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UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

# COPY EDITING CONTEST

## STATE 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

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2. I am going to **garnish / garnishee** the hors d'oeuvres.
3. "Drink **your / you're** medication," urges the label of one fruity tonic.
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10. Queen Elizabeth II began her **reign / rein / rain** in 1952.
11. Cities on the **west coast / West Coast** are moving to expand all transportation networks.
12. The Empire State Building is at 350 **Fifth / 5th / fifth** Ave.
13. Neither Molly nor the Jackson twins delivered **his / their** subpoenas.
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**POINTS**

0   ½   1   1½   2

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4. Call it the “Yahoo rule”. Valued at \$23 billion, the Internet companies failure to

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### Notes for judges

No. 6 — **Holy Spirit** Preferred over Holy Ghost in most usage.

### Tips for judges

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### 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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¶1 Good feature story lead, but the writer never comes back to Barrera.

¶2 and ¶3 If Class 2A Baseball Championship Game isn't a proper noun the state championship in ¶3 certainly isn't. Be consistent.

¶3 At the beginning of the third line, the pronoun "they" refers to the team, a collective noun. There are several ways to fix this. One is presented here.

¶9 Some students may try to put the retirement higher in the story. It probably does warrant being higher than in the last paragraph.

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## 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.

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- Middle level: Does the story use the right sources? Does it flow?
- Lowest level: Grammar, spelling, punctuation, style

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