

## **Areas/Topics covered by Journalism School Grammar and Usage Test**

### **Punctuation**

- Colons, semicolons
- Unnecessary commas
- Quotes, punctuating
- It's/its
- Commas around states
- Commas around dates
- Comma splice
- Exclamation points
- Hyphens, 3- to 5-year olds
- Possessive plurals
- Basic plurals
- Plural dates

### **Vocabulary**

- Principle/principal
- Affect/effect
- Try and/try to
- Sit/set
- More than/over
- Since/because
- Eager/anxious
- Adverb usage
- Fewer/Less
- Lay/lie (present tense)
- Hopefully/I hope
- Lay/lie (past tense)
- Freshman/freshmen
- Feel/think

### **Syntax**

- Dangling modifiers
- Parallel construction
- Non-sentences
- Passive voice
- Compound modifiers
- As---of a
- "There are" constructions
- Misplaced modifiers

### **Pronouns**

- Whose/who's
- That/Who
- That/which
- I/me
- Who/whom
- Its/their