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UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

COPY EDITING CONTEST

REGION 2024

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 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
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	Spelling errors should be corrected, not simply marked for correction.
mispeled	

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4. Frozen no-crust **peanut-butter-and-jelly / PB&J** sandwiches are for sale online.
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POINTS

○ ½ 1 1½ 2

1. The Group of Twenty members, leaders of countries that account for more than 4/5ths of Gross World Product, said the impacts of climate change will be much lower if the average increase in global temperature can be held to 2.7°F by 2050.

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TOTAL ____/10

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Notes for judges

No. 3 – CBD Acceptable in all references to cannabidiol.

No. 9 – Use square miles to describe the size of fires.

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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Notes to judges

No. 1 - Students may change four-fifths to 80%.

No. 2 - There are several ways the student may solve the problem of the run-on sentence.

No. 4 - "Premier" is spelled wrong. It should be "premiere." Students should at least fix that. They can also change it to a less wordy and more straightforward phrase as indicated here.

lectern, podium, pulpit, rostrum A speaker stands behind a lectern, on a podium or rostrum, or in the pulpit. The student could fix the sentence to read that the governor stood on a podium.

No. 5 - "...the Cubs 3-0..." There should be no spaces surrounding a hyphen.

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

¶12 – State Auditor's Office is the proper name of the office.

¶13 – There are several ways to fix the problem, but the verb of attribution, "said," is too far away from the subject.

¶15 – The opinion in this paragraph, while loosely attributed to the auditors, goes overboard.

Three paragraphs begin with "State auditors..." It would be ideal to break that up somehow. The final paragraph is also unrelated to the other paragraphs and could probably use a better transition to make that clear.

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.

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