



**Practice Test Answer and Alignment Document  
ELA/Literacy – Grade 3  
Paper and Pencil**

The following pages include the answer key for all machine-scored items. Refer to the separate documents for all hand-scored items as indicated in the answer key.

## Section 1

<b>Items 1–24</b>		
<b>Task: Literary Single</b>		
<b>Item Number</b> <b>Answer Key</b> <b>Standards Alignment</b>		
<b>Passage 1: “Nico The Nifty”</b>		
1.	D	RL.3.4
2.	C	RL.3.1
3.	<b>Part A:</b> D <b>Part B:</b> B	RL.3.4
4.	<b>Part A:</b> D <b>Part B:</b> D	RL.3.3
5.	B, D	RL.3.3
6.	B	RL.3.4
7.	<b>Part A:</b> C <b>Part B:</b> D	RL.3.2

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### Task: Informational Single

Item Number	Answer Key	Standards Alignment
<b>Passage 2: "Tiny Trees"</b>		
8.	A	RI.3.4
9.	A	RI.3.1
10.	D	RI.3.4
11.	C	RI.3.8
12.	A	RI.3.3
13.	D	RI.3.8
14.	<b>Part A: D</b> <b>Part B: A</b>	RI.3.2
<b>Task: Reading Foundational Skills</b>		
15.	D	RF.3.3
16.	B	RF.3.3.a
17.	C	RF.3.3
18.	D	RF.3.3
19.	C	RF.3.3

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Item Number	Answer Key	Standards Alignment
20.	A	RF.3.3
21.	D	RF.3.3
22.	A	RF.3.3
23.	B	RF.3.3
24.	A	RF.3.3

## Section 2

### Items 1–9

#### Task: Literary Performance Task

Item Number	Answer Key	Standards Alignment
<b>Passage 1:</b> “Hobby Friday”		
1.	<b>Part A:</b> C <b>Part B:</b> B	RL.3.3
2.	D	RL.3.5
3.	<b>Part A:</b> D <b>Part B:</b> C	L.3.5
4.	<b>Part A:</b> D <b>Part B:</b> A	RL.3.1
<b>Passage 2:</b> “Paint the Morning”		
5.	B	L.3.4
6.	C	RL.3.5
7.	<b>Part A:</b> B <b>Part B:</b> C	RL.3.3
<b>Passages 1 and 2:</b> “Hobby Friday” and “Paint the Morning”		
8.	A, E	RL.3.9
9.	Constructed Response Item: Refer to MCAP Narrative Performance Task Rubric Grade 3	W.3.3

## Section 3

### Items 1–9

#### Task: Informational Performance Task

Item Number	Answer Key	Standards Alignment
<b>Passage 1:</b> “I Dig It!”		
1.	C	RI.3.1
2.	A	L.3.4
3.	<b>Part A:</b> C <b>Part B:</b> B	RI.3.8
<b>Passage 2:</b> “Why Diggers Dig”		
4.	<b>Part A:</b> D <b>Part B:</b> B	RI.3.8
5.	B	L.3.4
6.	C	RI.3.1
<b>Passages 1 and 2:</b> “I Dig It!” and “Why Diggers Dig”		
7.	<b>Part A:</b> C <b>Part B:</b> A, C	RI.3.9
8.	<b>Part A:</b> D <b>Part B:</b> B, D	RI.3.2
9.	Constructed Response Item: Refer to MCAP Opinion Performance Task Rubric Grade 3	W.3.1

## Section 4

### Items 1–7

#### Task: Literary Performance Task

Item Number	Answer Key	Standards Alignment
<b>Passage 1:</b> “The Waterfall”		
1.	D	L.3.5
2.	B	RL.3.1
3.	C	RL.3.1
<b>Passage 2:</b> “Swimming to the Rock”		
4.	<b>Part A:</b> D <b>Part B:</b> B	RL.3.3
5.	D	RL.3.5
<b>Passages 1 and 2:</b> “The Waterfall” and “Swimming to the Rock”		
6.	<b>Part A:</b> C <b>Part B:</b> B, D	RL.3.2
7.	Constructed Response Item: Refer to MCAP Informative/Explanatory Performance Task Rubric Grade 3	W.3.2