



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

COPY EDITING CONTEST

DISTRICT 2017



Quarterback Dak Prescott of the Dallas Cowboys runs for a touchdown in a game against the Washington Redskins at FedExField on Sept. 18, 2016 in Landover, Maryland. Photo by Keith Allison, used with permission

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Points from PART 1

Points from PART 2

FINAL PLACE

POINTS/15

POINTS/10

TOTAL POINTS

FINAL PLACE

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

There should be no ties.

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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. The editor said she would go interview the **principle / principal** about the policy.
2. Reporters often **elude / allude** to academic studies the public can't comprehend.
3. We had **less / fewer** than \$1,000 in the student travel account.
4. SpaceX will build a spaceship that can fly faster **then / than** the speed of light.
5. Before the movie, they played a sneak **peek / peak** of the next Star Wars film.
6. The 8 **am / a.m.** band practice is mandatory.
7. The girl was only **16 / sixteen** years old when she got admitted to college.
8. The meteorologist said **its / it's** going to rain today — with 50 percent certainty.
9. Queen Elizabeth began her **reign / rein / rain** in 1953.
10. *The Great Gatsby* was set in the **1920s / 1920's**.
11. The actor and his director seldom agree with **one another / each other**.
12. Neither the choir members nor the director **is / are** going.
13. First place went to **whoever / whomever** got the highest score objectively.
14. "Thank you," the old man said. "**You're / Your** welcome," the Scout responded.
15. The Brazos and Colorado **Rivers / rivers** never intersect in Texas

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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)

1. Having won a combined total of nineteen Olympic and World Championship metals, Simone Biles is the most decorated American gymnast.
2. The 3rd in line to the British throne, Prince George of Cambridge, now three years old, was born to Kate Middleton and Prince Harry in 2003.
3. The reporter asked “Where is Aleppo.” But libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson had some trouble recognizing the name of a major syrian city.
4. Due to the fact that the 2 parties differed so greatly, they met on the island of Hawaii to develop a mutual agreement.
5. Caleb Martin, a sophomore, said “every kid’s dream was to catch Pokemon”.

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Part 3: In the space provided, edit the following news brief 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. PART 3 WILL BE GRADED TO BREAK TIES.

You are editing the article to be published the same day the statement mentioned in the article was released.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott smiled widely and playfully shoved Tony Romo after the ten year starter the Dallas rookie replaced finished his only drove of the regular season with a touchdown pass.

The Cowboys (13-3) don't anticipate using Romo in the play-offs. Prescott and fellow 1st-year sensation Ezekiel Elliott will be the focal point regardless of the opponent in the 1st divisional game at AT&T Stadium, which opened in 2009. The Dallas Cowboys last one their NFL championship in 1996.

Cowboys Owner Tom Landry has been bragging all season about the chemistry in a delicate situation between their quarterbacks - along with the closeness of the rest of the locker room - and is counting on those bonds when Dallas opens their play-offs series at home January 15.

"Eyes are all one the play-off game" Prescott said, "we will wait to see who our opponent is. But in the mean time, we will get better this week, makes ourselves better in every way that we can. Then when we figure out who it is, continue to get better and ready for that opponent"

"Its not really a time for reflection," Garrett said. "This is a time to get are eyes forward and get back to work."