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2004 Intern Program Controlled Editing Exercise**

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Monitor's Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Date Exercise Given \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/03

**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.**

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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Separately, L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator in Iraq, was quoted in The Washington Post as saying that it was “almost impossible to exaggerate” Iraq’s economic needs. He said reconstruction efforts would cost “several tens of millions” of dollars, including up to \$16 billion over the next four years to deliver clean water to residents of the country. Meeting current electrical needs could cost up to \$2 billion, he added.

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