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2002 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; Part 2, current events; Part 3, contemporary geography; Part 4, general knowledge; Part 5, editing and headline writing.

Answers must be written on the test. Test-takers are *only* permitted to have 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. 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)

By Students (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.

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

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Part 2--Current Events: Write the correct answer in the space provided.

After considerable deliberation, President Bush came out in favor of limited federal funding for _____ research.

The record industry was largely successful in shutting down _____, the most popular online music-swapping site.

The _____ football league, a joint venture of NBC and the World Wrestling Federation, folded after its initial season.

Dennis Tito paid \$25 million to become the world's first tourist to _____.

In one of the most sweeping espionage cases in history, Robert P. Hanssen, a former _____ agent, was indicted on 21 counts of spying for Russia.

The U.S. was involved in several international incidents, including the collision of a surveillance plane with a fighter jet from _____. The U.S. came under sharp attack from _____ after a Navy submarine collided with a fishing boat from that country.

Four terrorists were convicted in a 302-count verdict for their roles in bombing two U.S. embassies in _____.

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_____ easily defeated Ehud Barak to become the prime minister of Israel. Meanwhile, _____ elected a reform candidate, Junichiro Koizumi.

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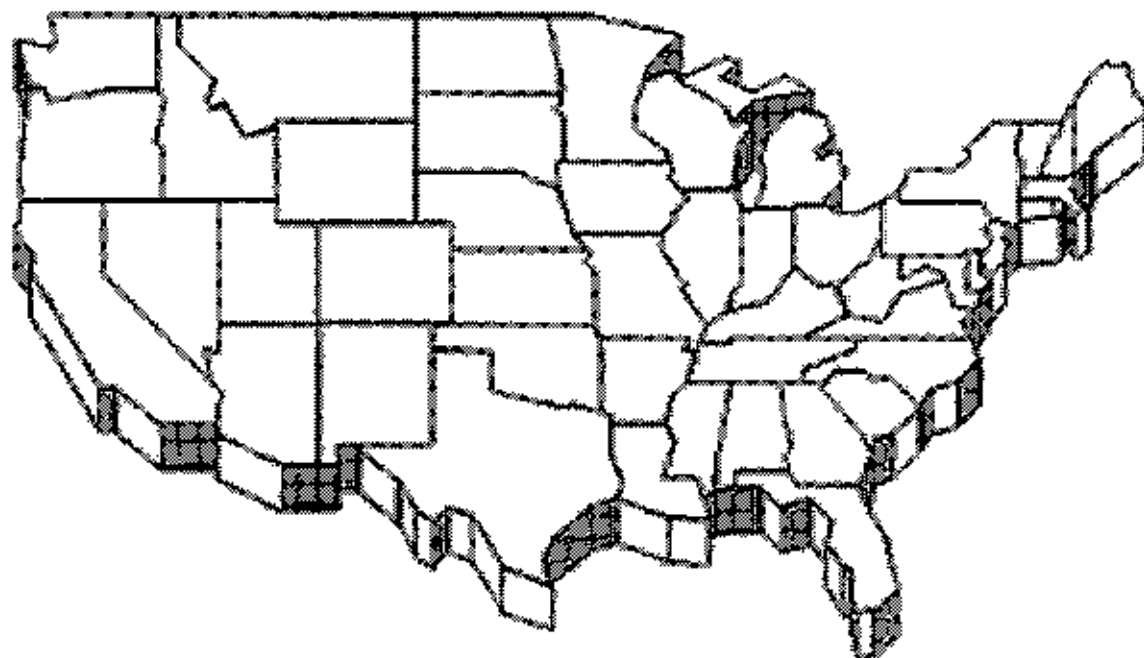
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Former Washington Post Publisher _____, once the most powerful woman in journalism, died in July. Among other notables to die during the year were stock-car-racing legend _____ and Carroll O'Connor, best known for his role as _____ in "All in the Family."

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Part 4--General Knowledge: Match the number of the person in the left column with his or her position in the government.

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Furyk said, "I don't feel like I let anyone down today. I played well enough to win." I thought I won the tournament a couple of times today. In the playoff, Woods sank a 2-foot birdie putt and then raised both arms over his shoulders like a heavyweight boxing champion. "That's the ultimate. Win or lose, to be out there in that environment is pretty cool."

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