



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

COPY EDITING CONTEST

SAMPLE TEST 2016-2017



FOR JUDGE'S USE

Points from PART 1

Points from PART 2

Points from PART 3

POINTS/15

POINTS/10

POINTS/25

TOTAL POINTS

TOTAL from parts 1 AND 2

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There should be no ties.

POINTS/25

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DIRECTIONS: This test is divided into three sections. Write all your responses as indicated. You have 15 minutes.

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

1. Cruz said he is confident how the gun legislation will **affect / effect** citizens.
2. Kristi and her dogs came to the hospital to be **there / their** for mom.
3. Tony Romo tumbled over Peyton Manning **laying / lying** on the ground.
4. Neither of the girls wants to play for **her / their** volleyball team this year.
5. The scouts had an **overnight / over night** excursion in Big Bend.
6. The **principal / principle** made a new rule that frustrated teachers.
7. My father, **whose / who's** a veteran, has been reminiscing about the Air Force.
8. Provide the reporters with an **up to date / up-to-date** list of candidates.
9. Bobby Mills, Student Body **President / president**, works out every day?
10. The politicians supported Bernie **Sanders's / Sander's / Sanders'** causes.
11. The federal health care insurance program for people aged 65 and over, and for the disabled is **Medicare / Medicaid**.
12. One in three college graduates **have / has** no paid job .
13. She was only **5 / five** years old but she was already reading at a fifth-grade level.
14. He was driving **toward / towards** Austin when stopped for kolache.
15. The school board meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. It will be over by **noon / 12 p.m.**

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Part 2: Edit the following sentences to eliminate wordiness as well as any errors in AP style, grammar, spelling or punctuation. Use clearly understood editing symbols. (2 pts. each)

1. After the 3-hour practice under the Texas sun the team follows their coach in to the wieght room.
2. “They need to go to jale,” Tracey Garcia, director of multicultural student affairs, said. “I dont think he should be allowed to right just anything.”
3. They we’re greated with breakfast, a free t-shirt.
4. In order to win the match, the band said they would have to play at least one disney peice.
5. The meal was cooked by the chef with Dr. Pepper and tobasco sauce providing unique flavors.

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Part 3: In the space provided, edit and rewrite the following news brief as necessary to make the wording clear, to eliminate wordiness as well as any errors in AP style, grammar, spelling or punctuation. You do NOT have to rewrite the news brief. Make notes of anything you believe needs clarification, additional research or additional reporting. (25 pts.)

You are editing the article to be published the same day the statement mentioned in the article was released.

AA flight 3339 departs from the metroplex airport at 9:41 pm Wednesday and arrives in the air space above Wichita Falls Regional Airport at 10:04 pm But what happened next depends on whom you ask.

A statement that was released Friday, January 22, 2016 by Sheppard Air Force Base appears to exonerate the Wichita Falls Regional Airport in the issue of a diverted flight from DFW to Wichita Falls on Wednesday night.

The late night diversion forced passengers to take later flights or make other arrangement in order to get home. This be the 2nd incident of it's kind in fewer than a year showing the mismanagement of the director.

“Unfortunately, due to some type of issue from the airport level, (landing) was not possible,” said Ross Feinstein, an American Airlines spokesman.

A preliminary investigation shows that at least one runway was illuminated, John Burrus, Wichita Falls Director of Aviation Traffic and Transportation, said

“This is just bad,” Burrus said.

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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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1. After the **THREE**-hour practice under the Texas sun, the team follows **ITS** coach in to the **WEIGHT** room. (OR REPLACE "TEAM" WITH "PLAYERS"; OR REPLACE "THEIR" WITH "THE.")

2. "They need to go to **JAIL**," Tracey Garcia, director of multicultural student affairs, said. "I **DON'T** think he should be allowed to **WRITE** just anything."

3. They we're **GREETED** with breakfast **AND** a free **T**-shirt.

4. ~~In order~~ To win the match, the band **MEMBERS** said they would have to play at least one **D**isney **p**IEce.

THE CHEF COOKED THE MEAL

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Tips for judges

Part 2

There are four errors per sentence.

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.

To facilitate grading, put an X over the number of a question that is completely wrong. Write the point value assigned to each question out to the side. Award questions with either a 0, a 0.5, a 1, a 1.5 or 2.

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Passive voice isn't always bad. However, sometimes it's wordy. Sometimes it's an excuse for lazy reporting. However, if the person or thing being acted upon is more important than the actor, use passive voice.

Sheppard Air Force Base is a thing. People take actions.

"... showing the mismanagement of the director" is an unsubstantiated and potentially libelous statement. It should be cut.

Burrus' name is spelled differently in the last, one-sentence original paragraph. Students should at least mark it (or omit the paragraph).

Tips for judges

Part 3

This section is ONLY graded for the top EIGHT people who score the highest in parts 1 and 2 combined.

This section is worth 25 points. There should be no ties. Judges should first rank the papers with the student who did the best job editing part 3 scoring the highest and down the line.

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. The notes off to the side on the answer key indicate higher levels of editing errors. Those should be awarded more points if the student fixes the problem or indicates it should be fixed.

- 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

Sheppard Air Force Base officials issued a statement Jan. 22 that appears to exonerate the Wichita Falls Regional Airport in the issue of a diverted flight from DFW to Wichita Falls on Wednesday night.

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Modified from an article in the Wichita Falls *Times Record News*, "It happened again: AA flight diverted back to DFW, airline claims dark runway" by Chris Collins, Jan. 22, 2016.
<http://www.timesrecordnews.com/traffic/it-happened-again-aa-flight-diverted-back-to-dfw-airline-claims-dark-runway-29f1778b-de53-258e-e053--366257661.html>