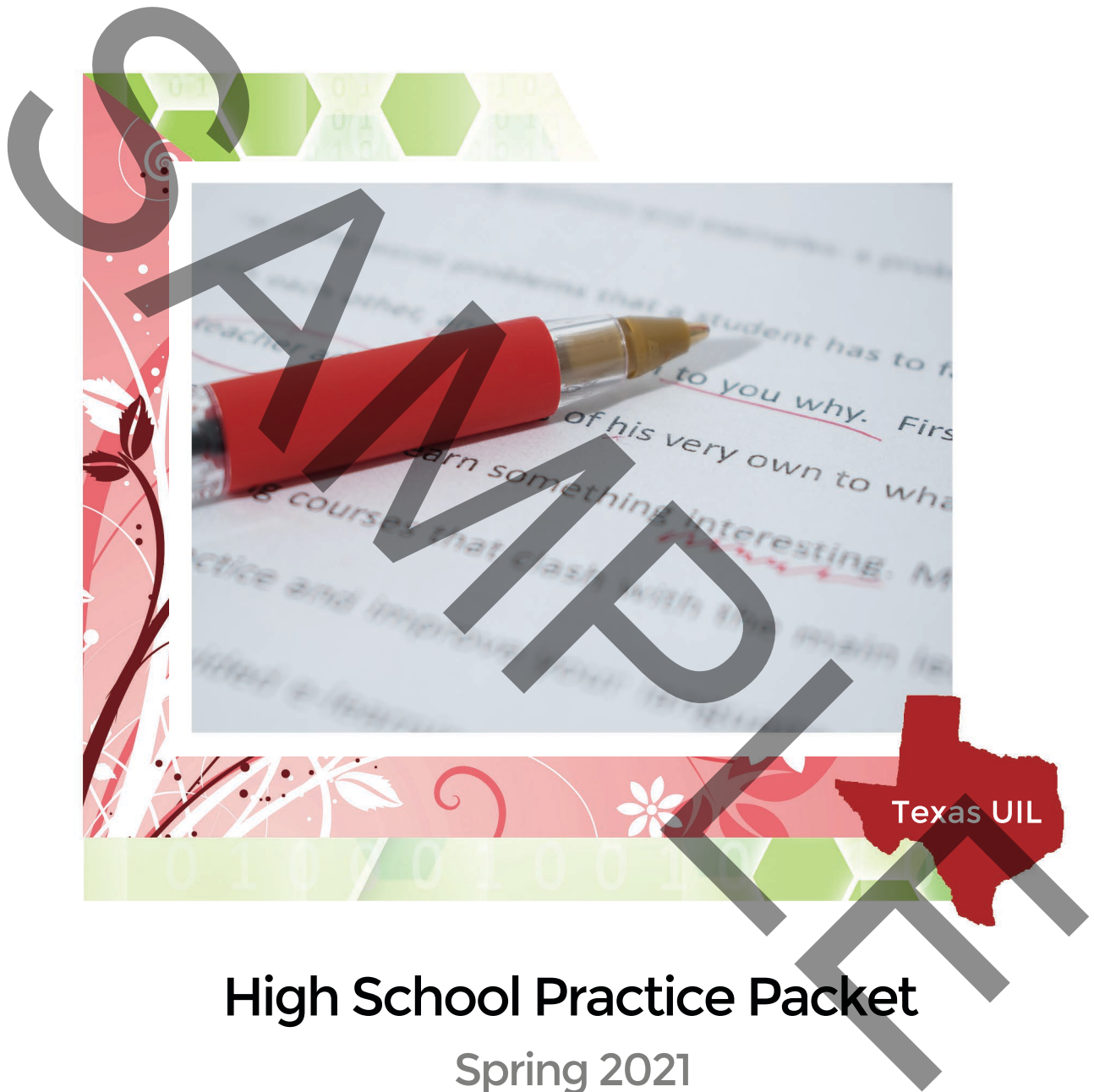


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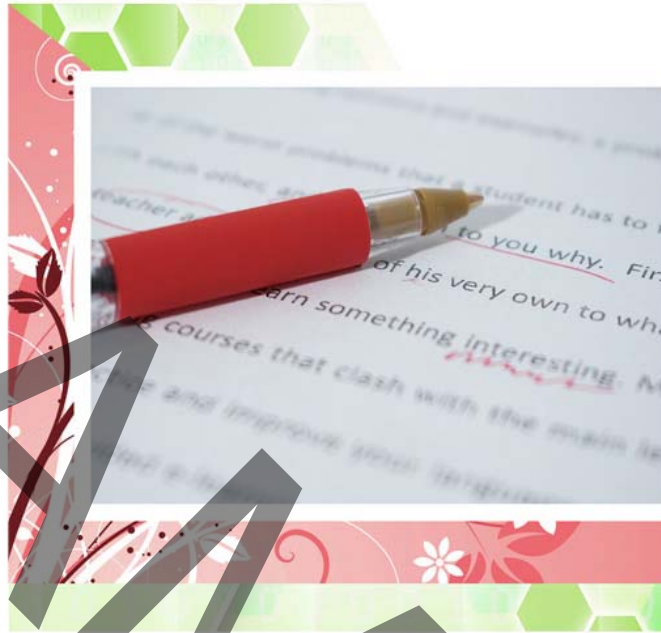
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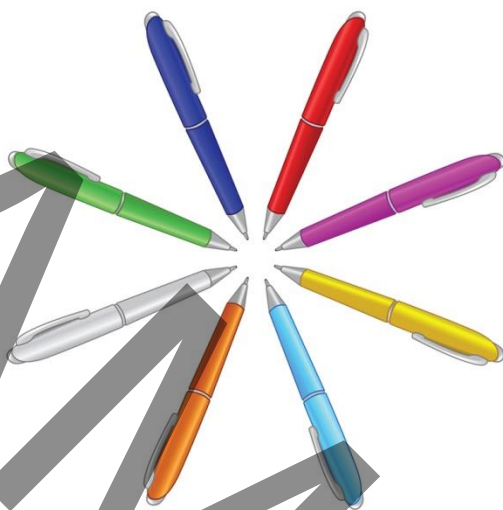


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DIRECTIONS: This test is divided into three sections. Write your responses as indicated.
You have 15 minutes.

Part 1: Circle the correct response. (1 pt. each)

1. The child in that room is on the **waitlist** / **wait list** for a kidney transplant.
2. **Playoff** / **play off** football teams are in the hunt for the state title.
3. The eclipse, viewed on television by millions in every state, **was** / **were** spectacular.
4. The reporter wrote a story about **hockey** / **hocky** players.
5. **Who** / **Whom** will be the first to make it to Mars?
6. The **Rev.** / **Reverend** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. arguably influenced this country like no other, but he lost his life in the battle for civil rights.
7. Having reliable **wi-fi** / **Wi-Fi** at my house has made remote learning easier.
8. Both the children and their teacher **enjoy** / **enjoys** a holiday from each other.
9. So much of history classes is devoted to learning about **wars** / **War**.
10. Will the new POTUS **Tweet** / **tweet** as much as the previous one?
11. Creating **webpages** / **web pages** in my graphic design class was the focus of this week.
12. The president called in the **secret service** / **Secret Service** to investigate the threat.
13. Our new **principle** / **principal** used to live in Hawaii.
14. Sixteen-year-olds are known for making **their** / **there** vocal independence evident.
15. My appointment is for **12:00 p.m.** / **noon**.

Part 2: Edit the following sentences to eliminate wordiness as well as any errors in AP style, grammar, spelling or punctuation. Use clearly understood editing symbols. (2 pts. each)

1. A justice of the piece is the lowest level of judge in the state court system. He preforms marriages, administers oaths and holds court monthly to adjudicate disputes.
2. Going to high, over 300°, or too low, -20 degrees, can brake a glass thermometre.
3. Twirlers and drill team preformers spends weeks preparing for half time programs.
4. The constitution of the U.S., the nations fundamental law, was framed in 1987 by the constitutional convention.
5. "The coronavirus has proven to be deadly, killing over 300000 people in the U.S.A.," dr. Anthony Fauci explained. "I had hoped people would have been more serious about taking precautions in the begining of the outbreak."

PART 3: In the space provided, edit the following news brief to make the wording clear, to eliminate wordiness as well as any errors in AP style, grammar, spelling or punctuation. You do NOT have to rewrite the news brief. Make notes of anything you believe needs clarification, additional research or additional reporting.

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ANSWER SHEET

PART 1

1. waitlist
2. playoffs
3. was
4. hockey
5. Whom
6. Rev.
7. Wi-Fi
8. enjoy
9. wars
10. tweet
11. webpages
12. Secret Service
13. principal
14. their
15. noon

PART 2

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