## Sample copy-editing test

At The Cincinnati Enquirer, prospective copy editors are given several tests, including a 25-sentence grammar/style quiz and a current events/history quiz. Job candidates are also asked to copy-edit and write headlines for 3-5 short news stories. We do not allow the use of dictionaries or stylebooks during the tests.

Following are a few sample questions from the grammar/style quiz, and a piece of a rather dated current events quiz. (*Not for distribution, please.*)

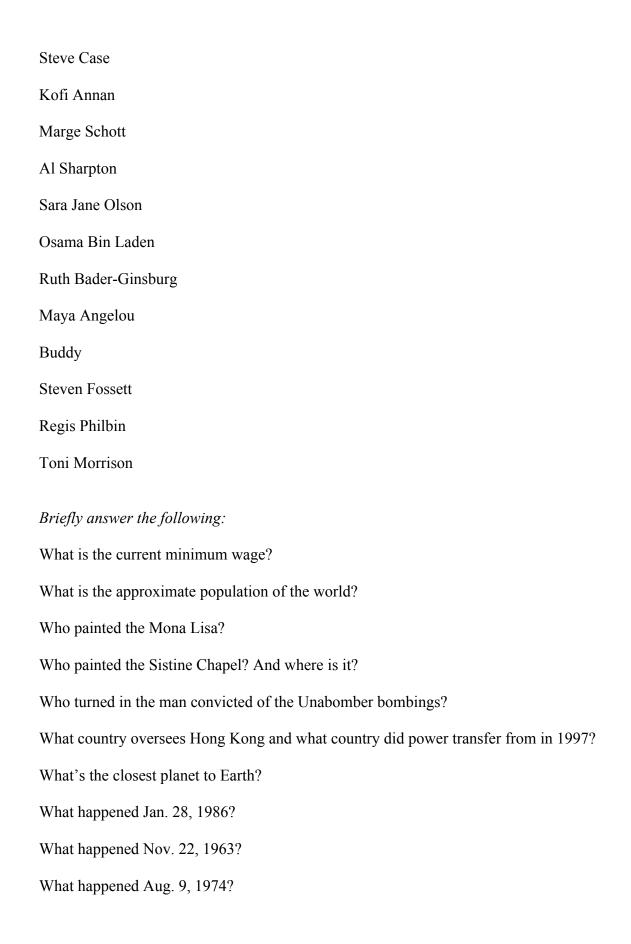
## Grammar and style

Correct the following sentences. Follow AP style.

- 1. President Bill Clinton said the Japanese would try and correct their trade imbalance.
- 2. He is not here at the present time, so we will wait for awhile.
- 3. The U.S. is comprised of fifty states.
- 4. The new building to be constructed on Eighth street will include 29 floors.
- 5. After the controversy centering around his last debate, the mayor decided to lay low.

## Current events/history

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Briefly identify the following:
Janet Reno
Tony Blair
Ehud Barak
Yanni
Jeff Bezos
Alan Greenspan
Ted Kaczynski



Who are the Little Rock Nine?

Who won the 1999 NCAA college basketball championship?

Who is president of the National Rifle Association?

Name three members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Name three members of President Clinton's Cabinet.

Name at least one of the three newest members of NATO.

Who are the leading contenders for each major party's 2000 presidential nomination?

Who won the 1999 Super Bowl?

Name one of the Spice Girls.