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UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

# COPY EDITING CONTEST

## DISTRICT 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 <u>Jones Smith</u> 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 <u>This will be</u>	lowercase
the ac cuser pointed to them	remove space
In these times it is necessary	insert space
The order for the <u>later</u> devices	ignore correction
The ruling a fine example	insert word
according to the <u>this</u> source.	delete
↑	insert comma
↓	insert apostrophe
“ ”	insert quotation marks
⊗ ⊙	insert period
⋈	insert hyphen
⋈	insert dash

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

1. The woman with all the dogs **walk / walks** down my street.
2. The **midnight / Midnight / 12 a.m.** movie was born in Manhattan.
3. In Texas, the **lt. gov. / Lt. Gov. / lieutenant governor** has the real power.
4. A three-day hike through the Teton Range in **Wyoming / WY / Wyo.** offers stunning views.
5. The Supreme Court case **pre-empted / preempted / preempted** the game.
6. One house was under construction on Satilla **Drive / Dr. / drive**.
7. Dan Quayle, the former **vice president / Vice President**, told a student to add an “e” at the end of the word potato.
8. “My chest **x-rays / X-rays / xrays / Xrays** do not show COVID pneumonia,” Allen West, Texas gubernatorial candidate, said.
9. **2021 / Two thousand and twenty one** was a disastrous year in many ways.
10. The Texas football team has **their / its / it’s** schedule set early.
11. Only a **couple / couple of** piccolo players performed in tune.
12. The COVID pandemic resulted in 300,000 **fewer / less** births this year than would otherwise be expected.
13. The temperature reached **minus / -** 70 degrees at Rogers Pass, Montana.
14. The cornet and the trumpet are two **seprate / separate / seperate** things.
15. Both candidates had captured far below the 50 **percent / %** needed to avoid a runoff.

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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. The citys leaders told the employees they would be moving to the knew building on February 1.

0   ½   1   1½   2

2. Last week was the democrats turn to fail. A 12-week paid family and medical leave program, costing 500 billion dollars over ten years, was supposed to be a centerpiece of President Joe Biden’s social safety net legislation.

0   ½   1   1½   2

3. Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick announced that requiring the National Anthem to publicly be played at all events which receive government funding will be among his top priorities after the Dallas Mavericks, an NBA team, stopped playing the song. Patrick said in a Tweet, “We ARE the land of free & the home of the brave.”

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4. Online learning had a notable affect on Ambrocios interactions with other people during the COVID-19 epidemic. She said she and her friend Tabitha never got to see one other in person.

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5. Them journalists clearly believe in the principals of the bill of rights, including free speech and the right to bare arms.

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

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Tesla officials said it has officially moved its corporate headquarters from silicon valley to a large factory under construction outside of Austin, Texas, only 23 kilometers away from Leaguetown School.

Company officials made the announcement late on Friday, March 24, 2022, in a filling with US securities regulators that they had chosen among 2 cities: Austin, Texas, and Palo Alto, Calif. Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk had said at the companies annual meeting in Oct. that the move was coming.

“The tax incentives down the road, we believe, will be massive when you compare Texas versus California”, Ives says.

In US regulatory filings at the end of last year, Tesla said they had about 71000 employees world wide. Company news releases in 2020 said about 10,000 work at the headquarters and 10,000 are employed at it’s factory in Fremont, Calif.

Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk hinted at making a move ever since a spat with Alameda County, California, health officials over reopening the factory in Fremont last year at the start of the Coronavirus pandemic. It wasn’t clear if all of the headquarters employees would be required to move.

LISD officials said the company would still be required to pay school taxes but were unsure how much additional income that would mean for the school district.

Dr. Daniel Ives, an Assistant Professor of Business at The University of Texas at Austin said in October that he expects some of the 10,000 employees in Palo Alto won’t want to leave the Bay Area, but says a large number will, due to Austins lower cost of living. He said he thinks Tesla will give many the option of staying but expects 40 percent to 50 percent to make the move.

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### Notes for judges

None

### 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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2. Last week was the democrats turn to fail. A 12-week paid family and medical leave program, costing 500 billion dollars over ten years, was supposed to be a centerpiece of President Joe Biden's social safety net legislation.

## Notes to judges

No. 1 — It's unclear what the antecedent to the pronoun “they” is. Are the employees moving or are the leaders. There may be more than one way to fix this error.

No 3 — A reminder not to edit the content of tweets.

No. 4 — Ambrocio is a common first name. If the student thought the name was Ambrocios, then the apostrophe goes after the s per AP style — SINGULAR PROPER NAMES ENDING IN S: Use only an apostrophe.

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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.

4. Online learning had a notable effect on Ambrocios interactions with other people during the COVID-19 pandemic. She said she and her friend Tabitha never got to see each other in person.
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No state name is necessary following a city name if the state name is the same as the dateline, Texas in this case.

¶3 Ives is just a last name. Moving the last paragraph before this one solves that problem and puts the paragraph in a more logical order. Students may provide other solutions.

¶5 & ¶6 Passive voice is not wrong, but is incomplete. Who would require the move (or not)? Who would require the company to pay taxes?

## 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 uses the right sources? Does it flow?
- Lowest level: Grammar, spelling, punctuation, style

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