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2011 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)**

**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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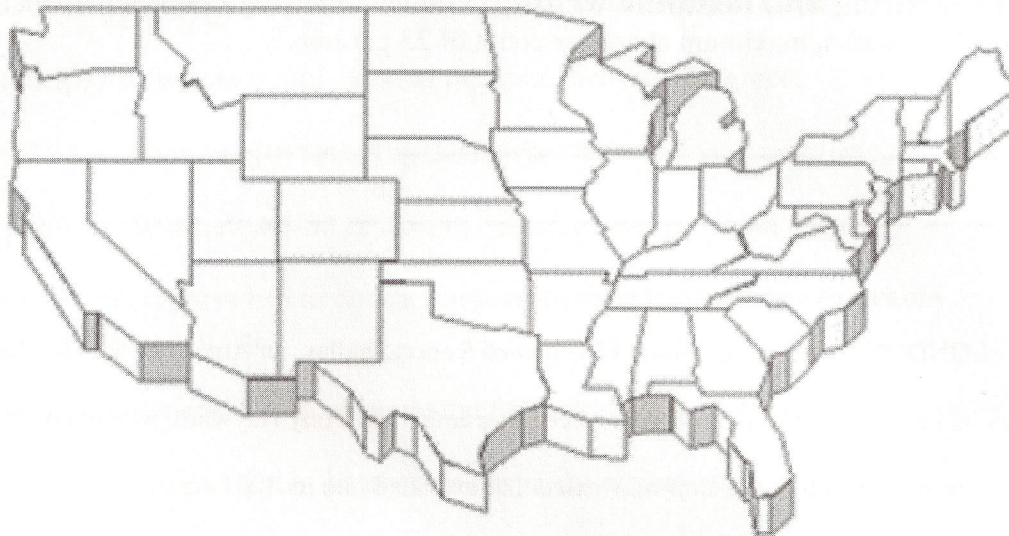
**Part 1—Grammar and Usage:** Circle the correct choice in each example.

1. The **principal/principle** motive driving the publisher was not greed.
2. The staff was not **affected/effect**ed by the newspaper's financial problems.
3. She was afraid the article would destroy her **character/reputation**.
4. The three photographers had to decide **among/between** themselves **who/whom** would shoot the fire pictures.
5. The editor couldn't **convince/persuade** the publisher that the trip was necessary.
6. Reporters didn't know what to **imply/infer** from the new order.
7. The editor or publisher: Whose plan is **better/best**?
8. **Fewer/less** than 10 people showed up for the news conference.
9. The reporter didn't know whether to believe what the press **flack/flak** told him.
10. **Who/whom** did the publisher name as editor?
11. The award, **that/which** he didn't expect, came with a \$1,000 prize.
12. Reporters gathered to cover the **standoff/stand off** at the prison.
13. Is this different **from/than** your previous article on the subject?
14. The prize goes to **whoever/whomever** finishes first.
15. She decided to **lay/lie** down after a long day on the copy desk.
16. Neither the students nor the professor **was/were** satisfied with the test.
17. The reporter was pleased with the **complement/compliment** from the editor.
18. The reporter traveled **farther/further** than he expected to get the story.
19. Daylight-**saving/savings** time ends in November.



**Part 2—Current (and past) Events:** Provide the correct answer in the blank space.

1. An earthquake in \_\_\_\_\_ killed more than 200,000 people.
2. Gen. Stanley McChrystal was relieved of command in \_\_\_\_\_ after a damaging interview in \_\_\_\_\_ magazine.
3. Faisal Shazad entered a guilty plea in a failed attempt to bomb \_\_\_\_\_, in New York City.
4. Ash from a volcano in \_\_\_\_\_ created havoc with air travel between Europe and the U.S. and beyond.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to merge, creating the world's largest airline.
6. Strict economic measures in the European country of \_\_\_\_\_ generated violent protests, with a number of people killed.
7. President Obama selected \_\_\_\_\_ to become the newest member of the U.S. Supreme Court.
8. Ben S. Bernanke was confirmed to a second term as head of the \_\_\_\_\_
9. The automaker \_\_\_\_\_ issued the largest recall in history, based on problems with sudden acceleration.
10. Apple introduced its \_\_\_\_\_, a name that generated more controversy than was intended.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ announced that he was leaving his CNN show after 25 years, and \_\_\_\_\_ said this would be his last season on "American Idol."
12. Though it didn't win the "best picture" Oscar, \_\_\_\_\_ became the No. 1 film of all time with global sales topping \$2.6 billion.
13. Washington Post Co. sold \_\_\_\_\_ to Sidney Harman, a 91-year-old audio pioneer.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ won the 2010 World Cup, the first time in the 70-year history of the tournament that it was held on the continent of \_\_\_\_\_.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ returned to golf at the Masters after a 4 1/2-month self-imposed exile.



**Part 3—Find that state:** Place the number that corresponds with the people/descriptions below in the correct state.

1. Republican Scott Brown was elected a senator from this state, filling a vacancy created by the death of Edward M. Kennedy.
2. Republican Chris Christie was elected governor of this state, defeating Jon Corzine.
3. A disaster in this state left 25 coal miners dead.
4. This state's legislature passed the most stringent immigration law in the country.
5. Superstar LeBron James left a National Basketball Association team in this state to join a team in this state.

**Part 4—Legends:** Match the name of the famous person in the left column who died in 2010 with the description that applies to him or her.

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| 1. George Steinbrenner | — | "Catcher in the Rye"             |
| 2. Fess Parker         | — | Pioneering singer/actress        |
| 3. Daniel Schorr       | — | General and Nixon chief of staff |
| 4. Lena Horne          | — | Davy Crockett                    |
| 5. Alexander Haig      | — | New York Yankees owner           |
| 6. J.D. Sallinger      |   |                                  |



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Meanwhile, BP took a charge of \$32.2 billion for the oil spill in its second quarter, resulting in a net loss of \$17.15 billion. Without that charge and others, the company would have had a net profit of \$4.39 billion, still down nearly 50 percent from its \$9.63 billion profit a year earlier.

Mr. Dudley, the first non-Briton to head the company, said there was “no question” that BP would become a “different company” in the wake of the Gulf spill, the worst environmental disaster in history. At its peak, oil was leaking into the Gulf at the rate of nearly one million gallons a day, equal to 42 million barrels.

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The latest figures mean that pressure probably will increase on the Federal Reserve to use its power to prevent what is known as a double-dip recession. Economists say the Fed seems increasingly worried about the direction of the economy.

The sluggish growth of GNP, the country’s total output of goods and services, led many economists to forecast a continued slowing in the second half, perhaps to a rate of growth of no more than 1.5 percent.

Republicans were quick to criticize the report, with a spokesman for Rep. John Boehner, the speaker of the House, observing, “The country needs to go in a different direction. The current administration’s policies simply aren’t working.”

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## 2011 editing test key

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