

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

# COPY EDITING CONTEST

## INVITATIONAL B 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 <u>sixty</u> or more years	use figures
there were <u>5</u> in the group.	spell out
former <u>Governor</u> Perry attended	abbreviate
The <u>Tx.</u> 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 <del>later</del> <sup>STET</sup> devices	ignore correction
The ruling a fine example	insert word
according to the <del>this</del> source.	delete
	insert comma
	insert apostrophe
	insert quotation marks
	insert period
	insert hyphen
	insert dash

# COPY EDITING CONTEST

## INVITATIONAL B 2022

**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. The trumpet player was **confident / confidant** he could play the solo.
2. The class lecture began at **12 p.m. / 12 pm / noon**.
3. **Sen. / Senator** Ted Cruz sponsored the legislation.
4. The photo depicted an **African American / African-American** man in a tuxedo.
5. The Pandora Papers showed **King / king** Abdullah II used secret shell companies.
6. He grew up in a small brick house at 698 Candlewood **Ln. / Lane / lane**.
7. The leak of **2,000,000 / 2 million / two million** files disgraced world leaders.
8. The band director and choir instructor seldom agreed with **each other / one another**.
9. We are very proud of the Golden Thunder Marching Band for **its / it's / their** performance.
10. Google is pushing back its return-to-office date to **January / Jan. 10**.
11. There's adventure to be found in **North Dakota / N.D. / ND**.
12. A real estate agent took them up to the Bronx, where their money would go **farther / further**.
13. John Cornyn decided not to seek **re-election / reelection / reelection**.
14. For Arab Americans, **it's / its / its'** not Thanksgiving without hashweh.
15. Most of us will actually net **fewer / less** than 72 calories burned.

# UIL COPY EDITING INVITATIONAL B 2022

**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. The police took a nine-year-old boy to their station on Washington Dr. after 12:00 a.m. Officers tried to locate the boys mother the next day.

0   ½   1   1½   2

2. Developers in Dallas, Texas, are developing a growing obsetion with data to improve office buildings and to save \$1 millions annually. But now, the data are raising cybersecurity concerns.

0   ½   1   1½   2

3. Kevin Young, a poet, is currently Director of the Shomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Young said he wanted to explore new areas of African-American culture, such as how black music is performed online.

0   ½   1   1½   2

4. The assignment editor didn't know whom was best qualified to cover the City Council meeting during which counselors would discuss a security breech.

0   ½   1   1½   2

5. More than 4.26 billion people world wide have recieved a dose of a covid-19 vaccine, equal to about 55.5 percent of the world population.

**TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_/10**

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## UIL COPY EDITING INVITATIONAL B 2022

**PART 3: In the space provided, edit the following news brief 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. PART 3 WILL BE USED ONLY TO BREAK TIES BUT IS REQUIRED. If you do not make any effort on Part 3, your test will NOT be considered in the event of a tie.**

You are editing for the Saturday, March 12, 2022, issue of the Leaguetown School *Press* in Leaguetown Texas.

Even as some Texas schools hadn't yet started the semester, the number of positive covid-19 student cases statewide reported surpassed the peak seen anytime last year, state data released Friday, March 11, 2022 shows.

Between Feb. 1 and Feb. 28, there were 14,033 positive cases reported between students across the state, 34 percent more than the prior month, the department of state health services data show. Last month's totals also represent a 182 percent increase from the month ending Jan. 31, though less students were in school then.

Out of these school districts, Corpus Christi is the only district with a mask mandate and it was issued for 30 days after school officials saw a rise in cases.

Gov. Greg Abbot has tried to ban mask mandates in schools. But some school districts have decided to continue the masking orders anyways, joining lawsuits that have had varying degrees of success. Meanwhile, the battle has raged in local school districts for weeks as concerned parents on both sides continue to clash. In one instance in Eanes I.S.D. on the outskirts of Austin, the tension led to verbal assault and a parent ripping a mask off a teacher.

"If a child walks into a school without a mask, I don't believe it should be the policy of any school district to prevent that child from entering the doors of their public school especially if they have their parents' permission to opt out of that requirement." Leach told lawmakers.

Texas Lt. Gov. Ken Paxton has unleashed another wave of lawsuits against school districts over their masking policies late last Fall.

# COPY EDITING CONTEST

## INVITATIONAL B 2022

**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. The trumpet player was **confident** / **confidant** he could play the solo.
2. The class lecture began at **12 p.m.** / **12 pm** / **noon**
3. **Sen** / **Senator** Ted Cruz sponsored the legislation.
4. The photo depicted an **African American** / **African-American** man in a tuxedo.
5. The Pandora Papers showed **King** / **king** Abdullah II used secret shell companies.
6. He grew up in a small brick house at 698 Candlewood **Ln.** / **Lane** / **lane**.
7. The leak of **2,000,000** / **2 million** / **two million** files disgraced world leaders.
8. The band director and choir instructor seldom agreed with **each other** / **one another**.

### Notes for judges

No. 6 — Use the abbreviations Ave., Blvd. and St. only with a numbered address. Spell them out and capitalize when part of a formal street name without a number. Lowercase and spell out when used alone or with more than one street name. All similar words (alley, drive, road, terrace, etc.) always are spelled out.

No. 8 — Two people look at each other. More than two look at one another.

9. We are very proud of the Golden Thunder Marching Band for **their** / **it's** / **its** performance.
10. Google is pushing back its return-to-office date to **January** / **Jan.** / **0**.
11. There's adventure to be found in **North Dakota** / **N.D.** / **ND**.
12. A real estate agent took them up to the Bronx, where their money would go **farther** / **further**.
13. John Cornyn decided not to seek **re-election** / **reelection** / **relection**.
14. For Arab Americans **it's** / **its** / **its'** not Thanksgiving without hashweh.
15. Most of us will actually net **fewer** / **less** than 72 calories burned.

### 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

# UIL COPY EDITING INVITATIONAL B 2022

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)

1. The police took a nine year-old boy to their station on Washington Dr. after midnight 12:00 a.m. Officers tried to locate the boy's mother the next day.

2. Developers in Dallas, Texas, are developing a growing obsession obsession with data to improve office buildings and to save \$1 millions annually. But now, the data are is raising cybersecurity concerns.

3. Kevin Young, a poet, is currently Director of the Shomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Young said he wanted to explore new areas of African American culture, such as how black music is performed online.

4. The assignment editor didn't know whom was best qualified to cover the City Council meeting during which councilors councilors would discuss a security breach breach.

5. More than 4.26 billion people world wide have received a dose of a covid-19 vaccine, equal to about 55. percent of the world population.

### Notes to judges

No. 2 — AP style calls for Dallas to stand alone without the state name attached, unless there's possibility for confusion.

Students could say that "to save \$1 million annually" is correct, I suppose.

### 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.

# UIL COPY EDITING INVITATIONAL B 2022

**PART 3:** In the space provided, edit the following news brief 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. **PART 3 WILL BE USED ONLY TO BREAK TIES BUT IS REQUIRED.** If you do not make any effort on Part 3, your test will NOT be considered in the event of a tie.

## Notes for judges

¶1 L2 — The two-word term “any time” connotes the idea of any one time. But to be fair, even the AP Stylebook editors acknowledge that there is no difference between “anytime” and “any time.”

¶2 L3 — “Data” typically takes singular verbs and pronouns when writing for general audiences and in data journalism contexts: The data is sound. Students need to be consistent with ¶1, L3.

¶4 L2 — Instead of just removing the “s” on “anyways,” the student could remove the entire word.

## 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

You are editing for the Saturday, March 12, 2022, issue of the Leaguetown School Press in Leaguetown Texas.

Even as some Texas schools hadn’t yet started the semester, the number of positive covid-19 student cases statewide reported surpassed the peak <sup>a</sup> seen anytime <sup>Z</sup> last year, state data released Friday, ~~March 11, 2022~~ shows.

Between Feb. 1 <sup>=</sup> and ~~Feb.~~ 28, there were 14,033 positive cases reported <sup>among</sup> ~~between~~ students across the state, 34 percent more than the prior month, the department of state health services data show. Last month's <sup>'</sup> totals also represent a 182 percent increase from the month ending Jan. 31, though <sup>s</sup> fewer <sup>'</sup> students were in school then.

Out of these school districts, Corpus Christi <sup>i</sup> is the only district with a mask mandate and it was issued for 30 days after school officials saw a rise in cases.

Gov. Greg Abbot <sup>'</sup> has tried to ban mask mandates in schools. But some school districts have decided to continue the masking orders anyway, <sup>'</sup> joining lawsuits that have had varying degrees of success. Meanwhile, the battle has raged in local school districts for weeks as concerned parents on both sides continue to clash. In one instance in Eanes (I.S.D) on the outskirts of Austin, the tension <sup>'</sup> led to verbal assault and a parent ripping a mask off a teacher.

“If a child walks into a school without a mask, I don’t believe it should be the policy of any school district to prevent that child from entering the doors of their public school, especially if they have their parents’ permission to opt out of that requirement.” <sup>'</sup> Leach told lawmakers.

Attorney General, Texas Lt. Gov. Ken Paxten <sup>'</sup> has unleashed another wave of lawsuits against school districts over their <sup>'</sup> ~~there~~ masking policies late last fall.

Modified from a story originally published on the Texas Tribune by Brian Lopez and Kalley Huang, Aug. 27, 2021.