

The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, Inc. 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.

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

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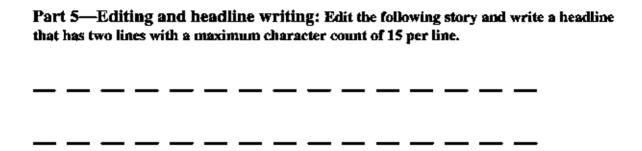


Part 3--Maps and Geography: Place the numbers that correspond with the statements inside or next to the correct state's boundaries.

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- 3. James A. Traficant Jr., a maverick Democrat who represented the Youngstown area of this state, became only the second member of the House of Representatives to be expelled since the Civil War.
- 4. Enron Corp., whose headquarters is in this state, was the focus of one of the largest scandals in the history of American business.
- 5. In one of the most closely watched elections in 2002, Jeb Bush was expected to face former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno for the governorship of this state.
- 6. Giants' outfielder Barry Bonds, whose team plays in this state, became only the fourth player in Major League history to hit 600 home runs,
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Part 4--Match the person in the left column with the description in the right column.

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(Test continued on back page.)

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LANCE PRONG won his fourth consecutive Tour de France, the world's most prestigious cycling championship.
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