



**The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, Inc.
2006 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. He said the editor didn't know **who/whom** was best qualified to handle the story.
2. The choice for the top two posts was **among/between** Smith and Jones and Miller and Sanders.
3. The reporter **dived/dove** into the story with her usual aplomb.
4. The publisher was quick to **flaunt/flout** her superior intellect.
5. The editor believed firmly in the **principals/principles** of the First Amendment.
6. He recorded a record 21 **strike outs/strikeouts** in the baseball game.
7. Because he arrived late, the photographer didn't know **who/whom** to shoot at the party.
8. He was the one reporter who would **hoard/horde** every document he ever received.
9. **Its/It's** up to the publisher to pick the winning entry.
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11. The contest raised between **\$5 and \$7 million/\$5 million and \$7 million** for the hospital.
12. The publisher was quick to show everyone his embossed **stationary/stationery**.
13. The publisher was not very **discreet/discrete** in some of his dealings with clients.
14. The assignment is available for **whoever/whomever** wants to take it.
15. A **couple/couple of** photos were removed after the first edition was printed.
16. Seven stories **are/is** the average number the editor rejects every day.
17. Copy editors won't be **affected/effective** by the planned layoffs at the newspaper.
18. **Their/There/They're** not planning to attend the staff picnic next week.
19. Advertising **linage/lineage** was down about 20 percent in the first quarter.
20. The reporter asserted that her politics **was/were** her own business.

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

1. The death of ABC's "World News Tonight" anchor _____ in August marked the end of an era in TV journalism, following the retirement of _____ as the anchor of "NBC Nightly News" and the departure of _____ from the "CBS Evening News."
2. W. Mark Felt revealed that he was the ultimate anonymous source, saying he was _____, who played a key role in Bob Woodward's and Carl Bernstein's investigation, which led to Nixon's 1974 resignation as president.
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12. "Harry Potter and the _____" sold 6.9 million copies in the first 24 hours the book was on sale, topping the previous record by almost two million copies.
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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.

1. The largest city in this state lost its bid to host the 2012 Summer Olympics.
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Part 4—Match the name of the famous person in the left column who died in 2005 with the description that applies to them.

1. Johnnie L. Cochran Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Gonzo journalism
2. Dr. Kenneth Clark	<input type="checkbox"/> Famed American playwright
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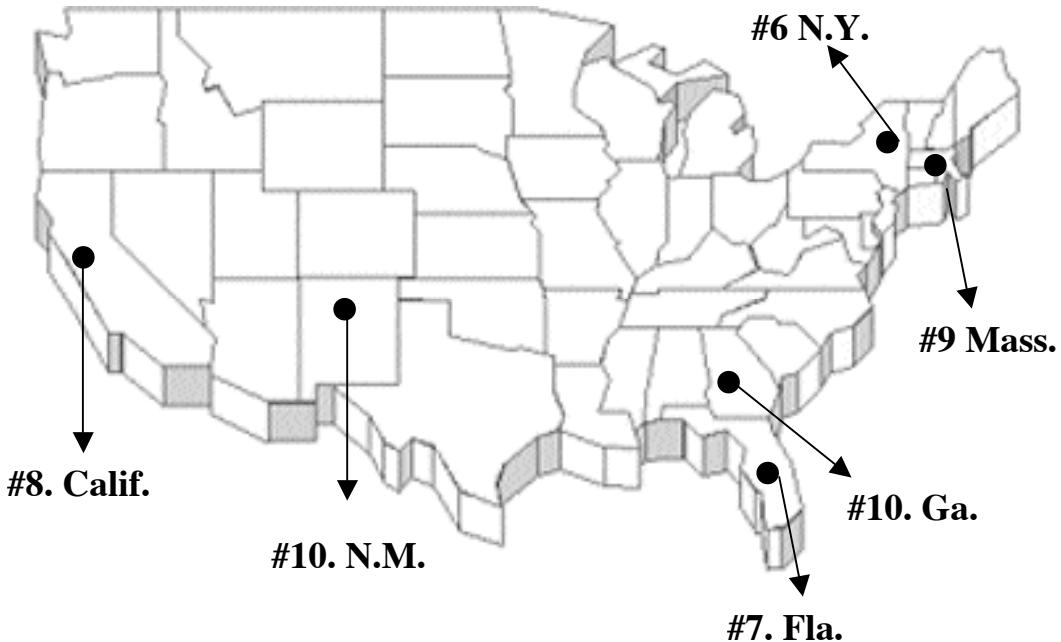
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