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**2014 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 three-part series had the desired **affect/effect** on the readers.
2. The editor wasn't certain **who/whom** would be the ideal targets for the series.
3. The reporters had to **convince/persuade** the editor to run the story at its length.
4. Three reporters were sent to cover the weekly **council/counsel** meeting.
5. The photographer got a picture of the **hit-and-run/hit and run** driver.
6. The company's value **appreciated/depreciated** to \$50 million from \$100 million.
7. **Canada goose/Canadian goose** droppings covered the parking lot.
8. The newsroom was curious **who/whom** the next editor would be.
9. The 20-year-old **youth/man** applied for the position as a part-time photographer.
10. **Who/Whom** did the publisher name as editor?
11. The publisher **implied/inferred** to the staff that layoffs would be coming.
12. Articles **that/which** aren't fact checked have a greater possibility for error.
13. The editor decided to **lay/lie** down before moving to her next assignment.
14. **Fewer than/less than** 15 reporters remain on the staff.
15. The reporter quickly **rifled/riffled** through her notes before the interview.
16. The reporter tried to **stanch/staunch** the victim's bleeding at the crash scene.
17. The **principal/principle** was one of several people interviewed for the article.
18. The reporter decided to **canvas/canvass** the voters before writing her story.
19. It was much more difficult for the reporter to **pedal/peddle** his bicycle up the hill.
20. **Anyone/Any one** could apply for the job with the same chance of success.

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was found not guilty in the shooting death of \_\_\_\_\_ in Sanford, Fla.
2. Pfc. Bradley Manning was found \_\_\_\_\_ for leaking documents to WikiLeaks.
3. Edward J. Snowden found asylum in \_\_\_\_\_ from extradition to the U.S. over disclosing classified information.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ ended a long-time ban on gay youths in its organization.
5. The Supreme Court nullified the federal law that defined \_\_\_\_\_ as a union between a man and a woman.
6. The court also struck down the heart of the 1965 \_\_\_\_\_ Rights Act.
7. The Pentagon is lifting its ban on women \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In foreign news, a clothing factory collapsed in \_\_\_\_\_, killing more than 1,000 people. Military leaders in \_\_\_\_\_ clashed with demonstrators who supported the ousted president, Mohamed Morsi, and hundreds were killed. And former NBA all star Dennis Rodman became an overnight diplomatic disgrace when he led a group of players to \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The aircraft manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ continued to face problems with its so-called 787 Dreamliner.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ reached a milestone on May 6 when the widely watched measure closed above 15,000 for the first time.
11. Two venerable U.S. newspapers were sold during the summer: The \_\_\_\_\_ Post and The \_\_\_\_\_ Globe.
12. \_\_\_\_\_, a television fixture for 50 years, announced on “The View” that she would be retiring next year.
13. The third in line to the British throne, Prince \_\_\_\_\_, was born to Kate Middleton and Prince William.
14. Nov. 22 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination of \_\_\_\_\_.



**Part 3—Find that state:** Place the number that corresponds with the statement in the correct state.

1. A gunman in this state allegedly killed 20 schoolchildren and six adults. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Two alleged bombers killed three people at the end of a marathon in this state. \_\_\_\_\_
3. A town in this state was rocked by a blast at a fertilizer plant that killed at least 15 people. \_\_\_\_\_
4. A giant tornado, more than a mile wide, killed at least 50 people in this state. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Nineteen firefighters died fighting wildfires in this state. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Ariel Castro will serve life in prison plus 1,000 years for kidnapping three girls in this state and holding them for more than a decade. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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| 1. Margaret Thatcher   | _____ “All in the Family”    |
| 2. Norman Schwartzkopf | _____ Tony Soprano           |
| 3. Hugo Chavez         | _____ Brash New York mayor   |
| 4. Jean Stapleton      | _____ British prime minister |
| 5. Edward I. Koch      | _____ Desert Storm           |
| 6. James Gandolfini    | _____ Venezuelan leader      |
| 7. Alan Neuharth       |                              |

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

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The new pope hails from Argentina and became the first pope from South America, the first from the Southern Hemisphere and the first from the Society of Jesus, better known as the Jesuits. He was born in Buenos Aires, the son of Italian parents, and worked briefly as a chemical technician before becoming a priest in 1969.

From 1973 until 1979 he was the provincial superior of the Society of Jesus in Argentina and was named archbishop of Sao Paolo in 2001. Throughout all the years, Pope Francis has been known for his humility and holiness, two characteristics that made him popular among the cardinals who elected him.

He has taken the orthodox Catholic view of supporting abortion and contraception. And while favoring a greater role for women in the church, he is against the ordination of women into the priesthood.

The new pope has a fierce pastoral dedication to the poor. One of his major initiatives as archbishop of Buenos Aires was to increase the presence of the church there. During his tenure, the number of priests serving the slums doubled.

He was a strong supporter of the country’s military regime during the so-called “dirty war” waged between 1976 and 1983. During the repression of the riots of December 2001 he urged the police to distinguish between rioters and peaceful protesters.

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**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 21 per line.

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All eight cars derailed as the train rounded a bend traveling at approximately 100 kilometers per hour (162 miles per hour), double the posted speed limit of 50 kph.

The driver of the train, Francisco Jose Suarez, is under investigation but hasn't been formally charged. The head of Spain's public railways, Juan Antonio Fuentes, said the train crew reported no problems before the crash and added that the driver was "obviously drunk" or would have slowed the train as it approached the curve.

Mr. Fuentes said that on the day of the crash the train had undergone a thorough technical inspection and nothing abnormal had been found. The brakes were in perfect condition," Mr. Fuentes said. He said the train's "black box" data recorder disclosed that the engineer was talking to a colleague on his work phone and consulting documents shortly before the derailment.

It was the worst train crash in Spain since a 1972 accident near Barcelona killed 65 passengers.

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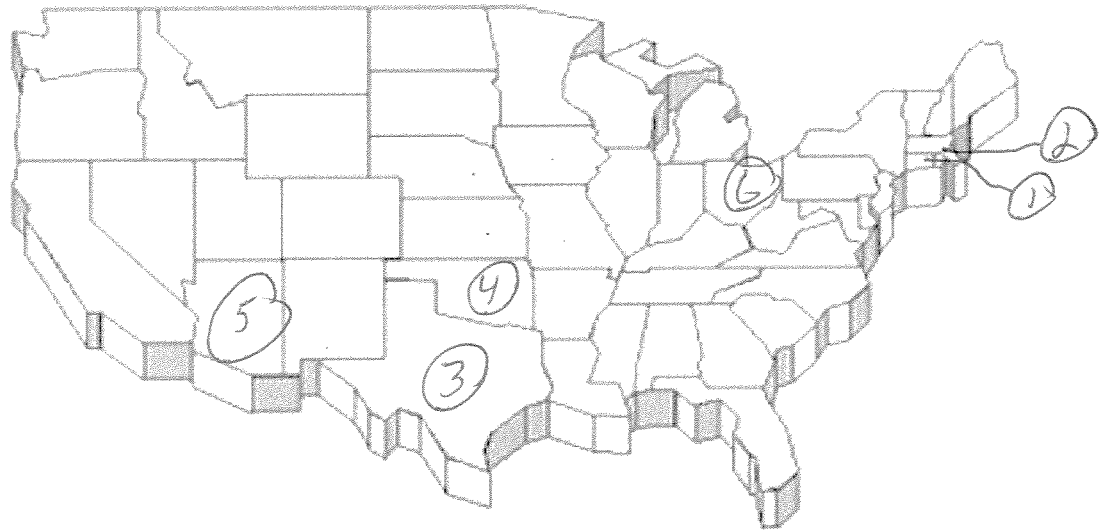
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9. The aircraft manufacturer **BOEING** continued to face problems with its so-called 787 Dreamliner.
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| 2. Norman Schwartzkopf | ___ Tony Soprano           | <b>(6)</b> |
| 3. Hugo Chavez         | ___ Brash New York mayor   | <b>(5)</b> |
| 4. Jean Stapleton      | ___ British prime minister | <b>(1)</b> |
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**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 21 per line.

**TRAIN CRASH IN SPAIN**

**KILLS 79=INJURES 170**

**or**

**SPANISH TRAIN DERAILS**

**KILLING 79=170 HURT**

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Mr. Fuentes said that on the day of the crash the train had undergone a thorough technical inspection and nothing abnormal had been found. **INSERT OPEN QUOTE** "The brakes were in perfect condition," Mr. Fuentes said. He said the train's "black box" data recorder disclosed that the engineer was talking to a colleague on his work phone and consulting documents shortly before the derailment.

It was the **worst train crash in Spain since** a 1972 accident near Barcelona killed 65 passengers. **THIS WAS THE WORST ACCIDENT, 79 IS MORE THAN 65.**

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