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UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

COPY EDITING CONTEST

INVITATIONAL A 2022

This test is produced, and should be graded,
using the 2020-2022 *Associated Press Stylebook*
in print or updated on or before May 27, 2020 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. <u>It was the first and last</u>	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 Governor Perry attended	abbreviate
The Tx. man was the guest of	don't abbreviate
prince 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 mispeled	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 **principle / principal** suggested that teachers wear masks.
2. Bill Clinton started his talk at **3 PM / 3 p.m. / 3 pm** and continued until dinner.
3. **Gov. / Governor** Greg Abbott announced he would run for office again.
4. **Its / It's / Its'** a Jupiter-sized planet that orbits a white dwarf.
5. The oil spill had no impact on the **Gulf of Mexico / gulf of Mexico**.
6. Former **secretary of state / Secretary of State** Condoleezza Rice chose not to run for public office.
7. There were 369 spam **emails / e-mails** in the folder.
8. In a Houston bar, **2 / two** Texas deputies were injured in an early-morning shooting.
9. The car loan increased at an annual rate of 6.7 % / **percent**.
10. After Sasha and Aaron climbed the Great Wall of China, **it / they** became totally exhausted.
11. After the accident, he was **all right / alright**.
12. The coach said the team would **definitely / definately** win.
13. In Early **February / Feb.**, the coronavirus was moving through New York.
14. As the 15th largest state by size, **KS / Kan. / Kansas** is rooted in agriculture.
15. Smartphones may be **too / to / two** good.

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PART 2: Edit the following sentences to eliminate/correct FOUR (and only four) errors in wordiness, AP style, grammar, spelling or punctuation in each of the five statements below. Use clearly understood editing symbols. Spelling errors should be corrected not simply marked for correction. Judges will consider only the first four corrections marked. Any others will be ignored. Compound errors such as changing “First Lady” to “first lady” will be considered as one error. (2 pts. each)

POINTS

0 ½ 1 1½ 2

1. On a Zoom conference call, the schools top administrators told the faculty they

would receive a 1 percent rise.

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4. After 3 overttimes, the Aledo Highschool football team one the state

championship and celebrated at Magic Time Machine.

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5. The Queen Elizabeth II began it’s last trans-Atlantic crossing on October

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fastest passenger ocean liner in service.

TOTAL _____/10

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You are editing the article to be published in the Leaguetown High School (Texas) *Press*, Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022.

BY ALEJANDRO MARTÍNEZ-CABRERA

In Texas's latest legal challenge targeting federal vax mandates, attorney general Ken Paxtan is suing President Joe Bidens administration over it's order requiring health workers to receive new coronavirus vaccine.

The Biden administration issued an emergency order, which went into affect February 4, requiring eligible workers at healthcare facilities participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs to get the first shot of a 2 dose vaccine or a 1 dose vaccine by Mar. 6.

Paxtan called the mandate "an unprecedented federal vaccine decree" on healthcare workers.

"At a time when we need healthcare workers more than ever before, amid a harrowing worker shortage, the Biden Administration has prioritized this unlawful vaccine mandate over the healthcare of all Americans," Paxton said Monday night in a written statement distributed to media outlets. "We need healthcare workers, regardless of their vaccination status, and this decision puts us on track for an impending disaster within the healthcare industry".

Texas joins ten other states suing the Biden administration over the mandate. Paxton's lawsuit comes days after he sued the Biden administration over a different COVID-19 vaccination rule ordering big businesses to require his staff to get vaccinated or regularly get tested for the bacteria. Last month, Paxtan filed a seperate lawsuit against the Biden administration over its' coronavirus vaccine mandate for federal contractors.

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Notes for judges

No. 4 — Its' is never used in the English language.

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 — Somehow students need to indicate that the antecedent to the pronoun isn't clear, but there are many ways to fix it.

No. 2 — Students may choose to eliminate the first or second reference to the national anthem instead of fixing the problems in both of them.

The pronoun in the second sentence is incorrect for a collective noun. Students can change "they" to "the players" (as indicated) or to "it."

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Tips for judges

Part 2

There are four errors per item.

If fixing one error creates another, it counts as one.

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.

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Per AP style, it should be Texas', not Texas's.

Students may not edit direct quotations that come from social media posts or written, prepared statements. Even incorrect punctuation and capitalization errors should be published as distributed. This may vary by publication, however, so students may choose to edit GSPS errors that don't change meaning.

Health care is two words.

Except in a direct quote from a prepared statement, "administration" would be lowercase.

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

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