

Introduction - Grade 6 English–Language Arts

The following released test questions are taken from the Grade 6 English–Language Arts Standards Test. This test is one of the California Standards Tests administered as part of the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program under policies set by the State Board of Education.

All questions on the California Standards Tests are evaluated by committees of content experts, including teachers and administrators, to ensure their appropriateness for measuring the California academic content standards in Grade 6 English–Language Arts. In addition to content, all items are reviewed and approved to ensure their adherence to the principles of fairness and to ensure no bias exists with respect to characteristics such as gender, ethnicity, and language.

This document contains released test questions from the California Standards Test forms in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008. First on the pages that follow are lists of the standards assessed on the Grade 6 English–Language Arts Test. Next are released passages and test questions. Following the questions is a table that gives the correct answer for each question, the content standard that each question is measuring, and the year each question last appeared on the test.

The following table lists each strand/reporting cluster, the number of items that appear on the exam, and the number of released test questions that appear in this document.

STRAND/REPORTING CLUSTER	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON EXAM	NUMBER OF RELEASED TEST QUESTIONS
• Word Analysis	13	20
• Reading Comprehension	17	30
• Literary Response and Analysis	12	12
• Writing Strategies	17	28
• Written Conventions	16	24
TOTAL	75	114

In selecting test questions for release, three criteria are used: (1) the questions adequately cover a selection of the academic content standards assessed on the Grade 6 English–Language Arts Test; (2) the questions demonstrate a range of difficulty; and (3) the questions present a variety of ways standards can be assessed. These released test questions do not reflect all of the ways the standards may be assessed. Released test questions will not appear on future tests.

For more information about the California Standards Tests, visit the California Department of Education's Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/resources.asp>.

READING

The Reading portion of the Grade 6 California English–Language Arts Standards Test has three strands/reporting clusters: Word Analysis, Reading Comprehension, and Literary Response and Analysis. Each of these strands/clusters is described below.

The Word Analysis Strand/Cluster

The following four California English–Language Arts content standards are included in the Word Analysis strand/cluster and are represented in this booklet by 20 test questions for grade 6. These questions represent only some ways in which these standards may be assessed on the Grade 6 California English–Language Arts Standards Test.

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- 6RW1.0 WORD ANALYSIS, FLUENCY, AND SYSTEMATIC VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT:** Students use their knowledge of word origins and word relationships, as well as historical and literary context clues, to determine the meaning of specialized vocabulary and to understand the precise meaning of grade-level-appropriate words.
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- 6RW1.2 Vocabulary and Concept Development:** Identify and interpret figurative language and words with multiple meanings.
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- 6RW1.3 Vocabulary and Concept Development:** Recognize the origins and meanings of frequently used foreign words in English and use these words accurately in speaking and writing.
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- 6RW1.4 Vocabulary and Concept Development:** Monitor expository text for unknown words or words with novel meanings by using word, sentence, and paragraph clues to determine meaning.
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- 6RW1.5 Vocabulary and Concept Development:** Understand and explain “shades of meaning” in related words (e.g., *softly* and *quietly*).
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The Reading Comprehension Strand/Cluster

The following eight California English–Language Arts content standards are included in the Reading Comprehension strand/cluster and are represented in this booklet by 30 test questions for grade 6. These questions represent only some ways in which these standards may be assessed on the Grade 6 California English–Language Arts Standards Test.

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- 6RC2.0 READING COMPREHENSION (FOCUS ON INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS):** Students read and understand grade-level-appropriate material. They describe and connect the essential ideas, arguments, and perspectives of the text by using their knowledge of text structure, organization, and purpose. The selections in *Recommended Readings in Literature, Kindergarten Through Grade Eight* illustrate the quality and complexity of the materials to be read by students. In addition, by grade eight, students read one million words annually on their own, including a good representation of grade-level-appropriate narrative and expository text (e.g., classic and contemporary literature, magazines, newspapers, online information). In grade six, students continue to make progress toward this goal.
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- 6RC2.1 Structural Features of Informational Materials:** Identify the structural features of popular media (e.g., newspapers, magazines, online information) and use the features to obtain information.
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- 6RC2.2 Structural Features of Informational Materials:** Analyze text that uses the compare-and-contrast organizational pattern.
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- 6RC2.3 Comprehension and Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text:** Connect and clarify main ideas by identifying their relationships to other sources and related topics.
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- 6RC2.4 Comprehension and Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text:** Clarify an understanding of texts by creating outlines, logical notes, summaries, or reports.
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- 6RC2.5 Comprehension and Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text:** Follow multiple-step instructions for preparing applications (e.g., for a public library card, bank savings account, sports club, league membership).
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- 6RC2.6 Expository Critique:** Determine the adequacy and appropriateness of the evidence for an author's conclusions.
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- 6RC2.7 Expository Critique:** Make reasonable assertions about a text through accurate, supporting citations.
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- 6RC2.8 Expository Critique:** Note instances of unsupported inferences, fallacious reasoning, persuasion, and propaganda in text.
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The Literary Response and Analysis Strand/Cluster

The following eight California English–Language Arts content standards are included in the Literary Response and Analysis strand/cluster and are represented in this booklet by 12 test questions for grade 6. These questions represent only some ways in which these standards may be assessed on the Grade 6 California English–Language Arts Standards Test.

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- 6RL3.0 LITERARY RESPONSE AND ANALYSIS:** Students read and respond to historically or culturally significant works of literature that reflect and enhance their studies of history and social science. They clarify the ideas and connect them to other literary works. The selections in *Recommended Readings in Literature, Kindergarten Through Grade Eight* illustrate the quality and complexity of the materials to be read by students.
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- 6RL3.1 Structural Features of Literature:** Identify the forms of fiction and describe the major characteristics of each form.
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- 6RL3.2 Narrative Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text:** Analyze the effect of the qualities of the character (e.g., courage or cowardice, ambition or laziness) on the plot and the resolution of the conflict.
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- 6RL3.3 Narrative Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text:** Analyze the influence of setting on the problem and its resolution.
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- 6RL3.4 Narrative Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text:** Define how tone or meaning is conveyed in poetry through word choice, figurative language, sentence structure, line length, punctuation, rhythm, repetition, and rhyme.
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- 6RL3.5 Narrative Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text:** Identify the speaker and recognize the difference between first- and third-person narration (e.g., autobiography compared with biography).
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- 6RL3.6 Narrative Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text:** Identify and analyze features of themes conveyed through characters, actions, and images.
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- 6RL3.7 Narrative Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text:** Explain the effects of common literary devices (e.g., symbolism, imagery, metaphor) in a variety of fictional and nonfictional texts.
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- 6RL3.8 Literary Criticism:** Critique the credibility of characterization and the degree to which a plot is contrived or realistic (e.g., compare use of fact and fantasy in historical fiction).
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WRITING

The Writing portion of the Grade 6 California English–Language Arts Standards Test has two strands/reporting clusters: Writing Strategies and Written Conventions. Each of these strands/clusters is described below.

The Writing Strategies Strand/Cluster

The following five California English–Language Arts content standards are included in the Writing Strategies strand/cluster and are represented in this booklet by 28 test questions for grade 6. These questions represent only some ways in which these standards may be assessed on the Grade 6 California English–Language Arts Standards Test.

6WS1.0 WRITING STRATEGIES: Students write clear, coherent, and focused essays. The writing exhibits students' awareness of the audience and purpose. Essays contain formal introductions, supporting evidence, and conclusions. Students progress through the stages of the writing process as needed.

6WS1.1 Organization and Focus: Choose the form of writing (e.g., personal letter, letter to the editor, review, poem, report, narrative) that best suits the intended purpose.

6WS1.2 Organization and Focus: Create multiple-paragraph expository compositions:
2) Develop the topic with supporting details and precise verbs, nouns, and adjectives to paint a visual image in the mind of the reader.
3) Conclude with a detailed summary linked to the purpose of the composition.

6WS1.3 Organization and Focus: Use a variety of effective and coherent organizational patterns, including comparison and contrast; organization by categories; and arrangement by spatial order, order of importance, or climactic order.

6WS1.4 Research and Technology: Use organizational features of electronic text (e.g., bulletin boards, databases, keyword searches, e-mail addresses) to locate information.

6WS1.6 Evaluation and Revision: Revise writing to improve the organization and consistency of ideas within and between paragraphs.

The Written Conventions Strand/Cluster

The following five California English–Language Arts content standards are included in the Written Conventions strand/cluster and are represented in this booklet by 24 test questions for grade 6. These questions represent only some ways in which these standards may be assessed on the Grade 6 California English–Language Arts Standards Test.

6WC1.0 WRITTEN AND ORAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS: Students write and speak with a command of standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.

6WC1.1 Sentence Structure: Use simple, compound, and compound-complex sentences; use effective coordination and subordination of ideas to express complete thoughts.

6WC1.2 Grammar: Identify and properly use indefinite pronouns and present perfect, past perfect, and future perfect verb tenses; ensure that verbs agree with compound subjects.

6WC1.3 Punctuation: Use colons after the salutation in business letters, semicolons to connect independent clauses, and commas when linking two clauses with a conjunction in compound sentences.

6WC1.4 Capitalization: Use correct capitalization.

6WC1.5 Spelling: Spell frequently misspelled words correctly (e.g., *their*, *they're*, *there*).

Bird of Dreams

- 1 At night in dream I travel from my bed.
- 2 On wing of light I soar across vast skies
- 3 Where colors swirl and dance, and mingle and soar,
- 4 To far beyond the veil, where Phoenix flies.

- 5 The Phoenix is a wondrous bird of dreams.
- 6 Each five hundred years she builds a nest,
- 7 Piling feathers, branches, twigs, and leaves—
- 8 Now will she lay her eggs and sit to rest?

- 9 But no! The Phoenix strikes a blazing spark
- 10 And sets her cozy nesting place afire!
- 11 She dives in flight into the dancing flames!
- 12 Why does she go into the flaming pyre?

- 13 There is no need to weep, for all is well.
- 14 For her the pyre’s fiery heat and flame
- 15 Burn away the years. She is reborn!
- 16 Her radiant, shining youth she doth reclaim.

- 17 The pyre burns down to ash, and all is still.
- 18 And from the ashen pile, her eyes alight,
- 19 The Phoenix rises up into the sky,
- 20 Renewed, with feathers luminous and bright!

- 21 And so this night, perchance my dreams will go
- 22 With wondrous Phoenix rising in the sky,
- 23 To soar among the planets and the stars,
- 24 Deep in the night to fly and fly and fly!

1 Which words from the poem’s first and last stanzas tell the reader that these stanzas are written in the first person?

- A Phoenix, sky
- B night, dreams
- C beyond, across
- D I, my

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2 In this poem, what is *both* destructive and creative?

- A fire
- B ash
- C light
- D air

CSR00376.042

3 The Phoenix could *best* represent a person who

- A makes a promise and then breaks it.
- B loses everything and starts over.
- C wants only to be carefree and have fun.
- D lives a life of habit and routine.

CSR00380.042

4 Which words from the poem are intended to provide a sense that the poem was written long ago?

- A soar, fly
- B branches, twigs
- C flame, burn
- D doth, perchance

CSR00375.042

Read the following letter to the editor taken from a local newspaper.

Letter to the Editor

- 1 A debate is currently raging in our town. Should we allow the Odeon Triplex Cinema to be constructed at the Havenswood Shopping Center? There is just one large lot left to build on, and the theater would use up all of that space. Some people are thrilled at the idea of finally having our own movie theater in Havenswood. Others would rather travel ten miles north to the nearest theater in Gadway in order to keep our quiet town the way it is. They say it is enough to have Marvin’s Movie Video Rentals in the shopping center. As a Havenswood citizen and small-business owner, I would like to express my opinion on this issue.
- 2 There are certainly benefits to renting videos. For one thing, you can plan your own movie-watching schedule by renting and viewing movies when it is convenient for you. You can relax on your cozy couch, grab snacks from your kitchen, and take a break whenever you need one. You can also talk to friends or family members who are watching the movie with you without bothering any strangers seated nearby. In addition, it is a less expensive way to view a movie compared to going to a theater, especially if more than one person is watching the video.
- 3 On the other hand, seeing a movie in a theater is an experience all its own. For one thing, you can see the movie on a wide screen as the filmmaker intended. To be viewed on a television screen, a film must be changed in some way to make it smaller. One way is known as the “pan-and-scan” method, which involves removing some of the details in the picture. This results in an image that is not complete. The other way, called “letterboxing,” keeps the image the way it is on the big screen, with one annoying exception: because the big-screen version is wide, the same picture on a television screen must be long and narrow, with black strips above and below it.
- 4 Another issue is sound. The sound from a television, even when it’s attached to a home stereo system, cannot compare to the sound system in a movie theater. Your experience of a movie improves when you can clearly hear all of the sounds, loud and soft. Furthermore, at home, viewing companions often talk during a movie, which makes you miss out on what’s happening in the film.
- 5 Besides, having a movie theater will not mean that you can’t still go to Marvin’s and rent a movie! You will just have a choice that you didn’t have before. Isn’t it time for Havenswood residents to enjoy a little progress?

A Concerned Citizen

CSR1P133

- 5 Read this sentence from the editorial.

There is just one large lot left to build on, and the theater would use up all of that space.

In this sentence, the word lot means

- A a great amount.
- B a complete group.
- C a section of land.
- D a result of chance.

CSR10410.133

- 6 Read this sentence from the editorial.

They say it is enough to have Marvin’s Movie Video Rentals in the shopping center.

This statement would be made stronger by adding which of these sentences?

- A After all, Marvin’s store stocks thousands of the latest video releases.
- B After all, videos rented at the store do not have to be returned the same day.
- C After all, the management at the store is friendly and helpful.
- D After all, Marvin’s store occupies 2,000 square feet at the shopping center.

CSR10407.133

- 7 The author’s argument in Paragraph 2 that renting videos is “less expensive” than going to the movies would have been stronger if she had included

- A a newspaper story on the expense of managing a theater.
- B a quotation from a moviegoer regarding the cost of tickets.
- C a chart comparing theater ticket prices to movie rental prices.
- D a statement from the owner of the video store about his rental fees.

CSR10411.133

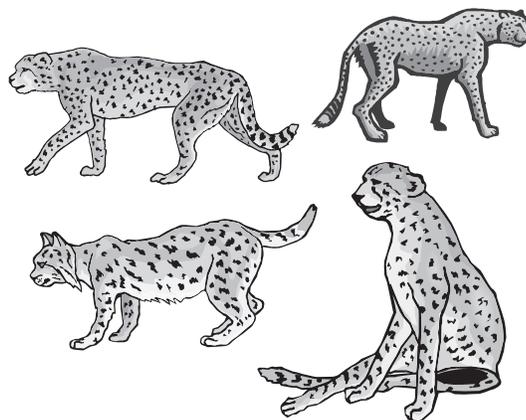
- 8 Which of the following sources would provide the *best* evidence to support the main idea in paragraph 3?

- A an editorial page about popular movies
- B a magazine about the history of moviemaking
- C a story about a famous filmmaker
- D a book about changing movies into videos

CSR10402.133

Spotted Cats

- 1 Several members of the cat family have spotted fur. Do you know the difference between a leopard, a jaguar, and a cheetah? From a distance they may appear somewhat similar. Examined at closer range, however, they are clearly different cats. They differ in various ways, including where they live, how big they are, how they move and hunt, and how their fur is marked.
- 2 Of all the big cats in the wild, the true leopard is found across the largest area. Leopards live in much of Asia and Africa. A leopard grows to be from 3 to 6 feet long, with an added 3 feet of tail. Leopards are skilled climbers that can hunt monkeys in trees. They can also lie in wait and pounce on passing prey. When food sources are scarce, they might eat fruit, field mice, and large insects. Leopard spots are not actually solid spots; they are broken circles.
- 3 The jaguar is native to the Americas. Its natural range is from the southern United States to northern Argentina, with the largest concentration of jaguars being in Brazil and Central America. The beauty and power of the jaguar inspired worship among ancient peoples. It measures between 3 and 6 feet long without the tail, which adds another 1 ½ to 2 ½ feet. Possessing a large head and body, the jaguar has legs that are shorter and thicker than a leopard's. Jaguars are excellent climbers and can also swim well. They dine on a variety of land, tree, and water creatures. Their fur can be a vivid yellow color or a rusty shade; their "spots" are called rosettes. Each rosette is large and black, consisting of a middle spot with a circle of spots around it.
- 4 Most cheetahs live in the wilds of Africa. There are also some in Iran and northwestern Afghanistan. The cheetah's head is smaller than the leopard's, and its body is longer. This cat is built for speed. Its legs are much longer than the leopard's, allowing it to run at speeds of up to 70 miles per hour! This incredible ability helps the cheetahs catch their dinner, which is usually an unfortunate antelope. A cheetah's spots are simply black spots, not rosettes or circles.
- 5 Other spotted cats include the smaller ocelot, mainly of Central and South America, and the lynx or bobcat, mainly of North America. What all of these cats have in common is that they are wild, powerful animals of tremendous grace and beauty.



CSR0P043

9 All of these are ways to tell the difference between spotted cats *except*

- A how big they are.
- B what their spots look like.
- C where they live.
- D how beautiful they are.

CSR00391.043

10 Which words from the passage are used as persuasion in that they express an attitude of sympathy for animals that are prey to big cats?

- A . . . how they move and hunt . . .
- B . . . might eat fruit, field mice, and large insects.
- C . . . dinner, which is usually an unfortunate antelope.
- D . . . that they are wild, powerful animals . . .

CSR00402.043

11 Which of these is the *best* summary of this passage?

- A All spotted cats are powerful, beautiful, and graceful.
- B Spotted cats may look similar, but they are different in many ways.
- C There are many different spotted cats in the world.
- D Spotted cats in the wild hunt many different kinds of animals.

CSR00384.043

Water Picture

by May Swenson

In the pond in the park
all things are doubled:
Long buildings hang and
wriggle gently. Chimneys
5 are bent legs bouncing
on clouds below. A flag
wags like a fishhook
down there in the sky.

The arched stone bridge
10 is an eye, with underlid
in the water. In its lens
dip crinkled heads with hats
that don't fall off. Dogs go by,
barking on their backs.
15 A baby, taken to feed the
ducks, dangles upside-down,
a pink balloon for a buoy.

Treetops deploy a haze of
cherry bloom for roots,
20 where birds coast belly-up
in the glass bowl of a hill;
from its bottom a bunch
of peanut-munching children
is suspended by their
25 sneakers, waveringly.

A swan, with twin necks
forming the figure 3,
steers between two dimpled
towers doubled. Fondly
30 hissing, she kisses herself,
and all the scene is troubled:
water-windows splinter,
tree-limbs tangle, the bridge
folds like a fan.



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- 12** Read these lines from the poem.

Treetops deploy a haze of / cherry bloom
for roots,

What does the word deploy mean?

- A spread
- B hide
- C ruin
- D grow

CSR11626.245

- 13** Read this line from the poem.

and all the scene is troubled:

This line refers to the fact that the swan

- A is a threat to the other birds.
- B has disturbed the still water.
- C cannot find the food she seeks.
- D distracts from the pond's beauty.

CSR11633.245

- 14** How does the poet achieve her tone?

- A She sets the poem in a public park.
- B She describes familiar things in a surprising way.
- C She uses lines of varying length.
- D She contrasts the swan with other birds.

CSR11632.245

- 15** How does the poet create a sense of activity in the poem?

- A She compares the bridge to an eye.
- B She avoids introducing too many characters in the poem.
- C She uses strong, descriptive words.
- D She keeps the length of each line fairly short.

CSR11631.245

- 16** What is the purpose of the metaphors used throughout the poem?

- A to explain the many uses of water
- B to help the reader visualize certain ideas
- C to avoid the need for characters
- D to show the reader that water is a symbol of life

CSR11636.245

More Than a Niece

1 Harriet Lane stood in the doorway of the State Dining Room. She watched as the florists carried their large flower arrangements. The flowers were all so beautiful that Harriet clapped her hands. “Thank you all for your hard work,” she said to the florists. “I’m sure the prince will be very impressed.” The florists left, and Harriet and her friend Miss Hetty were alone in the dining room.

2 “This is my favorite part of being Uncle’s hostess,” Harriet said. Then she thought again. “Well, one of my favorite parts. To be honest, I love all the parts of being Uncle’s hostess here at the White House. I love planning the dinners and checking the guest rooms. I love showing visitors the gardens. I love making sure that all the prominent and distinguished people who come to visit the president are comfortable.”

3 Miss Hetty smiled. She had taken care of Harriet for a long time. Harriet had been only nine years old when her parents died. She went to live with her uncle, James Buchanan. Uncle James was an important man and was often away from home. He was not married, so he asked Miss Hetty to be his housekeeper and to care for Harriet when he was away. He wanted Harriet to have good manners and study hard in school. He also wanted her to be honest and truthful and always be ready to help others. As Harriet grew up, she and Miss Hetty became friends.

4 When Uncle James became the United States government’s representative in England, Harriet and Miss Hetty traveled there as well. Harriet became a friend of Queen Victoria and her family. Now that Uncle James was president, Harriet and Miss Hetty were with him in Washington, D.C. Harriet did many of the jobs that a First Lady, or wife of the president, would do, even though she was the president’s niece. This was to be the most important party she had planned. Queen Victoria’s son, the Prince of Wales, was visiting the United States. He was coming to dinner at the White House tonight! At the party, the prince and Harriet enjoyed talking about England and the people Harriet had met while she had lived there.

5 During the time she lived in Washington, Harriet did more than just plan parties. She worked hard to improve the lives of Native Americans all across the country. She also believed that there should be a national art museum in Washington.

6 Harriet’s Uncle James was president from 1857 to 1861. When his term of office was over, they both returned to their home in Pennsylvania. Harriet married Henry Elliot Johnson, and they had two sons. She and her husband collected artwork from all over the world. When she grew older, she gave her collection to the people of the United States. This collection was the basis for the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. Harriet also started the first children’s hospital in the United States.

7 Harriet Lane is famous for being the only First Lady who was not married to a president. She did much more for our country than plan parties!



17 Where would this passage most likely be found?

- A in a news magazine
- B in a collection of autobiographies
- C in a newspaper
- D in a collection of biographies

CSR01871.263

18 Which part of the passage is most likely fictional?

- A the description of the White House
- B the trip Harriet and Miss Hetty took to England
- C the conversation between Harriet and Miss Hetty
- D the background information about Harriet's childhood

CSR01872.263

19 The passage is mainly about Harriet's

- A Uncle James.
- B contributions to the United States.
- C love of flowers.
- D evening with the Prince of Wales.

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20 Information in the passage supports the idea that Harriet's family was

- A wealthy.
- B stubborn.
- C fun loving.
- D selfish.

CSR01874.263

21 How did Harriet help her uncle?

- A She traveled everywhere with him.
- B She was his housekeeper.
- C She was his hostess.
- D She helped him collect artwork.

CSR01878.263

Document A**Volunteering**

Just like the animals we shelter, people are very special to us. The Animal Shelter of Sacramento County has 300 active volunteers and is always eager to add more. If you have a few hours each week and a love for dogs and cats, we at the shelter welcome your participation.

Youth Volunteers

The Animal Shelter of Sacramento County has volunteer opportunities for people of all ages. Children 10 years of age or older are allowed to participate in some of our programs as youth volunteers when accompanied by an adult. The adult can be a sibling, parent, or guardian 18 years of age or older. Volunteering is rewarding for a number of reasons. Youth volunteers learn responsibility as they serve the community. Volunteers are rewarded with the affection of our shelter animals. Volunteers learn about the needs of dogs and cats and how to care for those needs.

Youth Volunteer Qualifications

A youth volunteer must:

- care deeply about animals and their welfare
- complete an application form
- be at least 10 years of age and accompanied by an adult
- attend an orientation session

Youth Volunteer Opportunities

Youth volunteers may fill the position of dog nuzzler, cat snuggler, or kennel aide, provided there are openings. Please call our volunteer information hotline at 1-800-290-5992 to hear a recording of the positions currently available.

Dog Nuzzlers

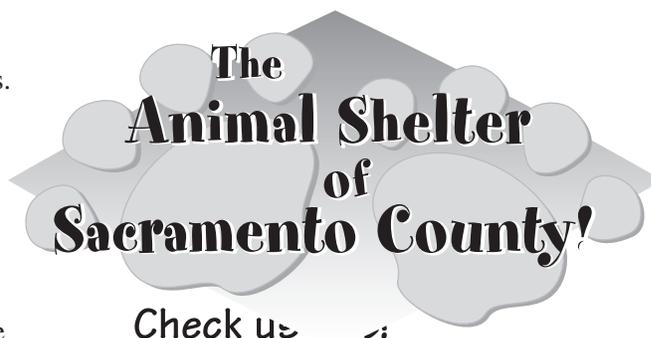
Dogs need human interaction and exercise to maintain their health and level of comfort around people. Dog nuzzlers walk and groom the dogs staying at the shelter. Dog nuzzlers must be knowledgeable about dogs and able to handle medium-sized to large-sized breeds like collies and Labrador retrievers. Youth volunteer dog nuzzlers must be able to work at least two hours between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. on either Saturdays or Sundays.

Cat Snugglers

Help our kittens and cats maintain their cuddly qualities by giving them lots of attention. Cat snugglers must be knowledgeable about cats and their needs. Youth volunteer cat snugglers must be able to work at least two hours between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. on either Saturdays or Sundays.

Kennel Aides

Providing food and water for the animals at the shelter is a demanding job. Kennel aides assist the Animal Shelter staff in feeding the animals in our care. Kennel aides must be able to work at least two hours between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. on either Saturdays or Sundays.



Document B

Youth Volunteer Application Form

Complete all required information and mail these two forms to: Animal Shelter of Sacramento County; 133 Highway 15; Sacramento, CA 94244.

My Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Telephone Number: () ____ - ____

I would like to work as a [check one]: dog nuzzler cat snuggler kennel aide

Days/Hours of Availability [check day/time(s)]: Saturday 9–11 11–1 1–3 3–5

Sunday 9–11 11–1 1–3 3–5

My Adult Sponsor's Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Telephone Number: () ____ - ____

Relationship to Youth Volunteer: _____

Document C

Authorization and Acknowledgment Form

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of _____, hereby give permission for my child to participate as a youth volunteer with the Animal Shelter of Sacramento County. I authorize Animal Shelter staff to seek immediate medical treatment in case of an accident by using the emergency contact information below. My signature acknowledges that my child has no allergies or other medical conditions that would prohibit participation in this program.

Emergency Contact Information

Contact: _____

Telephone Number: () ____ - ____

Family Physician: _____

Telephone Number: () ____ - ____

Released Test Questions

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- 22** Which 10-year-old child *best* meets the qualifications to be a youth volunteer at the Animal Shelter?
- A Matt, who is allergic to animal fur
 - B Katie, who likes dogs but does not have an adult sponsor
 - C Bryan, who can work with either cats or dogs on weekday afternoons
 - D Amber, who wants to work with cats on Sunday afternoons

CSR20336.043

- 23** What is the *first* action that should be taken by a young person who wants to serve as a dog nuzzler?
- A Write a note stating this preference and attach it to the application form.
 - B Call the director of the Animal Shelter before filling out the application form.
 - C Call the volunteer information hotline to find out if a dog nuzzler position is available.
 - D Complete the authorization and acknowledgment form and mail it to the Animal Shelter.

CSR20333.043

- 24** Which detail from Document A emphasizes the personal benefits of being a youth volunteer at the Animal Shelter?
- A The Animal Shelter of Sacramento County has volunteer opportunities for people of all ages.
 - B Children 10 years of age or older are allowed to participate in some of our programs as youth volunteers when accompanied by an adult.
 - C Youth volunteers learn responsibility as they serve the community.
 - D Cat snugglers must be knowledgeable about cats and their needs.

CSR20327.043

- 25** Read this excerpt from Document C.

I, _____,
the parent or legal guardian of _____,
_____, hereby give permission for my child to participate as a youth volunteer with the Animal Shelter of Sacramento County. I authorize Animal Shelter staff to seek immediate medical treatment in case of an accident by using the emergency contact information below.

The phrase give permission and the word authorize suggest that the parent or legal guardian is able

- A to serve as an adult volunteer.
- B to give first aid to an injured youth.
- C to work as a kennel aide.
- D to grant power to others.

CSR20338.043

- 26** Which source would provide the *most* information about grooming dogs?

- A a book detailing the care of dogs
- B a pamphlet about dog kennels
- C a magazine article about the positive effects of owning a dog
- D a chart showing the sizes of various breeds of dogs

CSR20332.043

- 27** The author implies that large-sized dogs

- A are less comfortable around people.
- B are more difficult to handle.
- C need more human interaction.
- D respond better to youth volunteers.

CSR20334.043

The World’s Fastest Human

- 1 In the summer of 1919, Quincy and Jesse Owens rested in the shade of an oak tree near the farmhouse where they lived. The cool shade was one of their favorite places to linger during the hot summer days. In the distance they could see their father, a sharecropper, working in the fields under the Alabama sun.
- 2 Quincy, who was the oldest of the eight Owens children, pulled three marbles from his pocket and tossed them onto the ground. He drew a circle in the dirt and placed the largest marble in the center. Then, while Quincy began practicing, Jesse climbed up to sit on his favorite branch.
- 3 A few minutes later their neighbor Sarah joined them. “Hi, guys!” she said. She took two marbles from her dress pocket and sat next to Quincy.
- 4 “Hi, Sarah,” the boys mumbled. A gentle breeze rustled the leaves on the tree. Quincy stopped shooting marbles and leaned against the tree’s trunk. He closed his eyes and smiled.
- 5 Sarah said, “We always play marbles. Let’s think of something else to do.”
- 6 Jesse jumped to the ground. “I know! I’ll race you, Sarah,” he said. “I’ll race you to the willow tree and back.”
- 7 “You’re only six years old!” said Sarah. “Besides that, I’m as fast as the wind. I can even run faster than my cousins, who are fourteen!”
- 8 “I’ll tell you what,” Jesse said, continuing as though he hadn’t heard her. “If you beat me, I’ll give you my kaleidoscope.”
- 9 With that, Sarah quickly jumped up and drew a starting line in the dirt a few yards away. “Quincy,” she said, “you count to three. Come on, Jesse. I can’t wait to play with my new kaleidoscope. Let’s start running on three.”
- 10 Quincy got up and stood next to the starting line. In a fatherly tone he said, “Jesse, just do your best.” Then he began counting, “One . . . two . . . THREE!”
- 11 A cloud of dust rose behind the two children as they took off. Sarah quickly pulled ahead of Jesse. She looked over her shoulder and smiled at him, but he didn’t even see her. He looked straight ahead at the willow tree and focused on moving his arms and legs in perfect rhythm. Three minutes later, Sarah tagged the willow tree and spun around to complete the return trip. She was startled to see Jesse right behind her.
- 12 Jesse tagged the tree and dashed past Sarah. He heard Quincy shout, “C’mon Jesse, you’re ahead. Run faster! Run faster!” Seconds later, Jesse crossed the finish line,—ahead of Sarah. He had won the race!
- 13 Quincy danced with excitement. “He won! He won!” he shouted as Sarah crossed the finish line. “Jesse beat you! My little brother beat you!”
- 14 Sarah placed her hands on her knees while she caught her breath. “He surely did just that!” she said with a smile. Then she put her arm around Jesse, who was beaming. “You really run like a pro!” she said.
- 15 Several years later, Sarah became a student at Missouri State University. She continued to run races as a member of the track team, but she always remembered her race with Jesse. One day, as she walked into a building on campus, she noticed a newspaper stand. The headlines on the newspaper caught her attention: *World’s Fastest Human: Jesse Owens Wins Four Gold Medals in Berlin Olympics.*
- 16 “That’s my Jesse!” she thought fondly.

Note: *It was in the year 1936 that Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany.*

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

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- 28** The author makes the events of the passage seem more realistic by
- A describing the Owens home in careful detail.
 - B supplying the conversation that might have taken place.
 - C naming all seven of Jesse Owens’ sisters and brothers.
 - D telling the name of the town where the events took place.

CSR00893.120

- 29** The phrase “as fast as the wind” in paragraph 7 is an example of
- A metaphor.
 - B simile.
 - C personification.
 - D symbolism.

CSR00892.120

- 30** We can tell that this passage is an example of historical fiction because it
- A relates a folktale about imaginary people.
 - B takes place in the United States of America.
 - C tells a sequence of events involving a famous person.
 - D has a happy ending for all of the characters.

CSR00891.120

- 31** This passage would most likely be found
- A in a sports magazine for young readers.
 - B on the front page of a newspaper.
 - C in a magazine about current world events.
 - D on the editorial page of a newspaper.

CSR00889.120

Soft and Loud

1 When you think of a stringed instrument, you probably think of a guitar or violin. The piano is a stringed instrument too. You may not have seen a piano's strings, because they're usually hidden. Unlike a guitarist or violinist, a pianist doesn't actually see or touch the piano strings while playing. How is the piano played, then? If we examine the piano's history, we can gain an understanding of how this instrument works. Many different instruments helped pave the way for the piano.

2 Long ago people used bows and arrows. They noticed that plucking a string on the bow made the string vibrate. The back and forth motion produced a sound. They found that different sounds could be made by changing the string's thickness, length, and tightness.

3 Over time, more strings were added to different kinds of bows. Early stringed instruments resulted from these experiments with sound. In Europe, an upright triangle-shaped harp with many strings was created. The strings of the harp were plucked with the fingers. Another ancient stringed instrument was the psaltery. Its base was a flat, hollow box with four uneven sides. Wire strings stretched across its top were plucked to make music. Made in various parts of Europe and Asia, psalteries differed in such features as shape, size, and number of strings.

4 By 1700, musicians in the Middle East made a stringed instrument called a hammer dulcimer. People hit its strings with a small hammer. If you hit a string softly, it made a quiet sound. A harder blow created a louder sound.

5 It was a harpsichord-maker named Bartolomeo Cristofori who, around 1700, invented the first bona fide piano. His new instrument combined a keyboard with the hammering, rather than plucking, of strings. By 1783, the standard piano had six octaves. It soon took the place of the harpsichord for many composers. People pressed the keys with their fingers, as they had with the harpsichord. Inside, though, instead of the strings being plucked they were struck with little hammers, as on a hammer dulcimer. If the keys were hit hard, the music was loud. If they were hit gently, the music was soft. Therefore, the instrument was called a *piano e forte*, Italian words meaning "soft and loud." The name was later shortened to just *piano*.

6 Today, the piano is over 300 years old. The number of keys has increased to eighty-eight—fifty-two white keys and thirty-six black ones. You don't have to be a maestro to enjoy the sound of this instrument. The next time you see one, sit down and pick out a tune!



CSR1P247

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

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32 In Italian, the word piano means

- A soft.
- B key.
- C loud.
- D string.

CSR12328.247

33 Why is it appropriate for the author to discuss bows in paragraph 2?

- A It shows that warlike people were also musical.
- B It shows how a bow is different from a harp.
- C It shows that stringed instruments are superior to other types of instruments.
- D It shows how stringed instruments were invented.

CSR12340.247

34 Which sentence from the passage shows that the piano is like both the harpsichord and the hammer dulcimer?

- A Unlike a guitarist or violinist, a pianist doesn't actually see or touch the piano strings while playing.
- B Early stringed instruments resulted from these experiments with sound.
- C His new instrument combined a keyboard with the hammering, rather than plucking, of strings.
- D Therefore, the instrument was called a *piano e forte*, Italian words meaning "soft and loud."

CSR12341.247

35 The topics within the passage allow for the comparison and contrast of

- A pianos.
- B instruments.
- C sounds.
- D inventors.

CSR12338.247

Rudy wants to play baseball. He received this registration form at school.



Registration Form for League Baseball–Oak Mountain League



Your Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Address _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone _____ Birth Date _____

School _____ Grade _____

COST: \$40.00 (includes team T-shirt)

Enclose a check made payable to Oak Mountain League and mail to:



Oak Mountain League • P.O. Box 40096 • Campbell, California 95008

Registration deadline: January 30 Hotline for information: 555-7589

OAK MOUNTAIN LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. **Who may play?** All students living within the boundaries of Oak Mountain League may play. The boundaries are Smithville Road on the north, Western Hills Drive on the west, Interstate 41 on the east, and White Boulevard on the south.
2. **How old must I be?** League members must be between the ages of 9 and 14. League age is determined by actual age on September 1 of the previous year.
3. **How many divisions are there?** There are three divisions:
 - A ages 9-10 AA ages 11-12 AAA ages 13-14
4. **When are the tryouts?** Tryouts will be held to help the coaches create teams with equal skill levels. All tryouts will be held at Remington Field, located at the corner of Sunshine Avenue and Ocean View Drive.

Division A	Monday	February 10	5:00-7:00 p.m.
Division AA	Tuesday	February 11	4:30-6:30 p.m.
Division AAA	Wednesday	February 12	5:30-7:30 p.m.
5. **May I request to be on a team with my friends?** Coaches will try to place players on teams according to the schools they attend. If you have a special request, please tell a coach before the tryouts. The coaches will consider such requests but cannot guarantee that the requests will be honored.
6. **When is the registration form due?** Registration forms are due on January 30. Additional forms are available at area schools, sports shops, and the public library. **If your registration form is not in by the requested date, you will be charged an additional \$5.00.**

Here is a flyer that each baseball player was given.

**Attention all Oak Mountain League
baseball players!**

Come to Sherman’s Shoes for the latest in baseball cleats.
Plenty of styles and sizes available.
SPECIAL CLEATS SALE APRIL 1–15!
Bring this flyer for an additional 10% discount
AND a FREE pair of socks with each pair of cleats.
Come quickly, while we still have
your size in the style you want.

We are located in the Oak Mountain Mall, across from Davy’s Deli.

CSR0P183

36 If Rudy’s friend Juan lives north of Smithville Road, Juan will

- A be on Rudy’s team.
- B be in Division AAA.
- C not be able to play in the league.
- D not have to attend the practices.

CSR01232.182

37 According to the registration form, additional forms may be obtained at any of these places *except a*

- A sports shop.
- B library.
- C grocery store.
- D school.

CSR01228.182

38 Read this line from the flyer.

Plenty of styles and sizes available.

What other information in the flyer conflicts with this statement?

- A The buyer can get an additional 10% off only by bringing the flyer.
- B The shoe sale will last for about two weeks.
- C The buyer should come quickly to get the right shoes.
- D The shoe store is located in the Oak Mountain Mall.

CSR01234.183

Should Good Sportsmanship Be Taught in School?

- 1 Almost everyone feels that it is important for young people to win fairly and show respect toward others. Should good sportsmanship, then, be taught in school? Critics do not think so. Some feel that actions like showing off are minor and do not need to be addressed through the school curriculum. The need for debate is obvious. The stronger argument, however, favors teaching good sportsmanship. Presented here are the most important benefits of teaching sportsmanship.

Teaching Good Sportsmanship

- 2 Teaching good sportsmanship and having a positive attitude in activities like sports, class elections, and science fair competitions are critical to success in school. Activities involving winning or losing can be tense. Acting calmly under pressure helps young adults succeed not only in sports but also in life. Good sportsmanship is not a given; it must be promoted in school. Young people must be directed to role models who practice sportsmanship.

Knowing Rules

- 3 Good team players know the rules of the game. A person cannot play by the rules if he or she does not understand what the rules are. Many arguments on the playing field could be avoided if athletes understood their responsibilities. Knowing the rules also applies to other activities. If students enter a science fair competition, for example, they must follow the guidelines. Additionally, knowledge provides a competitive advantage. Those who know the rules are much more likely to succeed. In school, for example, success is definitely emphasized. When students learn sportsmanship, they discover how knowing the rules relates to achievement.

Managing Frustration

- 4 Using good sportsmanship helps people stay focused and in control. Almost everyone has overheard a heated argument between a player and a referee. Good players do not argue with other players, coaches, or officials. They deal with frustrations calmly; consequently, they stay in control of their game. Good players focus on achieving. Uncontrolled anger can actually cause a person to make errors. This result is especially embarrassing. Additionally, people can be labeled if they act out their frustrations. A good sport is known for his or her positive conduct, and not for being a “hothead” or a “bully.” Teaching students the consequences of their actions is part of sportsmanship. Students therefore learn to manage frustrations in sports and other activities to maximize performance.

Taking Responsibility

- 5 Good players become skilled at handling responsibility. When people accept responsibility, they achieve their best. Positive thinkers, moreover, influence others, especially those who are struggling with a problem. A gifted basketball player, for example, might teach skills to a less-talented player. Helping others raises the performance of the entire team. The team, consequently, could reach new heights and set new records. Good sportsmanship, however, means “owning up” to mistakes as well. Those who do not practice sportsmanship pass off responsibility. For them, if an opportunity is lost, it is someone else’s fault. Imagine a team of players all acting in their own self-interest—the opposite of what a team *really* should be. Students who participate on a team, be it a math small-group project or the school band, benefit by learning to accept responsibility and learning to encourage others.

Enjoying Victory, Accepting Defeat

- 6 Sportsmanship allows people to enjoy victory to the fullest. If people win, but their accomplishments are based on cheating or other unethical behavior, are they really winners? Good players follow the rules. They feel proud even in defeat because their game is based on integrity, honesty, and respect. Winners congratulate their opponents as part of recognizing the efforts of others. This friendly behavior spreads goodwill from their team to other teams. Players who show respect to fans, coaches, and other players receive respect in return. They are recognized as leaders. In learning sportsmanship, students explore role models of positive behavior. They learn what it takes to be a leader; they also learn to win and lose with grace.

Final Points

- 7 Sportsmanship is a winning idea. It must be taught in school. Students need direction to become “good sports.” Students will be responsible for their own actions and will have a positive influence on others. As students enter the workforce, businesses benefit. The community also benefits, because these students will someday become leaders. We need to start educating students about how sportsmanship pays off for everyone.

CSR2P038

- 39** Read this sentence from paragraph 1 of the essay.

Some feel that actions like showing off are minor and do not need to be addressed through the school curriculum.

What is the meaning of the word minor as it is used in the sentence?

- A harmful
- B average
- C childish
- D unimportant

CSR20612.038

- 40** Which detail is intended to persuade the reader that lack of control hinders performance?

- A Good team players know the rules of the game.
- B Uncontrolled anger can actually cause a person to make errors.
- C Additionally, people can be labeled if they act out their frustrations.
- D Teaching students the consequences of their actions is part of sportsmanship.

CSR20616.038

41 Based on the essay, what does the author believe about young people?

- A Young people seldom experience frustration or anger.
- B Young people should participate in sports.
- C Young people can learn fairness and respect.
- D Young people can ignore the consequences of their actions.

CSR20623.038

42 An excerpt from a book titled *Staying Calm Under Pressure* would provide the *strongest* support for which section of the essay?

- A “Teaching Good Sportsmanship”
- B “Knowing Rules”
- C “Managing Frustration”
- D “Taking Responsibility”

CSR20617.038

43 Read this sentence from paragraph 7 of the essay.

Students need direction to become “good sports.”

As used in the sentence, what does the word direction mean?

- A location
- B guidance
- C ordering
- D administration

CSR20622.038

From Scribbles to Spacious Skies

by Donna D. Feeney

- 1 When Katie L. Bates was nine years old, her mother gave her a small red notebook. Katie’s first entry was, “I am writing, scribbling rather, just for fun.” She went on, “The lines are too short for good rhymes. Storys take up two many pages.”
- 2 As Katie grew up, she continued to write in notebooks and diaries. Her spelling improved. She even became an English teacher, and she wrote lots of rhymes and stories. One of those rhymes became an anthem that we sing today—more than one hundred years after she wrote it. The song is “America the Beautiful.”
- 3 Bates wrote the poem in a notebook during her first trip west in 1893, when she was thirty-three years old. She was headed for Colorado College in Colorado Springs to teach a summer class. At that time she was Miss Katharine L. Bates, a professor at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. Traveling by train, she stopped in Chicago to visit a friend. While there she spent time at the World’s Columbian Exposition. The Exposition was a celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of Christopher Columbus’s arrival in America. No matter that the fair was a year late—it was spectacular. Many of the buildings were white, and the fair became known as “The White City.”
- 4 By the fourth of July, Bates was in western Kansas. She noted its “fertile prairies” in her diary. When she finally arrived in Colorado, she wrote that she had begun teaching “under the purple range of the Rockies.”
- 5 Summer session lasted only a few weeks. When it was over, the teachers wanted to celebrate. What better way than to go to the top of nearby Pikes Peak, the best-known mountain in the Rockies? Katharine Bates wrote that her group was “not vigorous enough to achieve the climb on foot nor adventurous enough for burro riding.” So they made their way huddled in prairie wagons. On the tailboards of the covered wagons were signs saying “Pikes Peak or Bust,” the same slogan gold prospectors had used years before. Horses took the group halfway up the mountain. Mules pulled the wagons the rest of the way.
- 6 “We were hoping for half an hour on the summit,” wrote Miss Bates, but when the teachers got to the top, two of them became faint from the thin air. The group was quickly “bundled into the wagons” for the “downward plunge.”
- 7 Katharine Bates said that there was hardly time on the peak for more than an “ecstatic gaze.” She added, however, “it was then and there, as I was looking out over the sea-like expanse of fertile country spreading away so far under those ample skies, that the opening lines of the hymn floated into my mind.” As she put the poem on paper, she also recalled the gleaming “White City” of the Exposition. She expanded on it as “thine alabaster cities.” By the time Bates left Colorado Springs, the four stanzas of “America the Beautiful” were penciled in her notebook.
- 8 When Bates returned home, she was so busy at school that she laid the notebook aside. It wasn’t until two years later that she submitted the poem to a publication. It first appeared in *The Congregationalist* on July 4, 1895—a perfect date for a patriotic poem.

9 That version, however, isn't exactly the same as the one we sing today. It began:

O beautiful for halcyon skies,
For amber waves of grain.
For purple mountain majesties
Above the enameled plain!

10 Most people liked her poem, but some suggested changes. Miss Bates considered the ideas, which came from all over the United States. Over time, she rewrote parts of the poem. A new version was published in 1904. Later, changes were made to the third stanza, and “America the Beautiful” became the poem we know today.

11 Even as she was revising it, the poem was being sung to many different tunes. In 1926, a contest was sponsored by the past presidents of the National Federation of Music Clubs to find an appropriate melody for “America the Beautiful.” Almost nine hundred compositions were submitted, but none of them was selected.

12 The National Federation of Music Clubs and the National Hymn Society wanted the poem to become the country's national anthem. It was “The Star-Spangled Banner,” which had been sung by the public and the armed forces for many years, that became the official national anthem five years later, in 1931.

13 Today, “America the Beautiful” is usually sung to the hymn “Materna,” written by Samuel A. Ward. Ward, who lived from 1847 to 1903, was a church organist, choirmaster, and music-store owner in Newark, New Jersey.

14 Throughout her life, Katharine Lee Bates never stopped filling notebooks with her “scribbling.” She wrote many poems as well as travel books, textbooks, and children's books.

15 It is the poem she wrote 401 years after Columbus first came to America, however, that continues to remind Americans of the sweeping beauty and majesty of their country. It is no wonder that “America the Beautiful” has been called the unofficial national anthem of the United States.

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CSR2P066

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

44 Which *best* summarizes paragraph 2 of the article?

- A Katie became an English teacher. She wrote lots of rhymes and stories.
- B Katie wrote rhymes and stories in notebooks and diaries. One rhyme became a song sung today, “America the Beautiful.”
- C Katie’s spelling got better as she grew older. She wrote “America the Beautiful.”
- D Katie became an English teacher because she liked to write. She wrote lots of rhymes and stories.

CSR20391.066

45 Read this sentence from paragraph 2 of the article.

One of those rhymes became an anthem that we sing today—more than one hundred years after she wrote it.

What is the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence?

- A a poem about an object
- B a love ballad
- C a hymn of praise
- D a short excerpt from a diary

CSR20392.066

46 Why does the author of the article most likely include a quote from Katharine Bates in paragraph 7?

- A to help the reader picture a scene that Katharine Bates thought about before writing “America the Beautiful”
- B to explain why Katharine Bates visited Pikes Peak
- C to explain why Katharine Bates was disappointed that the group of teachers had to leave Pikes Peak
- D to show how much Katharine Bates’ spelling had improved since childhood

CSR20395.066

47 Read this sentence from paragraph 7 of the article.

She added, however, “it was then and there, as I was looking out over the sea-like expanse of fertile country spreading away so far under those ample skies, that the opening lines of the hymn floated into my mind.”

What is the meaning of the underlined word as it is used in the sentence?

- A volume
- B area
- C supply
- D wilderness

CSR20396.066

- 48** Read this excerpt from paragraph 7 of the article.

As she put the poem on paper, she also recalled the gleaming “White City” of the Exposition. She expanded on it as “thine alabaster cities.”

Which sentence *best* describes the relationship between the underlined words?

- A *Alabaster* and *white* are opposite in meaning.
- B *Alabaster* adds to the meaning of *white*.
- C *Alabaster* is an informal word for *white*.
- D *Alabaster* is a specific type of *white*.

CSR20397.066

- 49** Read this sentence from paragraph 7 of the article.

By the time Bates left Colorado Springs, the four stanzas of “America the Beautiful” were penciled in her notebook.

What is the meaning of the word stanzas as used in the sentence?

- A sections of a poem
- B styles of writing
- C notebooks for writing
- D melodies in a song

CSR20399.066

- 50** Which source would *best* support the main ideas presented in paragraphs 11 and 12?

- A a book about the history of patriotic songs
- B a magazine about music clubs
- C an encyclopedia entry for the word *anthem*
- D a newspaper article from 1926

CSR20401.066

- 51** Which statement is *best* supported by the article?

- A Katharine Bates did not like any of the melodies that were entered into the contest.
- B Katharine Bates wrote “America the Beautiful” in the hope that it would become the official national anthem.
- C Katharine Bates knew that some parts of the poem needed to be rewritten when she submitted it for publication.
- D Katharine Bates’ trip to Colorado inspired her to write “America the Beautiful.”

CSR20403.066

- 52** What would be the *best* way to begin an online search for the final version of Bates’ poem?

- A Type “Katharine Bates.”
- B Type “America the Beautiful.”
- C Type “song lyrics.”
- D Type “spacious skies.”

CSR20405.066

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

The following questions are not about a passage. Read and answer each question.

53 Read this sentence.

At dinnertime Abuelita said, “It’s time to put the horses back into the _____.”

Which Spanish word meaning “enclosure” can be used to complete the sentence?

- A bronco
- B corral
- C rodeo
- D lasso

CSR013204

54 Which French expression would be *most* appropriate to say to someone about to go on a journey?

- A A la carte!
- B Bon voyage!
- C Merci beaucoup!
- D Bon appétit!

CSR00043.OSA

55 A conversation can turn into an argument in the same way that a discussion can become

- A a privilege.
- B an examination.
- C a debate.
- D a quotation.

CSR00045.OSA

56 Read this sentence.

We ate lunch at our favorite _____.

Which French word correctly fits in the sentence?

- A coupé
- B essay
- C café
- D entrée

CSR00146.OSA

57 Read this sentence.

The merchant checked his stock to find out what he needed to order.

Without changing the meaning of the sentence, which word can *best* be used to replace the underlined part?

- A products
- B animals
- C soup
- D shares

CSR00363.OSA

58 Read this sentence.

After staining the cabinet, the craftsman finished the wood with a wax.

Without changing the meaning of the sentence, which word or words can *best* be used to replace the underlined word?

- A polished
- B ended
- C destroyed
- D used up

CSR10414.OSA

- 59** Read this sentence.

If this plan fails, we will have to go back to the drawing board.

In this sentence, what is the meaning of the underlined phrase?

- A start all over
- B support the decision
- C work faster
- D avoid mistakes

CSR20892.05A

- 60** What is the difference between playing and practicing?

- A Playing is done by several people together, and practicing is done alone.
- B Playing usually takes less time than practicing does.
- C Playing is done just for fun, and practicing is done to become better at a skill.
- D Playing has to do with sports, and practicing has to do with music.

CSR00296.05A

- 61** Read these sentences.

When they are together, Starr and Jenny are often heard to produce a steady stream of giggles. Jenny's brother, Arnie, is known for his sudden, alarming guffaws.

Which of these statements is *not* correct?

- A A guffaw is a loud burst of laughter.
- B Guffaws and giggles are both forms of laughter.
- C People who giggle are always mocking others.
- D Giggles are more continuous but quieter than guffaws.

CSR00041.05A

- 62** Read this sentence.

Although we wanted to finish the game, we all decided to play it safe and go inside until the rain stopped.

In the sentence, the underlined phrase suggests

- A to be careful.
- B to be upset.
- C to be jolly.
- D to be interested.

CSR20882.05A

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

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Miguel’s teacher has asked the students to conduct research about what it was like to live in another time and to write about what they learn. Miguel wants to write about boys who became knights in the Middle Ages.

63 To complete this assignment, Miguel will write a

- A book review.
- B narrative poem.
- C factual report.
- D persuasive essay.

CSW00624.094

64 Miguel used this CD-ROM encyclopedia to help him research his topic.

Life through the Ages
 **History Encyclopedia** 
ENCYCLOPEDIA DISC 2: EUROPE

Prehistory ◆ to 3000 B.C.
 Ancient Times ◆ to 476 A.D.
 Middle Ages ◆ to 1400
 Renaissance ◆ to 1600
 Industrial Age ◆ to 1760
 Modern Times ◆ to the present

Click on the diamond
 that corresponds to
 the time period you
 wish to explore.

FIND:

To find information about his topic, Miguel should use the mouse to click on the diamond next to

- A 476 A.D.
- B 1400.
- C 1600.
- D 1760.

CSW00122.014

Here is Miguel’s first draft, which may contain errors.

From Boyhood to Knighthood

- 1 In tales of medieval days, we are told that brave knights wore shining armor and rode beautiful horses. They carried bright, sharp weapons. In these stories, fair maidens in distress are rescued by these knights, who seem to appear mysteriously out of the mist. The truth is that the knights of the Middle Ages did not just appear from thin air.
- 2 In times of war, a young man who fought bravely on a battlefield could become a knight on the site where he had demonstrated his courage. A king or knight could tap him on the shoulder with a sword, giving him this title of honor.
- 3 In peacetime, becoming a knight was a more lengthy process. A boy began this training when he was about seven years old. He went to live in the home of a noble family, where he served as a page. He ran errands for the family, served their meals, and learned to ride horses and handle small weapons. He also learned a code of polite behavior that was as important as learning to fight.
- 4 When a page was about fourteen years old, he became a squire. A squire served a knight who was called his lord. He took care of his lord’s horse and helped him practice hunting and fighting skills. If battle broke out, a squire rode beside his lord to the end.
- 5 Most squires were knighted by the time they were twenty-one years old. If not knighted on a battlefield, the squire might be knighted in an elaborate ceremony called dubbing. He bathed, cut his hair short, and prayed all night in a chapel. In the morning, he knelt before his lord who tapped him on both shoulders with a sword. He then gave him the spurs and sword of a knight.
- 6 Either in battle or in a dubbing ceremony, the squire rose from his knees as a knight. He promised to use his bravery and fighting skills to defend the weak and protect his homeland.

CSW0P006

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

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- 65** Which sentence could Miguel *best* add at the end of the first paragraph of his report?
- A Knights used strong horses to help them fight battles.
 - B There probably were knights in other historical periods, too.
 - C A man was not simply born a knight; he had to earn such a title.
 - D Women could not become knights unless they pretended to be men.

CSW00037.006

- 66** If Miguel wants to write to his cousin in Mexico about what he is learning, he should write a
- A letter to the editor.
 - B personal letter.
 - C letter of request.
 - D business letter.

CSW00626.094

The following is a rough draft of a student’s report, which may contain errors.

Sequoias

- 1 The sequoia is a redwood tree that was named in honor of a Native American chief called Sequoyah. This tree is one of the largest living things on Earth. It can grow nearly 400 feet high and 30 feet across. The sequoia is also one of the longest-living things on Earth. One tree can live as long as 2,000 years. A close relative, the giant sequoia, may live 3,000 or more years.
- 2 There is evidence that suggests that sequoias were found in many parts of the Northern Hemisphere during ancient times. Today they can be found in groves along the coast of northern California and southern Oregon. They grow only in altitudes below 3,300 feet.
- 3 The sequoia’s trunk can rise about 100 feet without a single branch. As the sequoia ages, its lower branches fall away. The dark brown bark of the sequoia can be as thick as 12 inches. It has deep furrows, or rows, in it, and it is very spongy. The sequoia’s thick bark helps the tree survive forest fires. The bark also helps the tree resist damage from insects.
- 4 If a sequoia falls over or is cut down, it begins to grow again soon afterward. It does this by producing new sprouts from the remaining stump. However, it takes hundreds of years for the new trees to reach full size. Every year many sequoia trees are cut down to make lumber. Redwood lumber is popular because it has an attractive color and lasts a long time. Redwood lumber is used for fence posts, paneling, shingles, and furniture. There are not as many sequoias as there used to be, but people are working to preserve more of these incredible trees.
- 5 Although these trees are cut for lumber, many sequoias can be found in protected groves within California’s national parks. Redwood National Park, in Northwestern California, has among its thousands of acres of redwoods the tallest known sequoia, which rises 367.5 feet into the air.

CSL0P021

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

- 67** Read this sentence from paragraph 2.

There is evidence that suggests that sequoias were found in many parts of the Northern Hemisphere during ancient times.

What is the correct way to spell the underlined word?

- A segests
- B suggests
- C seggests
- D Leave as is.

CSL00106.021

- 68** Read this sentence from paragraph 4.

There are not as many sequoias as there used to be, but people are working to preserve more of these incredible trees.

What is the correct way to write the underlined words?

- A used to be but people
- B used to be but, people
- C used to be, but, people
- D Leave as is.

CSL00105.021

- 69** Read this sentence from paragraph 5.

Although these trees are cut for lumber, many sequoias can be found in protected groves within California's national parks.

What is the correct way to spell the underlined word?

- A pretected
- B protected
- C pratected
- D Leave as is.

CSL00108.021

- 70** Read this part of a sentence from paragraph 5.

Redwood National Park, in Northwestern California, has . . .

What is the correct way to write the underlined words?

- A Redwood National Park, in northwestern California
- B Redwood national park, in Northwestern California
- C Redwood national park, in northwestern California
- D Leave as is.

CSL00109.021

The following is a rough draft of a student’s essay. It contains errors.

Origami

(1) Can you create a whole world out of pieces of paper? (2) You can if you know origami. (3) Origami is the Japanese art of creating shapes and figures by folding pieces of paper. (4) Without scissors or glue, origami artists can make paper animals, flowers, or objects like boats or windmills. (5) The word *origami* comes from the Japanese words *oru*, meaning “to fold,” and *kami*, meaning “paper.” (6) Some people think it might have been introduced to Japan in the early seventh century by the Chinese, after they began to make paper.

(7) Most origami sculptures are made from a few basic shapes, like the bird, fish, kite, and frog. (8) Diagrams that show how to make origami pieces are easily available, not only in books, but also from online sources. (9) They show how to create origami through a series of descriptively named folds: for example, the valley fold, the mountain fold, the petal fold, or the pleat. (10) In addition, events like the Pacific Coast Origami conference offer exhibitions and workshops for beginners as well as for advanced origami artists.

(11) Origami is a beautiful art that anyone can try. (12) It can be difficult at first but if you stay patient and follow instructions carefully, you can be an origami artist too!

CSW1P069

71 Read this sentence.

Origami is the Japanese art of creating shapes and figures by folding pieces of paper.

This sentence offers support by

- A defining the subject.
- B comparing the subject to something else.
- C beginning a story about the subject.
- D including an example that illustrates the subject.

CSW10600.069

72 Read this sentence.

Diagrams that show how to make origami pieces are easily available, not only in books, but also from online sources.

Which underlined word is spelled incorrectly?

- A Diagrams
- B easily
- C available
- D sources

CSW10607.069

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

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73 Read this sentence.

In addition, events like the Pacific Coast Origami conference offer exhibitions and workshops for beginners as well as for advanced origami artists.

Which underlined word in this sentence should be capitalized?

- A events
- B conference
- C exhibitions
- D workshops

CSW10606.069

74 Read this sentence.

It can be difficult at first but if you stay patient and follow instructions carefully, you can be an origami artist too!

What is the correct way to write the underlined part of this sentence?

- A first; but
- B first: but
- C first, but
- D Leave as is.

CSW10626.069

75 Which of the following Internet keywords would *best* help someone find more information about other basic folds used in origami?

- A origami history
- B origami animals
- C simple origami
- D origami paper

CSW10605.069

The following is a rough draft of a student’s report. It contains errors.

Are We There Yet?

- 1 Think about a time you went someplace that you had never been before. It was not really far away, but it seemed as if it was taking a really long time to get there. Then you noticed that the return trip did not seem to take nearly as long, even though it was exactly the same distance. Scientists have studied these common observations. They have concluded that our perception of how time passes is sometimes based on the amount of information with which we are dealing. The more information we are getting, the more slowly time seems to pass.
- 2 On the way to the strange place, we are confronted with unfamiliar sights and sounds, and maybe even smells. We may be reading directions, looking for landmarks, or trying to find a particular road sign. There may be others in the car asking, “When will we get there? Are we there yet?” We are constantly processing and evaluating the information we are receiving.
- 3 On the return trip, we are somewhat familiar with the route. Now much of the information is not new to us. Our brain now processes the information more efficiently. We are able to ignore a lot of what we see and hear. We remember that it does not require action on our part.
- 4 In other words, scientists believe that on the way to a new place we see things in great detail. Thus time seems to move slowly. On the return trip we are not paying as much attention to detail. Time seems to pass more quickly.
- 5 The process could be compared to the first and second days of school. On the first day everything is new and different, and time seems to pass slowly. On the second day, you know what to expect, and your brain spends less time processing new information. The second day of school usually seems to proceed at a more rapid pace.

CSW0P075-3

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

76 Which sentence is *best* added to the end of paragraph 3?

- A The driver experiences the same things as the passengers.
- B We know what to pay attention to and we screen out the rest.
- C I wonder what happens when we do know the route.
- D New places do that to all of us.

CSW00421.075

77 Read these two sentences from paragraph 4.

On the return trip we are not paying as much attention to detail. Time seems to pass more quickly.

Which word could *best* be used to join these sentences?

- A so
- B while
- C but
- D because

CSW00110.075

78 Read the last two sentences of paragraph 5.

On the second day, you know what to expect, and your brain spends less time processing new information. The second day of school usually seems to proceed at a more rapid pace.

Which word should be added to the beginning of the second sentence?

- A However,
- B Therefore,
- C Although,
- D Nevertheless,

CSW00422.075

79 Which sentence *best* serves as a summary to be added at the end of the report?

- A This is a good illustration of the concept.
- B The same phenomenon also occurs in the field of athletics.
- C The first and second days of school are stressful times.
- D Thus, in a sense, time speeds up when our surroundings become more familiar.

CSW00417.075

Serena’s teacher has asked the students to conduct research about ocean creatures and write about what they learn. Serena wants to write about giant squids.

80 To complete this assignment, Serena will write a

- A personal letter.
- B factual report.
- C short story.
- D book review.

CSW00271.058

81 If Serena wants to obtain information from her state’s marine institute, she should write a

- A letter to the editor.
- B letter of complaint.
- C letter of request.
- D personal letter.

CSW00270.058

The following is Serena’s rough draft. It contains errors.

A Giant at Sea

(1) For centuries, the giant squid has filled many people with wonder. (2) The Maori people in New Zealand share great legends about the creature. (3) Squids also appear in Norwegian mythology, where they are named Kraken. (4) The word *Kraken* means “a tree stump with its roots attached.” (5) It was a way of describing what the squids looked like. (6) Many other cultures also have myths and legends about the giant squid.

(7) The reasons for people’s interest in the giant squid are fairly obvious. (8) To begin with, although the giant squid looks much like the smaller squid with which people are most familiar, there is one big difference. (9) The giant squid can grow to sixty feet in length! (10) Each of its eyes is about 10 inches in diameter, the size of a volleyball. (11) The squid’s large tentacles are covered with small suction cups, each surrounded by teeth. (12) When a hungry giant squid spots a smaller squid or fish, two tentacles shoot out from its body and capture the prey. (13) Then it grips the prey tightly with the suckers on its eight arms. (14) Holding the prey, it uses its parrot-like beak and powerful jaw to tear the food.

(15) No one has ever saw a giant squid in its natural habitat. (16) Many sightings are of squids that have washed ashore. (17) Other reports come from people who find giant squids in their nets. (18) A published list details only two hundred sightings in the last three hundred fifty years.

(19) Recent giant squid sightings in New Zealand have drawn the attention of many scientists. (20) An American Scientist named dr. Clyde Roper and a team of experts have visited Kaikoura Canyon, an undersea canyon. (21) They hope to someday film the giant squid in its natural habitat.

CSW0P058-3

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

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82 In the first sentence of the rough draft, what is a better way to write “filled many people with wonder”?

- A attracted tourists from many lands
- B captured people’s imaginations
- C inspired authors to write stories
- D caused people to have nightmares

CSW00276.059

83 What is the correct way to write the underlined part of sentence 15?

- A No one had ever saw
- B No one has ever seen
- C No one have ever seen
- D No one has ever saw

CSL10136.025

84 What is the correct way to capitalize these words from sentence 20?

- A An American scientist named Dr. clyde roper
- B An American Scientist named dr. clyde roper
- C An American scientist named Dr. Clyde Roper
- D An American Scientist named dr. Clyde Roper

CSL40140.023

85 Which of these sentences could *best* be added at the end of the rough draft?

- A Kaikoura Canyon is an undersea canyon located in the country of New Zealand.
- B Other scientists around the world are investigating the habitats of other marine creatures.
- C Such a discovery would help unlock the mysteries of this fascinating creature.
- D There are not very many people in the world who have ever seen giant squids.

CSW00272.059

86 Read the following sentence.

Because of these features, the giant squid can be quite an amazing sight.

For which paragraph in the rough draft would this be the *best* concluding sentence?

- A the first paragraph
- B the second paragraph
- C the third paragraph
- D the fourth paragraph

CSL10143.023

The following is a rough draft of a student’s essay. It contains errors.

The Leaning Tower

(1) Those who built the Tower of Pisa never meant for it to lean, though this is what has made it famous. (2) Other towers, such as the Eiffel Tower and the Tower of London, are known for their own unique qualities. (3) In recent years, workers have had to make the Tower of Pisa lean less, to make it safe for visitors to enter. (4) How did the tower come to lean, and how did workers make the Leaning Tower stand straighter?

(5) The tower was constructed about eight hundred years ago in the town of Pisa, near the Coast in Northwestern Italy. (6) The tilting came about because of the land on which the tower was built. (7) This land being an old riverbed. (8) It wasn’t good. (9) This caused the tower to lean to one side more and more over the centuries. (10) By 1990, it was leaning so much that it had to be closed to visitors.

(11) Then workers began to try to straighten out the tower enough to make it safe. (12) A lot of soil was taken out from under one side. (13) When the land was settled, the tower was leaning seventeen inches less than before. (14) Though this dosn’t sound like very much, the tower is considered safe again—for now.

CSLIP021-3

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

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87 Which sentence would be *best* to remove from the first paragraph?

- A Those who built the Tower of Pisa never meant for it to lean, though this is what has made it famous.
- B Other towers, such as the Eiffel Tower and the Tower of London, are known for their own unique qualities.
- C In recent years, workers have had to make the Tower of Pisa lean less, to make it safe for visitors to enter.
- D How did the tower come to lean, and how did workers make the Leaning Tower stand straighter?

CSL10110.021

88 What is the correct way to write the underlined part of sentence 5?

- A in the town of pisa, near the coast in Northwestern Italy
- B in the town of Pisa, near the coast in northwestern Italy
- C in the town of Pisa, near the Coast in northwestern Italy
- D in the town of pisa, near the coast in northwestern Italy

CSL10116.021

89 What is the correct way to write sentence 7?

- A This land, an old riverbed.
- B This land was old, and was a riverbed.
- C An old, riverbed is what the land was.
- D This land was an old riverbed.

CSL10120.021

90 How should sentence 8 *best* be rewritten to give the reader more information?

- A It was a poor location because the soil was sandy and soft.
- B It was the wrong place to build.
- C It was not a good place to choose because it was a poor choice.
- D It was an unfortunate decision.

CSL10111.021

91 The *best* way to provide a better transition between the second and third paragraphs would be to replace the word Then with which of these transitions?

- A All things being equal,
- B After it was closed,
- C To make it do that,
- D As they thought about it,

CSL10112.021

92 Which of the following revisions would make sentence 12 more informative?

- A There was very much soil taken out from beneath one side of the tower.
- B From under one side of the tower the workers took out an enormous quantity of soil.
- C The workers performed much labor to remove soil from its place under the tower.
- D About eight tons of soil were removed from the non-leaning side of the tower.

CSL10113.021

93 What is the correct way to spell the underlined word in sentence 14?

- A dosen't
- B doesn't
- C dossn't
- D dosn't

CSL10119.021

94 Which of these sentences would be *best* to add as the last sentence of the third paragraph?

- A The Tower of Pisa probably wouldn't have been famous if it didn't lean.
- B In another three hundred years, however, the process might have to be repeated.
- C Seventeen inches is a small but important difference in tilt for this tower.
- D If they had built the tower somewhere else, it might have stood straight.

CSL10115.021

95 Which organizational pattern was used to arrange the details in the second and third paragraphs?

- A spatial sequence
- B comparison and contrast
- C order of importance
- D time sequence

CSL10114.021

The following is a rough draft of a student’s report. It contains errors.

How Honeybees Communicate

(1) Honeybees are capable of a highly developed form of communication. (2) To begin to understand how honeybees communicate, it is important to first learn about their social organization. (3) The social organization in a colony of honeybees is based on a rigid division of labor. (4) Each bee in the hive has a specific role to fill.

(5) Honeybees live in large and amazingly well-organized colonies that consist of queens, drones, and workers. (6) The queen’s job is to lay eggs, as many as 2,000 in a single day! (7) Each drone has a very important job: to mate with the queen. (8) Drones, surprisingly, do not mate with the queen in their own hive. (9) They travel, instead, to other hives, which may be miles away, to mate with the queens of those hives. (10) Worker bees neither lay eggs nor mate but they do perform a variety of other essential jobs. (11) These jobs include cleaning the hive, caring for developing bees, producing wax, building honeycombs, and locating and gathering food. (12) When a worker bee reaches the age of three weeks; therefore, it begins one of its primary functions—hunting for food. (13) Worker bees and drones support the hive.

(14) A remarkable system of communication among the bees enables them to be successful in gathering food. (15) In the hive, the bees communicate through touch, sound, and chemical messages. (16) The process of chemical communication involves pheromones, odors produced by an animal that influence how other animals act. (17) As they gather pollen, however, honeybees use a very different form of communication: a symbolic dance language. (18) After locating a supply of food, honeybee “scouts” return to the hive and dance on the surface of the honeycomb. (19) By dancing in a particular pattern and at varying speeds, the scouts communicate vital information about their find. (20) The scouts indicate the direction that the honeybees must go to find the food. (21) They even relay information about the distance.

(22) Although the world of the honeybee is filled with behaviors that humans find unique and interesting, none of these behaviors be as fascinating as the dance of the honeybees. (23) For entomologists, the scientists who study insects, the honeybees’ ability to communicate through dance provides a stimulating field of research.

CSLIP108-4

96 Which word from the report is spelled incorrectly?

- A amazingly
- B process
- C unique
- D ability

CSL12192.108

97 Read this sentence from the report.

(10) Worker bees neither lay eggs nor mate but they do perform a variety of other essential jobs.

Which is the correct punctuation for the underlined part of the sentence?

- A nor mate, but; they do perform
- B nor mate. But; they do perform
- C nor mate, but they do perform
- D nor mate but, they do perform

CSL12183.108

98 Read this sentence from the report.

(12) When a worker bee reaches the age of three weeks; therefore, it begins one of its primary functions—hunting for food.

Which is the *best* way to rewrite the sentence to form a complex sentence?

- A By a worker bee reaching the age of three weeks, it begins one of its primary functions—hunting for food.
- B A worker bee reaches the age of three weeks, so it begins one of its primary functions—hunting for food.
- C When a worker bee reaches the age of three weeks, it begins one of its primary functions—hunting for food.
- D A worker bee reaches the age of three weeks, but it begins one of its primary functions—hunting for food.

CSL12184.108

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

99 Read this excerpt from the report.

(22) . . . none of these behaviors be as fascinating as the dance of the honeybees.

What is the correct way to revise the underlined part of the excerpt?

- A none of these behaviors is as fascinating
- B none of these behaviors was as fascinating
- C none of these behaviors been as fascinating
- D none of these behaviors had been as fascinating

CSL12190.108

100 Which sentence could *best* be added to the last paragraph to help summarize the report?

- A The discoveries of scientists help all people.
- B The wasp also uses many forms of communication.
- C The honeybee is a special insect because it produces honey and wax.
- D Like human language, the dance of the honeybees is a complicated form of communication.

CSL12191.108

101 Which keyword entry would *best* help the student locate more information about how honeybees exchange information?

- A organization + sting + scientist
- B bees + honey + organization
- C bees + communication + pheromones
- D scientist + insect + communication

CSL12195.108

The following is a rough draft of a student’s report. It contains errors.

Puppets

(1) Have you ever used your hands to make playful shadows on a wall? (2) If you have, then you have participated in the fun and popular art of puppetry. (3) Shadow puppets, string puppets, rod puppets, hand puppets, and ventriloquist figures are among the most common types of puppets.

(4) Shadow puppetry is believed to have begun when prehistoric people used their hands to cast shadows on cave walls. (5) Although this theory has not been proven, most people agree that puppetry began before written language. (6) More than 2000 years ago, the greek philosopher Plato referred to shadow puppets in his philosophical writings. (7) Puppetry has servived through the ages, portraying legends, myths, and famous events. (8) In these portrayals, it is common to see puppets that look like historical figures, including Shakespeare, Edgar Allan Poe, and Benjamin Franklin. (9) Today, puppets star in movies and television programs, appear on commercials, and even help educate students in the classroom.

(10) It has been said about puppets that, if you move them, then they move you. (11) As we watch a puppet move and speak, we don’t see it as merely wood, cloth, or plastic; we see a hero, a villain, or a comic. (12) Because puppeteers are able to convey complex emotions with ordinary materials and simple gestures, the art of puppetry can be enjoyed by anyone with a lively imagination.

CSL1P017

102 Which word from the passage is *not* spelled correctly?

- A servived
- B commercials
- C merely
- D villain

CSL11817.017

103 Which sentence could *best* be added to the beginning of the second paragraph?

- A Obviously, some kinds are more complicated to make and operate than others.
- B Local schools and libraries are good places to find a string puppet show being presented.
- C Puppets continue to entertain people of all ages, and we all remember Pinocchio fondly.
- D It might surprise you to know that puppetry is a very old art form.

CSL10081.017

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

6

104 What is the correct way to use capitalization in the underlined words in sentence 6?

- A the Greek philosopher Plato
- B the greek philosopher plato
- C the Greek Philosopher Plato
- D the greek philosopher Plato

CSL10079.017

105 Which term *best* describes the passage?

- A an editorial
- B a humorous story
- C a descriptive report
- D an entertainment review

CSL10080.017

This is a rough draft of a student’s essay. It contains errors.

Selling Hot Dogs Is Big Business

- 1 One of the most well-liked foods in the United States is the hot dog. The selling of hot dogs, in fact, has become a profitable business. In the year 2001, for instance, Americans consumed more than 20 billion hot dogs. On the Fourth of July alone, Americans bought 150 million hot dogs. Baseball fans eat a tremendous number of hot dogs each year during baseball season. If all 26.3 million hot dogs sold in major league baseball stadiums each year were placed end to end, the hot dogs would stretch from Dodger Stadium, in Los Angeles, all the way across the country to the PNC Park, in Pittsburgh.
- 2 The sales of hot dogs have increased, in part, due to some changes in the product. New ingredients, in particular, have widened the appeal of the hot dog to various groups. Vegetarians and health-conscious Americans can now choose meatless and low-fat varieties of hot dogs. Chicken, turkey, and soy hot dogs are also available for purchase. These variations of the old standard hot dog have led to a larger consumer base and a rise in sales.
- 3 The popularity of the hot dog is also a result of the numerous ways the food is prepared in different regions of the United States. The way Americans prepare their hot dogs depends on where they live. Hot dog lovers in Chicago, _____, often use yellow mustard, dark green relish, chopped raw onion, tomato slices, celery salt, and poppy seed buns with their hot dogs. In the south, however, people put coleslaw on their hot dogs, hence the name *slaw dogs*. People from New York like their hot dogs with a lot of onions. Kansas City residents enjoy their hot dogs with sauerkraut and melted Swiss cheese on a sesame seed bun.
- 4 Sales of hot dogs have risen significantly over the past decade. In 2001, grocery store hot dog sales reached 1.7 billion dollars, the cost of buying 808 million pounds of hot dogs. The National hot dog and sausage Council estimates that 4.9 million pounds of hot dogs were sold to the food service industry in the year 2000.
- 5 No matter how people order, fix, or eat their hot dogs, this convenient meal remains a staple in the American diet. Because of the high demand, grocery stores, restaurants, and food stands across the United States continue to buy a huge number of hot dogs from suppliers so they can provide patrons with one of their favorite foods: the all-American hot dog.

Released Test Questions

English–Language Arts

- 106** Read this sentence from paragraph 1 of the essay.

Baseball fans eat a tremendus number of hot dogs each year during baseball season.

What is the correct spelling of the underlined word in the sentence?

- A tremindous
- B tremendous
- C tramendus
- D tremendus

CSL12240.138

- 107** Which sentence could *best* be added to paragraph 1 as a supporting detail?

- A Almost half of all hot dogs are sold between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
- B Boiling and grilling are popular ways to prepare hot dogs.
- C The Fourth of July is celebrated with fireworks.
- D Hot dogs are quite popular in both New York and Chicago.

CSL12241.138

- 108** Which sentence provides additional details to the information in paragraph 2?

- A A long-standing debate exists about whether hamburgers taste better than hot dogs.
- B Few fans of hot dogs would actually eat them for breakfast.
- C The average consumer has only a general idea about the basic ingredients of hot dogs.
- D Other varieties include tofu dogs, beef dogs, cheese dogs, and bun-length dogs.

CSL12243.138

- 109** Read these sentences from paragraph 3 of the essay.

The way Americans prepare their hot dogs depends on where they live. Hot dog lovers in Chicago, _____, often use yellow mustard, dark green relish, chopped raw onion, tomato slices, celery salt, and poppy seed buns with their hot dogs.

Which transition could *best* be placed in the blank space?

- A unfortunately
- B for example
- C nevertheless
- D moreover

CSL12244.138

- 110** Which keyword entry could the author of the essay have used for an Internet search to find out that most people prefer mustard on their hot dogs?

- A most popular hot dog topping
- B how to prepare hot dogs
- C hot dog sales in the United States
- D types of hot dogs

CSL12252.138

The following is a rough draft of a student’s report. It contains errors.

Alexander the Great

- 1 Alexander was only twenty years old when he inherited a kingdom from his father, Philip of Macedonia. From the time Alexander was a small boy, people expected great things from him. His father trained him to be a fearless warrior and the Greek philosopher Aristotle taught him about other cultures. Upon taking the throne in 336 B.C., Alexander quickly acted to fulfill his father’s dreams of conquest.
- 2 With a small army and little money, Alexander invaded the mighty Persian Empire. By throwing himself into the middle of every battle, Alexander gained a reputation for courage and respect from his men. He defeated armies larger than his own and soon conquered Egypt. The Egyptians proclaimed him not only their king but also the descendent of one of their gods.
- 3 Alexander’s armies conquered new areas. He built cities to connect his empire. Alexander named each city “Alexandria” after himself. Many of these cities became centers of learning and Greek culture. People throughout the empire were encouraged to speak Greek and to worship the Greek gods. Alexander and his followers adopted some of the customs and traditions of the people they encountered.
- 4 Despite conquering many lands, Alexander was still not finished expanding his empire. In 329 B.C. he led his armies eastward into India. The troops, however, were tired from the years of constant warfare; they wanted to return home. Alexander agreed to return to Babylon where, in 323 B.C., he became sick. It is said that his generals asked Alexander, as he lay dying, to whom the empire should belong. He said, “To the strongest,” according to legend.
- 5 Alexander’s empire collapsed soon after his death. The Greeks spread their culture and philosophy all over the known civilized world. They also spread their art and literature. New ideas also flowed back to Greece, which flourishes as a center for learning.

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- 111** Read this sentence from paragraph 1 of the report.

His father trained him to be a fearless warrior and the Greek philosopher Aristotle taught him about other cultures.

What is the correct way to punctuate the underlined part of the sentence?

- A fearless warrior—and the Greek philosopher
- B fearless warrior; and the Greek philosopher
- C fearless warrior: and the Greek philosopher
- D fearless warrior, and the Greek philosopher

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- 112** Read these sentences from paragraph 3 of the report.

Alexander's armies conquered new areas. He built cities to connect his empire.

Which is the *best* way to combine these sentences without changing the meaning?

- A As his armies conquered new areas, Alexander built cities to connect his empire.
- B Alexander built cities to connect his empire, and his armies conquered new areas.
- C Alexander's armies conquered new areas, yet he built cities to connect his empire.
- D Although Alexander built cities to connect his empire, his armies conquered new areas.

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- 113** Read these sentences from paragraph 5 of the report.

The Greeks spread their culture and philosophy all over the known civilized world. They also spread their art and literature.

Which is the *best* way to combine these sentences to form a simple sentence?

- A The Greeks spread their culture and philosophy all over the known civilized world, and they also spread their art and literature.
- B The Greeks spread their culture, philosophy, art, and literature all over the known civilized world.
- C The Greeks spread their culture and philosophy all over the known civilized world, but they also spread their art and literature.
- D The Greeks spread their culture and philosophy, also their art and literature, all over the known civilized world.

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- 114** Read this sentence from paragraph 5 of the report.

New ideas also flowed back to Greece, which flourishes as a center for learning.

What is the correct way to write the underlined part of the sentence?

- A has flourishes
- B has flourishing
- C flourished
- D flourish

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