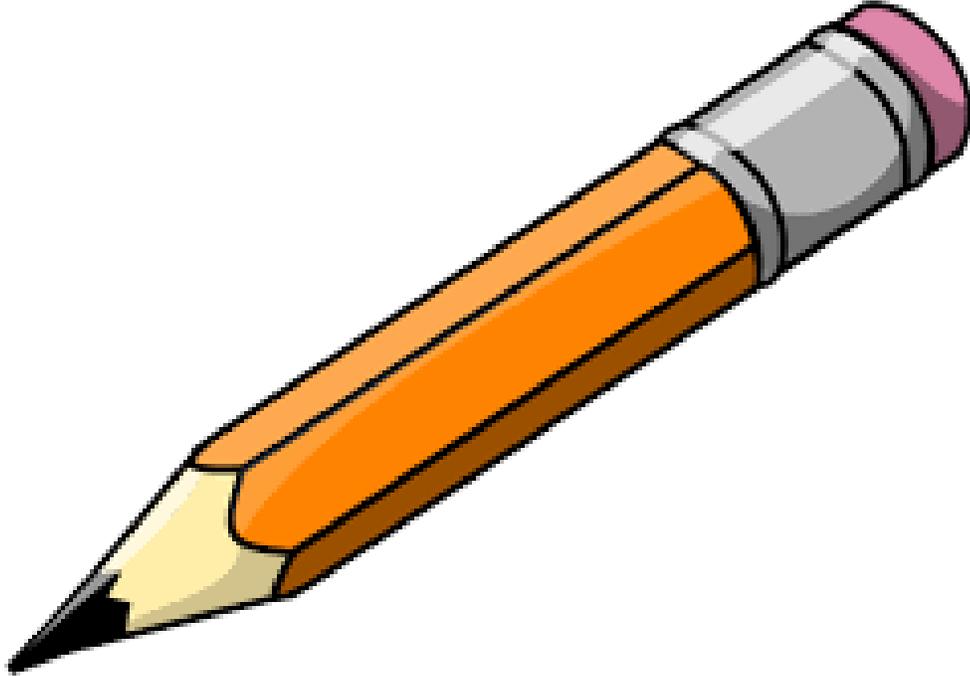


Central Texas Invitational Meet

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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. She gave us free **rein** / **reign** over the music choices.
2. It has been a **privilege** / **privalege** to serve this organization.
3. The score was **14 to 7** / **14-7** at halftime.
4. Labor **Day** / **day** is the first Monday in September.
5. She prepared the children's lunches **than** / **then** she ate breakfast.
6. She won the election by a **2-1** / **two-to-one** ratio.
7. They were treated like **VIP's** / **VIPs**.
8. The criminal returned to the **cite** / **site** / **sight** of the crime.
9. The committee turned the report in to **acting** / **Acting** Mayor John Jefferson.
10. My dad never **excedes** / **exceeds** the speed limit.
11. Her family raises **grayhounds** / **greyhounds**.
12. They had to stop traveling for a day because of the **sandstorm** / **sand storm**.
13. His new haircut was a **noticeable** / **noticable** improvement.
14. They waited with **baited** / **bated** breath for the announcement of the winner.
15. The school's flags will be flown at **half-mast** / **half-staff**.

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Part 2: Edit the following sentences to eliminate wordiness as well as any errors in AP style, grammar, spelling or punctuation. Use clearly understood editing symbols. (2 pts. each)

1. "What is the world is rong with you? her Mother asked.
2. Next year Sally will take Algebra, English, Art, and Spanish.
3. I payd \$2.00 and 50 cents for that milk that you just spilt.
4. Theater department will perfom "Noises Off" tommorow at 8:00 p.m.
5. Math Teacher Mrs. Sara Collins said she will not be a part of the knew commitee.

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Part 3: In the space provided, edit the following news brief as necessary 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. (25 pts.)

The band, orchestra, and choir will have a Christmas concert Dec. 14th at 7:30 P.M. in the theatre. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be bought from any band, orchestra or choir student. “We always look forward to the this concert because holiday music puts every one in a good mood, Band Director Chris Goodman said. “Its a grate way to start our winter break.”

Each one of the musical groups will have a chance to shine during the concert.

“We want to give the audience variety not just with the musical selections but with the way each group is highlighted,” choir director Malcom Bailey said. “Well all preform together but each of us will be able to grab the spot light during certain songs. We’ll be able to show the audience what makes each group special.”

Senior Claire McDougal will be one of three vocal soloists during the concert. She will perform “All I want for Christmas.” “That’s my favorite Christmas song,” said McDougal. “Its upbeat and fun to sing. I’m glad to have a solo in my last Christmas perfomance.”

The groups will perform standards, such as “White Christmas” as well as newer holiday songs, such as “You’re a Mean One Mr. Grinch.”

“We have such talented kids in our programs,” said Goodman. “We love giving them a chance to show off those talents. Everyone is invited to come and share the holiday spirit. I think even the grinch will be smiling after he left this concert.”