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2013 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 and Usage: Circle the correct choice in each example.

1. The publisher was not **adverse/averse** to putting ads on the front page.
2. The choice of **who/whom** to appoint as sports editor was difficult.
3. The editor **emigrated/immigrated** to the U.S. from England in 2012.
4. An average of 300 newspapers **are/is** returned to the headquarters daily.
5. The photographer is one of the **few/only** people who could do the assignment.
6. The staff didn't know what to **imply/infer** from the new order.
7. Obama or Romney: Whose plan is **better/best**?
8. To be fair, a reporter must be **disinterested/uninterested** in a topic she is covering.
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11. The advertising director wasn't very **discreet/discrete** in dealing with customers.
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13. Now that I've finished the article, I am going to **lay/lie** down for a short rest.
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16. Neither the reporters nor the editor **was/were** satisfied with the article.
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18. The editor had a **flair/flare** for colorful language.
19. **Latitude/longitude** refers to the distance north and south of the equator.
20. **Anyone/Any one** of the applicants could become a reporter at the newspaper.

Part 2—Current Events: Provide the correct answer in the blank space.

1. Penn State University's former defensive football coach _____ was convicted on 45 counts of sexually abusing young boys. And legendary football coach _____ died only three months after he was fired by the university.
2. Twelve people died in a shooting at a movie theater in _____, while six people and the gunman died in a shooting at a Sikh temple in _____.
3. The Supreme Court, in a victory for President Obama, upheld the _____, under Congress's power to levy taxes. Meanwhile, the court upheld a hotly debated centerpiece of the state of _____ immigration law.
4. Julian Assange, the founder of _____, was granted asylum in the Ecuadorian embassy in London.
5. Kim Jong-un succeeded his father as ruler of _____.
6. _____ celebrated her 60th year as queen of England.
7. After 244 years, the _____ the world's most famous reference work, went out of print.
8. The shooting death of Trayvon _____ by George Zimmerman brought Florida's "Stand Your Ground Law" under close scrutiny.
9. The *Times-Picayune* of _____ created a stir when it said it would publish only three days a week beginning this fall.
10. Police in _____ killed 34 miners in a strike-related dispute at a platinum mine, causing some people to raise the specter of apartheid.
11. _____, home of the Masters golf tournament, admitted its first female members—Condoleezza Rice and Darla Moore.
12. U.S. swimmer _____ became the all-time leader in medals won at the Olympics while Gabby Douglas became the first _____ to win the all around gold medal in gymnastics.
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Part 3—Geopolitics: Place the numbers that correspond with the descriptions of these political people and topics with the states they represent.

1. GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney was governor of this state.
2. Romney’s vice presidential running mate represents this state in Congress.
3. Two of Romney’s primary opponents, former Sen. Rick Santorum and former Rep. Newt Gingrich, represented these states.
4. The GOP held its nominating convention in this state.
5. The Democrats held their convention in this state.
6. Rep. Todd Akin, a GOP candidate for the senate in this state, created a firestorm after making comments about victims of “legitimate rape.”

Part 4—Legends: Match the famous person in the left column with the description that applies to them.

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| 1. Whitney Houston | — | “Can we all get along?” |
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Part 5--Editing and headline writing: Edit the following story and write a headline that has two lines with a maximum character count of 26 per line.

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The West Nile virus outbreak through August is the largest ever in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. At the end of the month, more than 1,200 cases had been reported.

Dr. Lyle Petersen of the CDC said “we expect many more cases to occur.” The peak of West Nile virus epidemics usually comes in August, he said. Unusually warm weather is the primary reason for the increase,” Dr. Peterson added.

Six states—Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, South Dakota and Oklahoma—have recorded the most instances of the virus. Texas has been at the heart of the outbreak, with 600 confirmed cases and more than 20 deaths, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The CDC noted that about 80 percent of the people bitten by West Nile mosquitoes don’t get the virus. About 15 percent have relatively mild symptoms while the remaining 10 percent develop a severe illness, which can include paralysis, coma or death, the CDC said.

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Signature of Monitor

Date

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4. The GOP held its nominating convention in this state. **(FL)**
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6. Rep. Todd Akin, a GOP candidate for the senate in this state, created a firestorm after making comments about victims of “legitimate rape.” **(MO)**

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Dr. Lyle Petersen of the CDC said “we expect many more cases to occur.” The peek (**should be peak**) of West Nile virus epidemics usually comes in August, he said. Unusually warm weather is the primary reason for the increase,” (**no open quotes**) Dr. Peterson (**Petersen??**) added.

Six states—Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, South Dakota and Oklahoma (**that’s five**)—have recorded the most instances of the virus. Texas has been at the heart of the outbreak, with 600 confirmed cases and more than 20 deaths, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The CDC noted that about 80 percent of the people bitten by West Nile mosquitoes don’t get the virus. About 15 percent have relatively mild symptoms while the remaining 10 percent develop a severe illness, which can include paralysis, coma or death, the CDC said. (**80+15+10=105**)

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