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## Central Texas Invitational Meet

# COPY EDITING CONTEST



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**Points from  
PART 1**

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POINTS/15

**Points from  
PART 2**

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POINTS/10

**TOTAL  
POINTS**

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POINTS/25

*PART 3  
is graded  
ONLY  
to break ties.*

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# GenTex COPY EDITING CONTEST

**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. My English teacher wrote a novel, which she hopes will be a **best-seller** / **bestseller**.
2. He is proud of his **African American** / **African-American** heritage.
3. I **recommend** / **reccomend** that you read the assigned novel.
4. She **lead** / **led** the children through the museum.
5. Labor **day** / **Day** is the first Monday in September.
6. He always complains when his mom tells him to **takeout** / **take out** the trash.
7. I love the novel "**Beloved.**" / **Beloved**.
8. Joe Smith wants to be the **General Manager** / **general manager** of a pro team.
9. "He ran **through** / **thru** the airport," she said.
10. I can't wait **untill** / **until** I'm done with my homework.
11. He **flouted** / **flaunted** his father's rules by sneaking out with the car.
12. She buys **kitty litter** / **Kitty Litter** for her three cats.
13. That was a **bizarre** / **bizzare** coincidence.
14. The humanitarians were concerned about the **peoples** / **people's** freedom.
15. The ropes were tied so **loosely** / **losely** that it was easy to get free.

## CenTex COPY EDITING CONTEST

**PART 2: Edit the following sentences to eliminate FOUR (and only 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. Any others will be ignored. (2 pts. each)**

1. Senior Tom Daniels is a starter in three sports. Football, basket ball

and baseball. College recruiters have had their eye on him for two years.

2. Lisa does not like her Science class, The smell of formaldehyde make

her nauseous.

3. "Math is awesome, algebra teacher Jan Jefferson said, "Ill never understand

why so much students hate the subject."

4. My parents wish I would date more people but Ive been with my boy friend

for two years and I couldn't be happier.

5. As a general rule men don't like to ask for directions and woman think thats

hilarious.

## CenTex COPY EDITING CONTEST

**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.)**

Its always been said that twins support each other no matter what.

That's not exactly the case with Juniors Casey and Kelly Wharton, both are running for to be next years Student Body President. The election will be held on Friday.

"When I told Casey I was planning to run, he looked at me funny, but didn't say anything," said Kelly. The next day when I went to talk our class sponsor Mrs. [Beth] Henderson, she told me Casey had signed up the day before."

Kelly and Casy have both been in Student Council since they were freshman. They have held varius offices through out the years, but they have never shared a office. And they don't plan to do so next year.

"Of course I love my sister, and want only the best for her," Casey said, "But that doesn't mean I'm going to let her have the office I want. I plan to have a strong campaign and beat her fare and square."

Kelley said she feels the same.

"I've been working on my stratagy," she said. "I won't tear down Casey in anyway but I will show our class why Im the better choice."

Henderson said she's in a usual position.

"I've had both of them in class this year," she said. "They are both qualified and each would make a great class president. I'm glad I'm not the won who will vote, because I'm not sure how I would make a choice."

Kelly said she is looking forward to going head to head with her brother.

"May the best twin twin," she said.