



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

# COPY EDITING CONTEST

## DISTRICT 2018

### FOR JUDGE'S USE

Points from PART 1

Points from PART 2

FINAL PLACE

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POINTS/15

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POINTS/10

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TOTAL POINTS

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FINAL PLACE

PART 3 is ONLY ranked to break a tie. No points are assigned.

There should be no ties.

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

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## Part 2

There are four errors per item.

If fixing one error creates another, it counts as one. For example, in the fourth sentence, removing "mutual" requires the editor to change "a" to "an." That is all one error.

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.

To facilitate grading, put an X over the number of a question that is completely wrong. Write the point value assigned to each question out to the side. Award questions with either a 0, a 0.5, a 1, a 1.5 or 2.

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If the editor leaves both quotes at the end, they need to move the attribution of the second quote to the beginning of the quote so it is clear who is speaking.

Moving the first (edited) quote to back up the lead makes more sense and reads better.

For a local chamber of commerce, capitalize the full name: the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce. Informally and on subsequent references, the chamber is lowercase.

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This section is ONLY 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.

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. The notes off to the side on the answer key indicate higher levels of editing errors. Those should be awarded more value if the student fixes the problem or indicates it should be fixed.

- 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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