

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
COPY EDITING CONTEST
SAMPLE • 2015

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. An older dog has **less / fewer** opportunities to be adopted.
2. It's old-fashioned courtesy to respond, "**You're / Your** welcome" when someone says "Thank you."
3. The Star Wars trilogy had the desired **affect / effect** on the viewers.
4. The faculty members were curious **who / whom** the next librarian would be.
5. The reporter decided to **lay / lie** down before traveling to her next interview.
6. The **principal / principle** was one of three people interviewed for the job.
7. Only one reporter was sent to cover the regular **council / counsel** meeting.
8. An average of 300 iPads **are / is** returned to the office monthly.
9. Bush or Clinton: Whose plan is **better / best**?
10. Neither the reporters nor the editor **was / were** satisfied with the article.
11. **Latitude / longitude** refers to the distance north and south of the equator.
12. Football **coach / Coach** Charlie Strong sidelined him.
13. Staff members delivered the memo at **12 p.m. / noon**.
14. Baker said the polar bear species is about 95 % / **percent** gone from the planet.
15. The baritone section was the winner of the **band's / bands** top award.



FOR JUDGE'S USE

Points from PART 1

POINTS/15

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)



FOR JUDGE'S USE

Points from PART 2

POINTS/10

1. The box will be picked up by the United Parcel Service at day-care.
2. The florescent highlighter can be used by anyone.
3. In order to win the contest, the Volleyball team said they would have to play harder than theyve ever plaid before
4. The Great Pyramids are some of the largest man made structures in the world. According to Egyptians, it took over 15,000 man-hours to build it.
5. The Ultimate Frisbee team currently has around 85 members and is the oldest club sport on campus.

Part 3: On a blank piece of paper, 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. (25 pts.)

In order to cut costs, the Texas State University System has an idea for future students busy with familys and jobs; Don't even show up on campus freshman year.

Starting next Fall the School currently plans to encourage non-traditional students to take free MOOCs, before he arrives on campus. If ten of the courses are taken and passed for college credit, students could show up at school with a years work complete before paying a single tuition bille

“We want as many tools for students as we can give, exclaimed Texas State University System chancellor Brian McCall at a press conference September 9, 2015. We thought this was a particularly good one for older, busy, driven, and disciplined students.”

The Texas State System hasnt set many expectations for the program Mccall said he has no idea how many will sign up or actually receive credit. But hes thrilled to give many students the opportunity.

Points from PART 3

POINTS/25

ADD Points from PART 1

POINTS/15

TOTAL POINTS