



Practice Test Answer and Alignment Document

ELA/Literacy—Grade 6

Online

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

Items 1–12

Task: Informational Single

Passage 1: “Flying Balloons: The Story of the Montgolfier Brothers”		
Item Number	Answer Key	Standards Alignment
1.	Part A: A Part B: This phrase should be selected: from his studies to escape outdoors	RI.6.4
2.	Part A: B Part B: C	RI.6.5
3.	D	RI.6.4
4.	Part A: B Part B: This phrase should be selected: lighter than air—but also explosive	RI.6.3
5.	Part A: D Part B: A	RI.6.6
6.	A	RI.6.2

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Task: Literary Single

Item Number	Answer Key	Standards Alignment
Passage 2: "How a Foolish Wolf Learned to Be Satisfied"		
7.	C	RL.6.4
8.	Part A: B Part B: C	RL.6.6
9.	D	L.6.4
10.	The sentence should read: At the beginning of the passage, the wolf takes each action based on his [own personal goal,] but by paragraph 13 he is also acting out of a need to [show off to others.]	RL.6.3
11.	Part A: C Part B: C	RL.6.2
12.	Paragraphs 1 through 9: The wolf pretends to accidentally bump into the goose to take a few of her feathers. Paragraphs 10 through 14: The wolf constructs a pair of goose wings and successfully attaches them to himself. Paragraphs 15 through 21: The wolf dismisses the advice the goose offers to him about his desire to fly. Paragraphs 22 through 25: The wolf attempts to fly and fails to keep himself from crashing to the ground.	RL.6.2

Section 2

Items 1–7		
Task: Literary Performance Task		
Item Number	Answer Key	Standards Alignment
Passage 1: “The Pedlar of Swaffham”		
1.	B	L.6.4
2.	Part A: B Part B: D	RL.6.5
3.	D	RL.6.2
Passage 2: “The Wheat on the Chessboard”		
4.	A	L.6.4
5.	The sentence should read: At the beginning of the passage, the king feels [shocked by] Sessa’s request, but by the end of the passage, he feels [embarrassed.]	RL.6.3
Passages 1 and 2: “The Pedlar of Swaffham” and “The Wheat on the Chessboard”		
6.	<p>The first description applies to The Pedlar.</p> <p>The second description applies to both characters.</p> <p>The third description applies to The King.</p> <p>The fourth description applies to The King.</p>	RL.6.9

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Item Number	Answer Key	Standards Alignment
7.	<p>Constructed Response Item: Refer to MCAP Informative/Explanatory Performance Task Rubric Grades 6–10</p>	W.6.2

Section 3

Items 1–10

Task: Informational Performance Task

Item Number	Answer Key	Standards Alignment
Passage 1: “Dissect a Flower”		
1.	C	RST.6–8.4
2.	A	RST.6–8.7
3.	The sentence should read: The “Materials” section of “Dissect a Flower” is mainly included to [indicate what is needed,] while the “Preparation” section is mainly included to [outline the required steps.]	RST.6–8.6
Passage 2: “Venus Flytrap”		
4.	Part A: D Part B: B	RST.6–8.4
5.	A	RI.6.3
6.	Part A: A Part B: C	RI.6.3

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Item Number	Answer Key	Standards Alignment
7.	<p>These four details must be placed in this order from top to bottom:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The flowers are pollinated and then create seeds. 2) Traps catch prey several times before falling off. 3) New traps grow from underground stems. 4) The plant dies after living for about twenty years. 	RST.6–8.7

Passages 1 and 2: “Dissect a Flower” and “Venus Flytrap”

8.	Part A: A Part B: B, D	RI.6.2
9.	<p>The first statement is supported by both passages.</p> <p>The second statement is supported by “Dissect a Flower.”</p> <p>The third statement is supported by “Venus Flytrap.”</p> <p>The fourth statement is supported by “Venus Flytrap.”</p>	RI.6.2
10.	Constructed Response Item: Refer to MCAP Argumentative Performance Task Rubric Grades 6–10	W.6.1

Section 4

Items 1–10

Task: Literary Performance Task

Item Number	Answer Key	Standards Alignment
Passage 1: Part 1 from <i>The One and Only Ivan</i>		
1.	Part A: B Part B: D	RL.6.6
2.	B	RL.6.4
Passage 2: Part 2 from <i>The One and Only Ivan</i>		
3.	A	RL.6.3
4.	C	RL.6.4
5.	C	RL.6.4
6.	Part A: A Part B: C	RL.6.5
Passages 1 and 2: Part 1 from <i>The One and Only Ivan</i> and Part 2 from <i>The One and Only Ivan</i>		
7.	The first statement applies to Part 2. The second statement applies to both parts. The third statement applies to Part 1.	RL.6.3
8.	Part A: C Part B: D	RL.6.2
9.	Part A: A Part B: C, F	RL.6.6

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10.	Constructed Response Item: Refer to MCAP Informative/Explanatory Performance Task Rubric Grades 6–10	W.6.2