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2003 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 No. 2 pencils supplied by the Newspaper Fund.

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.**

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

1. He is one of many people who **want/wants** to apply for the editing job.
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The 2002 Winter Olympics had a number of memorable moments, including Vonnie Flowers becoming the first \_\_\_\_\_ woman to win a gold medal, in bobsled competition. Meanwhile, controversy surrounded events in \_\_\_\_\_ when a second gold medal was awarded to the Canadian team, in addition to the Russian team.

The McCain-Feingold \_\_\_\_\_ bill won final approval, limiting the amount of money available for political races by banning large, unlimited contributions.

The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, upheld a system of \_\_\_\_\_ that uses public money to assist parents in failing urban school districts to pay their children's tuition at private schools.

Congressional investigators determined that more than 80 people at the accounting firm of \_\_\_\_\_ were involved in shredding documents related to the Enron business scandal. Elsewhere in business news, home-decorating maven \_\_\_\_\_ came under scrutiny over her sale of ImClone Systems stock.

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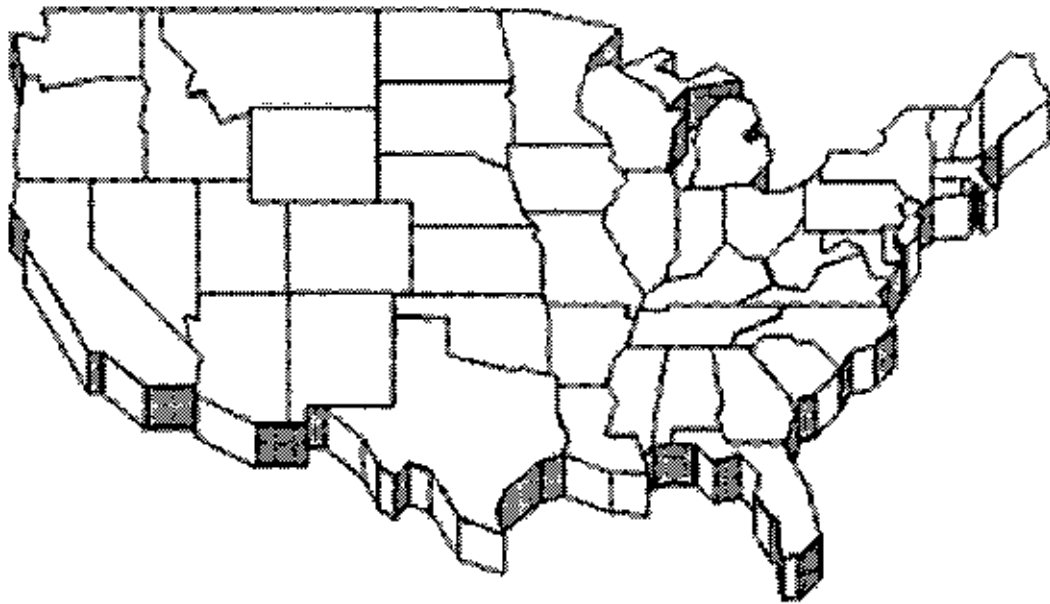
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In England, Elizabeth celebrated her \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary as queen, although the celebrations were tempered by the death earlier in the year of two prominent members of the Royal Family, one of whom was \_\_\_\_\_.

Aug. 16 marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of \_\_\_\_\_, the king of rock-and-roll.



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