

The Dow Jones News Fund, Inc.
2012 Intern Program Controlled Editing Exercise

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Instructions

Please read these instructions before beginning. **The 5-page test has a one-hour time limit.** It consists of five parts for a total of 100 points: Part 1, grammar; Parts 2, 3 and 4, current events; and Part 5, editing and headline writing.

Answers must be written on the test. Test-takers are permitted to have only blank paper, pens and pencils.

The exercise will test your basic copy editing skills and will give you an opportunity to demonstrate your news judgment and your ability to deal with a deadline.

The headlines should be written in the spaces provided in Part 5. Each line of the headlines should be no more than FOUR units short of the total count and must not exceed the total. Don't forget to leave a space between words. Count each character (from a comma, to a capital W, to a space) as one unit. For example, the headline below would have the following counts:

Editing Test (12 units)

Called Easy (11 units)

For the editing component, you should look for spelling, grammar and usage mistakes, as well as contradictions and/or gaps in the stories.

Do not begin the test until you have been instructed to do so by the monitor.

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Part 1—Grammar/Usage: Circle the correct boldface word in each sentence.

1. The copy editor was **loath/loathe** to change a word of the reporter's copy.
2. The reporter's whereabouts **are/is** a mystery.
3. Neither the reporters nor the photographer **was/were** happy with the assignment.
4. He is one of the **few/only** reporters to command the editor's respect.
5. Publishers and editors seldom seem to agree with **each other/one another** on most topics.
6. She is an editor **who/whom** I respect.
7. Who is the **principal/principle** figure in the organization's hierarchy?
8. He said an average of 10 people **are/is** laid off every year.
9. After much debate, he **convinced/persuaded** the editor to run the article.
10. The editor **pored/poured** over the reporters notes but was still confused.
11. **Who/whom** should be assigned to do this article?
12. She covered the city **council/counsel** meetings for 15 years.
13. The publisher stood behind the **lectern/podium** when she addressed the staff.
14. The reporter said she would look **farther/further** into the topic.
15. The police said a **couple/couple of** computers were stolen from the newsroom.
16. The reporter **laid/lay** the blame on her editor for the mistake.
17. To be fair, an editor must be a **disinterested/uninterested** participant in any discussion.
18. The photo clearly showed a car **colliding with/hitting** the house.
19. The person **who/whom** was named as a suspect had been mentioned in earlier articles.
20. The **biweekly/semiweekly** publication appears 26 times a year.

Part 2—Current (and past) Events: Provide the correct answer in the blank space.

21. Osama bin Laden was killed by a team of Navy _____.
22. Explosions and gunfire killed scores of people in the Scandinavian country of _____.
23. News Corporation, headed by _____, came under intense criticism in Britain for a phone-hacking scandal and was forced to close its Sunday tabloid, _____.
24. Mainstream TV lost several icons as _____ left her daytime talk show after 25 years and _____ departed as the anchor of the CBS evening news.
25. CBS also removed _____ from its hit series “Two and a half Men.”
26. The TV spectacular of the year was the marriage of Kate Middleton to Prince _____.
27. The last movie in the saga of _____ generated the largest first-weekend revenue in movie history.
28. In political news, Republicans and Democrats spent most of the summer haggling over a plan to raise the federal _____ as House Speaker _____ had difficulty bringing conservative Republicans into line. And President Obama, citing “silliness,” released his _____, quieting a controversy stirred by Donald Trump.
29. The Pentagon rescinded its _____ policy pertaining to gays in the military.
30. The end of an era came when the _____ Atlantis returned to Cape Canaveral on the final voyage of the program.
31. Former _____ director Dominique Strauss-Kahn resigned after a sex scandal at a hotel in New York.
32. Frank Buckles, the last U.S. veteran of _____, died at the age of 110. His death came in the same year that marked the 150th anniversary of the start of the _____ War.
33. Owners and players in the _____ agreed to a collective bargaining agreement, ending a four-month lockout.



Part 3—Find that state: Place the number that corresponds with the people/descriptions below in the correct state.

1. A U.S. congressman from this state resigned over a “sexting” scandal.
2. The ex-governor of this state admitted fathering a child with a member of his housekeeping staff.
3. A gunman killed six people and critically wounded a congresswoman from this state.
4. A tornado devastated Joplin, a city in this state.
5. Casey Anthony was found not guilty of killing her daughter in this state.
6. This state became the largest to approve same-sex marriage.

Part 4—Legends: Match the name of the famous person in the left column who died in 2011 with the description that applies to him or her.

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| 1. Elizabeth Taylor | ___ Founder of the Peace Corps |
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| 5. Amy Winehouse | ___ '84 Democratic VP candidate |
| 6. Clarence Clemons | ___ Detective Lt. Columbo |
| 7. Betty Ford | |

Part 5—Editing and headline writing: Edit the following story and write a headline that has two lines with a maximum character count of 21 per line.

TOKYO—A massive tsunami and a powerful earthquake that followed killed 20,000 people in northern Japan and damaged or destroyed an estimated 125,000 buildings. Three reactors at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant suffered meltdowns, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of people, officials said.

Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kao said, “In the 65 years after the end of World War I, this is the toughest and most difficult crisis for Japan.” He said that the total energy released was approximately 600 million times the energy of the atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima in 1945.”

Residents within a 12-mile radius of the Fukushima plant were evacuated, and some energy officials suggested that people within a 50-mile radius should be evacuated.

Officials said the three nuclear reactors suffered explosions due to hydrogen gas that had built up within their outer containment buildings when the facility’s cooling systems failed. They said the reactor meltdown was the most serious since the Chernobyl disaster 75 years earlier in Ukraine.

Early estimates placed insured damages from the earthquake alone at \$35 billion. Officials at the Bank of Japan said the overall cost could exceed \$300 billion, making it the most costly natural disaster on record.

(Part 5, editing, continued on back page)

Part 5—Editing and headline writing, continued: Edit the following story and write a headline that has two lines with a maximum character count of 20 per line.

CAIRO—Turmoil in North Africa that began in Tunisia and spread westward to Egypt, Libya and beyond threatened to change the face of the Arab world.

One of the most significant developments occurred in Egypt when the 30-year dictatorship of Hosni Mubarak collapsed after 18 days of protest. His departure came a month after Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali fled to Saudi Arabia.

Libyan leader Muammar al-Gaddafi refused to step down, sparking a civil war between troops loyal to him and rebels based in Benghazi. NATO launched a series of air strikes against his forces as President Obama and Secretary of Defense Hillary Clinton called for his removal.

The geopolitical implications of the uprisings have drawn global attention. Some observers made the outlandish suggestion that the protesters in the “Arab Spring” movement be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The widespread protests also underscored the importance of social media such as Facebook, Youtube and Twitter in rallying support to the protesters’ calls for strikes, demonstrations, marches and rallies. The protesters also shared a common slogan, regardless of the country—“The people want to bring down the regime.”

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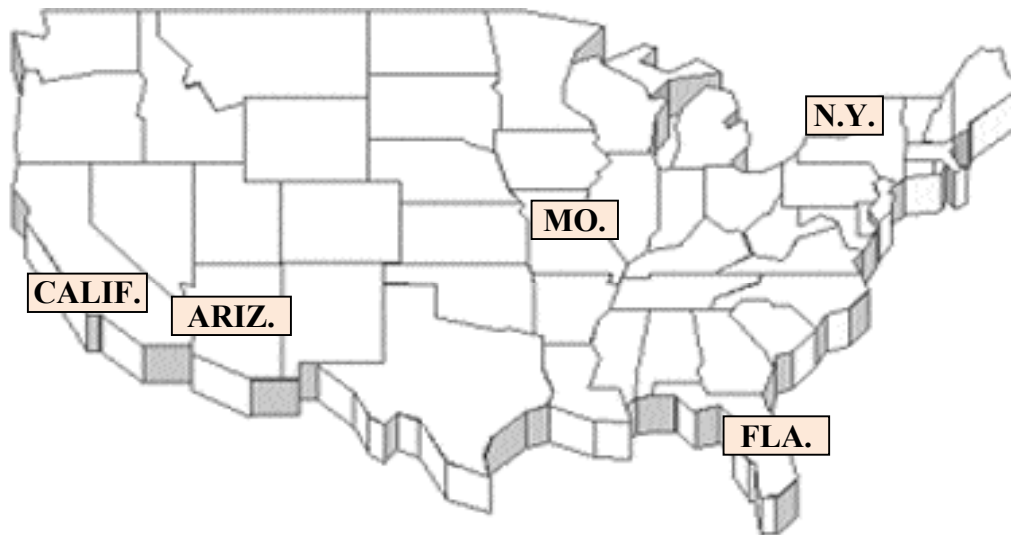
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Part 2—Current (and past) Events: Provide the correct answer in the blank space.

21. Osama bin Laden was killed by a team of Navy **SEALS**.
22. Explosions and gunfire killed scores of people in the Scandinavian country of **NORWAY**.
23. News Corporation, headed by **RUPERT MURDOCH**, came under intense criticism in Britain for a phone-hacking scandal and was forced to close its Sunday tabloid, **NEWS OF THE WORLD**.
24. Mainstream TV lost several icons as **OPRAH WINFREY** left her daytime talk show after 25 years and **KATIE COURIC** departed as the anchor of the CBS evening news.
25. CBS also removed **CHARLIE SHEEN** from its hit series “Two and a half Men.”
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27. The last movie in the saga of **HARRY POTTER** generated the largest first-weekend revenue in movie history.
28. In political news, Republicans and Democrats spent most of the summer haggling over a plan to raise the federal **DEBT CEILING** as House Speaker **JOHN BOEHNER** had difficulty bringing conservative Republicans into line. And President Obama, citing “silliness,” released his **BIRTH CERTIFICATE**, quieting a controversy stirred by Donald Trump.
29. The Pentagon rescinded its **DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL** policy pertaining to gays in the military.
30. The end of an era came when the **SPACE SHUTTLE** Atlantis returned to Cape Canaveral on the final voyage of the program.
31. Former **IMF** director Dominique Strauss-Kahn resigned after a sex scandal at a hotel in New York.
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33. Owners and players in the **NFL** agreed to a collective bargaining agreement, ending a four-month lockout.



Part 3—Find that state: Place the number that corresponds with the people/descriptions below in the correct state.

1. A U.S. congressman from this state resigned over a “sexting” scandal. **(N.Y.)**
2. The ex-governor of this state admitted fathering a child with a member of his housekeeping staff. **(CALIF.)**
3. A gunman killed six people and critically wounded a congresswoman from this state. **(ARIZ.)**
4. A tornado devastated Joplin, a city in this state. **(MO.)**
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Earthquake, tsunami hit Japan; 20,000 die

TOKYO—A massive tsunami and a powerful earthquake that followed (**sequence is backward**) killed 20,000 people in northern Japan and damaged or destroyed an estimated 125,000 buildings. Three reactors at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant suffered meltdowns, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of people, officials said.

Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kao said, “In the 65 years after the end of World War I, (**should be II**) this is the toughest and most difficult crisis for Japan.” He said that the total energy released was approximately 600 million times the energy of the atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima in 1945.” (**no open quotes**)

Residents within a 12-mile radius of the Fukushima (**spelling**) plant were evacuated, and some energy officials suggested that people within a 50-mile radius should be evacuated.

Officials said the three nuclear reactors suffered explosions due to hydrogen gas that had built up within their outer containment buildings when the facility’s cooling systems failed. They said the reactor meltdown was the most serious since the Chernobyl disaster 75 years earlier (**off by 50 years**) in Ukraine.

Early estimates placed insured damages from the earthquake alone at \$35 billion. Officials at the Bank of Japan said the overall cost could exceed \$300 billion, making it the most costly natural disaster on record.

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Turmoil could change face of Arab world

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One of the most significant developments occurred in Egypt when the 30-year dictatorship (**editorializing**) of Hosni Mubarak collapsed after 18 days of protest. His departure came a month after Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali fled to Saudi Arabia.

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