

Practice Test Answer and Alignment Document
ELA/Literacy: Grade 8
Online

Section 1		
Items 1–14		
Task: Literary Single		
Passage 1: from <i>Jasmine Skies</i>		
Item Number	Answer(s)	Standards Alignment
1.	D	RL.8.4
2.	Part A: D Part B: B, E	RL.8.3
3.	These five sentences must be placed in this order from top to bottom: 1) Mira keeps looking at the family sitting with her on the train. 2) The mother offers to share food with Mira and Janu. 3) The little girl won't let go of Mira's charm bracelet. 4) Mira gives the girl the charm bracelet upon leaving the carriage. 5) Mira feels conflicted once she realizes what she has lost.	RL.8.2
4.	B	RL.8.6
5.	Part A: A Part B: C	RL.8.2

6.	<p>For the first statement, Janu would most likely agree.</p> <p>For the second statement, Janu would most likely agree.</p> <p>For the third statement, both Mira and Janu would most likely agree.</p> <p>For the fourth statement, Mira would most likely agree.</p>	RL.8.3
7.	D	RL.8.3
Task: Informational Single		
Passage 2: "Is Listening to a Book the Same Thing as Reading It?"		
8.	C	L.8.4
9.	C	RI.8.5
10.	D	RI.8.5
11.	<p>These four statements must be placed in this order from top to bottom:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) In the past it was sometimes considered cheating to listen to an audio version of a text . . . different appeal and benefits. 2) Audiobooks provide the benefits of allowing readers to get meaning without having to do the work of decoding . . . how the author meant for pieces of text to sound. 3) On the other hand, research has shown that as the difficulty of text structures and text concepts increases . . . comprehension and attention to details than audiobooks. 4) Both formats provide distinct benefits and serve different purposes . . . neither is overall superior to the other. 	RI.8.2
12.	<p>Part A: B</p> <p>Part B: A, D</p>	RI.8.2

13.	<p>Part A: B</p> <p>Part B: C</p>	RI.8.1
14.	<p>Paragraph 1: establishes the author’s credibility on the subject</p> <p>Paragraph 7: describes the results of research</p> <p>Paragraph 13: predicts what may be different in the future</p>	RI.8.6

Section 2		
Items 1–8		
Task: Literary Performance Task		
Passage 1: from <i>Banner in the Sky</i>		
Item Number	Answer(s)	Standards Alignment
1.	B	L.8.4
2.	Part A: B Part B: A	RL.8.1
Passage 2: from <i>Gathering Blue</i>		
3.	These three phrases should be selected: 1) rare ornamentation 2) richly embroidered 3) intricate scenes	RL.8.4
4.	B	RL.8.1
5.	Part A: B Part B: C	RL.8.3
Passages 1 and 2: from <i>Banner in the Sky</i> and from <i>Gathering Blue</i>		
6.	The first element is used in both passages. The second element is used in the passage from <i>Gathering Blue</i> . The third element is used in the passage from <i>Banner in the Sky</i> . The fourth element is used in both passages.	RL.8.5
7.	C	RL.8.5
8.	Constructed Response Item: Refer to MCAP Informative/Explanatory Performance Task Rubric Grades 6–10	W.8.2

Section 3		
Items 1–8		
Task: Informational Performance Task		
Passage 1: “Testing Thinking”		
Item Number	Answer(s)	Standards Alignment
1.	A	RI.8.5
2.	Part A: A Part B: This phrase should be selected: To talk to people,	L.8.4
3.	C	RI.8.5
Passage 2: from “Am I Human?”		
4.	This phrase should be selected: tries to trick	RI.8.4
5.	B, E	L.8.4
6.	Part A: A Part B: B	RI.8.1
Passages 1 and 2: “Testing Thinking” and from “Am I Human?”		
7.	C, E	RI.8.3
8.	Constructed Response Item: Refer to MCAP Informative/Explanatory Performance Task Rubric Grades 6–10	W.8.2