiences that people from novices to extreme athletes can try.
10. For the Yankees, **\$3 million / \$3 million dollars / three million dollars** is the record price for a home run ball.
11. The number of coronavirus deaths fell by **8 percent / 8%** in the past week.
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TOTAL ____/15

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POINTS

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1. More than any other representative, John Cornyn, R-TX, is responsible for shepherding the Bi-partisan Safer Communities Act that expands background check requirements and access to school based behavioral health services for children and families.

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2. The top two boys' teams in the state will meet in Friday's Class 4A state semi-finals, U.I.L. director of athletics Susan Elza announced Sunday morning.

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3. By a vote of 53 to 47, the United States Senate confirmed Ketanji Brown Jackson as the first African-American woman to serve as a justice of the United States Supreme Court.

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4. Obtained first hand from the American Community Survey, the new population figures showed hispanic Texans made up 40.2 percent of the states population in 2021 while white Texans made up 39.4%.

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Huang is not alone in feeling this way

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Notes for judges

No. 12 – The nouns that follow these words do not constitute a compound subject; they are alternate subjects and require a verb that agrees with the nearer subject.

No. 14 – “Herd” is collective noun, a noun that denotes a unit and takes a singular verb.

No. 15 – On ships and at naval stations ashore, flags are flown at half-mast. Elsewhere ashore, flags are flown at half-staff.

Tips for judges

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No. 3 – Students may also choose simply to omit both references to U.S.

No. 5 – Dany Garcia is spelled correctly; XFL is not an acronym.

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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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Notes for judges

¶1 – For court cases, use v.: Marbury v. Madison.

In citing other cities within the body of a story, no further information is necessary if a city is in the same state as the datelined city.

¶18 – Students may add the name of the lieutenant governor in which case, it's “... and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick ...”

Tips for judges

Part 3

This section is 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.

However, it is required. Students who do not make any effort on Part 3 will not be considered in the event of a tie. However, they will not be disqualified.

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