



**The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, Inc.  
2005 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.**

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 choice in each example.

1. One of every 12 reporters **are/is** guilty of plagiarism.
2. Neither the reporters nor the editor **want/wants** to take liberties with the facts.
3. The editor, **who/whom** I met briefly, urged me to return to school.
4. The editor restored two paragraphs **that/which** had been cut from the story.
5. **Damage/Damages** from Hurricane Charley **was/were** extensive.
6. It is necessary to log **on to/onto** the newspaper's computer system.
7. The editor **convinced/persuaded** her to change the first paragraph of her story.
8. The copy editor had a **flair/flare** for writing creative headlines.
9. The newspaper **is composed of/is comprised of** 11 departments.
10. The agent, **who/whom** should have known better, tried to dictate the story's content.
11. **Average/Median** is the middle number of points in a series arranged in order of size.
12. The series, **that/which** ran for seven days, was well received by readers.
13. Either the editor or the reporters **are/is** responsible for all the newspaper's content.
14. The publisher spends her days **laying/lying** on the beach.
15. On his salary, the reporter was able to pay only the **principal/principle** of the loan.
16. **Every one/Everyone** on the staff must read the newspaper's ethics policy.
17. The news media **are/is** considered biased by many people in the country.
18. The executive editor was one of the **few/only** people who understood the story.
19. Most of the nation's **attorney generals/attorneys general** favor stricter libel laws.
20. **Who/Whom** did the editor want to see in her office this afternoon?

**Part 2—Current Events:** Provide the correct answer in the blank space.

1. The host city for the 2004 Summer Olympics was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. George Tenet resigned as the head of the beleaguered \_\_\_\_\_.
3. WMD is the acronym for \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Several giants of the entertainment industry died in 2004: \_\_\_\_\_, whose songs included “Georgia on My Mind” and “I Can’t Stop Loving You”; \_\_\_\_\_, whose film career spanned half a century and included Academy Awards for “On the Waterfront” and “The Godfather”; and Bob Keeshan, who entertained three generations of youngsters as TV’s \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Terrorists detonated 10 bombs on four commuter trains in the Spanish city of \_\_\_\_\_, killing some 200 people in March.
6. This year marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court’s *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, which overturned the doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_ in schools.
7. Ken Jennings became the idol of game-show followers everywhere when he topped \$1 million in winnings on the TV show \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Gas prices topped \$\_\_\_\_\_ a gallon nationwide for the first time this summer.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ was reappointed as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, a position he has held since 1987.
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11. \_\_\_\_\_ captured 11 Oscars, including best picture, tying the record held by “Titanic” and “Ben Hur.”
12. Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda ended their adventures in New York as HBO’s \_\_\_\_\_ ended a six-year run.
13. Michael Moore’s \_\_\_\_\_ quickly became one of the most controversial movies in memory.

**Part 3—Match the name in the left column with the description in the right column.**

1. Abu Ghraib	_____ Jordanian terrorist linked to beheadings
2. Al Fresco	_____ terrorist group
3. Al-Jazeera	_____ notorious Iraqi prison
4. Al Qaeda	_____ Rebel Shiite cleric in Najaf
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**Part 4—Maps and Geography:** Place the numbers that correspond with the statements inside or next to the correct state's boundaries.

1. James McGreevey resigned as governor of this state after admitting to an extramarital, homosexual affair.
2. The Republicans held their 2004 convention in this state.
3. The Democrats, meanwhile, convened in this state.
4. The Democratic candidate for vice president hails from this state.
5. Hurricane Charley left thousands of people homeless and caused billions of dollars of damage in this state.
6. The Kobe Bryant sexual-assault case played out in this state.
7. Scott Peterson, charged with killing his wife, Laci, was on trial in this state.
8. 2004 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. This state is most commonly associated with the landmark ruling.
9. Michael Jackson faced charges of child molestation in this state.
10. This state's highest court was the first in the country to rule that a ban on gay marriages was unconstitutional.

**Part 5—Editing and headline writing:** Edit the following story and write a headline that has three lines with a maximum character count of 11 per line.

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With ticket sales exceeding \$370 billion in the United States alone, the movie was the third-largest grossing film of the year, trailing only Shrek 2. A spokesman for Fox called the movie “the most moving film of 2004” and said that orders for DVDs have been running more than 20 percent ahead of projections.

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Reagan, the most dominant president of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, was born on Feb. 6, 1909, in Tampico, Ill. He graduated from Eureka College in Eureka, Ill., in 1932 and began a career in broadcasting and acting that would last until 1966, when he was elected governor of California.

He defeated Jimmy Carter, the incumbent president, in 1980 and immediately began his crusade to lower taxes and destroy communism, focusing on the Soviet Union, which he called "the Evil Empire." In what some historians call his most significant speech, delivered at the Berlin Wall in June of 1987, he declared: "Mr. Khrushchev, tear down this wall."

President Bush, in France to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Allied invasion of Normandy, said, "He always told us, for America, that the best was yet to come. His work is done. And now a shining city awaits him."

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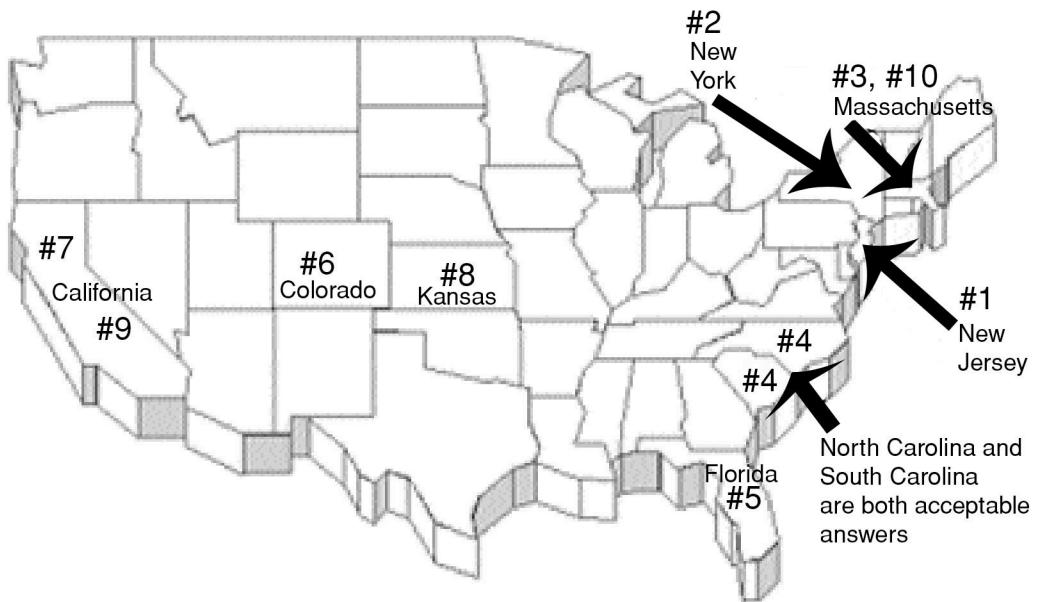
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