

COPY EDITING CONTEST

STATE 2023

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Notes for judges

No. 3 – bloodbath One word, an exception to Webster's New World College Dictionary.

No. 8 – An 's is required when a term involves a plural word that doesn't end in s, such as children's hospital, people's republic, etc.

No. 13 – Mass nouns – things that can't be counted – are singular: None of the coffee was poured.

No. 15 – palate refers to the roof of the mouth and the sense of taste (to have a sophisticated palate); palette is the term for an artist's paint board.

Tips for judges

Part 1

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Notes to judges

No. 1 – A student could put a semicolon between the first two sentences instead of making it two separate sentences.

A speaker stands behind a lectern, on a podium or rostrum, or in the pulpit. There are other ways to fix this, but you can't stand on a lectern.

No. 2 – "To actually win" is a split infinitive. Further, if a person wins, he or she wins. The word "actually" is unnecessary.

The sentence is in passive voice and contains a dangling modifier. Fixing the passive voice solves the dangling modifier problem.

No. 5 – more than, over – Acceptable in all uses to indicate greater numerical value.

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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Notes for judges

Mid-level errors:

¶11 – Knowing that the state had a surplus and not a deficit.

¶11 – The story reflects four ideas: raises, funding, vouchers and safety. Only three are mentioned in the lead.

¶14 – Knowing that Dan Patrick is the lieutenant governor as repeated later in the story.

¶17 – Note elimination of extra words or wordy phrases.

Low-level errors:

¶11 – AP uses the day of the week.

¶16 – A gamut is a complete range.

¶17 – AP stories generally spell out ISD on first reference.

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.

The entry will be disqualified if the student made no effort on Part 3 and the entry is involved in a tie.

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

When judging Part 3, holistically read the changes the student indicated starting with the highest level of 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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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

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tie. Rank the papers 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
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