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UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

# COPY EDITING CONTEST

## REGION 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

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

1. The percussion section was put on **quartine / quarantine / quaranteen**.
2. The nation could move **toward / towards** producing almost half its energy from the sun.
3. During its best day since early **March / Mar.**, the S&P 500 rose 1.7%.
4. She graduated college in the **'70s / 70's / 70s**.
5. She **wracked / racked** her brain for an answer to the calculus question.
6. The doses will be spread out among 400 **ZIP / zip / Zip** codes with about 8 million people eligible for shots.
7. Neither John nor Randy brought **their / his** homework to class.
8. The stunt double jumped **off / off of** the bed.
9. The **ATV / all terrain vehicle / all-terrain vehicle** rolled over.
10. An official with the **Centers / Center / center** for Disease Control and Prevention recommended the vaccine.
11. **Texas' / Texas's** weather is unpredictable.
12. France gave teenagers \$350 for culture. **They're / Their / There** buying comic books.
13. Each of these hot dogs **is / are** juicy.
14. In Galveston, **Marine Biologist / marine biologist** Juan Martinez discovered a new undersea life form.
15. Oklahoma will play at **11 a.m. / 11 am / 11 AM / 11 o'clock**.

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_/15

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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. As the regulations posted 2 years ago said, the Seeing Eye dog could not enter the park located off of Fairway Blvd.

0   ½   1   1½   2

2. The Chief Information Security Officer didn’t bare any resemblance to her predecessor who worked to avoid any security breeches by Internet hackers.

0   ½   1   1½   2

3. After an incident last fall, a freshmen said he feels bad about bullying, so he created a social medium campaign on Facebook and Twitter to stamp it out. He worked unabated for months and alluded controversy.

0   ½   1   1½   2

4. The U.S. supreme court, lead by Chief Justice John Roberts, held that the government could enforce a law as long as its neutral and generally applies to every one.

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5. People who received a Johnson and Johnson Covid-19 vaccine may be better off with a booster shot from Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech, according to datas from a clinical trial published Feb. 13 in the medical journal Lancet.

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

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The WMO called it the latest in a string of “alarm bells about our changing climate.”

The organization also said that the temperature was “more befitting the Mediterranean than the arctic” and was set on June 20, 2020, during a heat wave that swept across Siberia and stretched north of the Arctic Circle.

Global weather records can take months, if not years, to certify.

Average temperatures over Arctic Siberia reached as high as 18°F above normal for much of the Summer last year, fueling devastating fires and Dust Devils, driving massive sea ice loss and playing a major role in 2020 being one of the 3 warmest years on record.

“This new arctic record is one of a series of observations reported to the WMO Archive of Weather and Climate Extremes that sound the alarm bells about our changing climate,” said WMO secretary general Petteri Taalas, an advocate for limiting fossil fuel usage world wide despite disagreement from the G-20.

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### Notes for judges

No. 11: it should be Texas' per AP Stylebook, Aug. 23, 2012.

### 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 — **Seeing Eye dog** A trademark for a guide dog trained by Seeing Eye Inc. of Morristown, New Jersey. Guide dog is preferred in all references.

No. 1 — **off of** The of is unnecessary.

No. 4 — **every one, everyone** Two words when it means each individual item. One word when used as a pronoun meaning all people.

## 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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¶1 is passive. However, one of the reasons to use passive voice is when the thing being acted upon is more important than the thing doing the acting. That seems to apply in this case, justifying the use of passive voice.

¶1, ¶5 In cases that require mention of the scale, use: 86 degrees Fahrenheit or 86 F.

¶8 I would eliminate this paragraph. See the AP Stylebook entry on climate change. Plus, this is a questionable source.

## 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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Modified from a story by Doyle Rice originally published Dec. 14, 2021 in USA Today.  
who does not agree with mainstream science