

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 1–15 | | |
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| Task: Literary Single | | |
| Item Number | Answer Key | Standards Alignment |
| Passage 1: from <i>Jasmine Skies</i> | | |
| 1. | B | L.8.4 |
| 2. | Part A: A Part B: D | RL.8.3 |
| 3. | A, D | RL.8.3 |
| 4. | B | RL.8.4 |
| 5. | Part A: D Part B: B, E | RL.8.3 |
| 6. | B | RL.8.6 |
| 7. | Part A: C Part B: A | RL.8.3 |
| 8. | Part A: A Part B: C | RL.8.2 |

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| Task: Informational Single | | |
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| Item Number | Answer Key | Standards Alignment |
| Passage 2: “Is Listening to a Book the Same Thing as Reading It?” | | |
| 9. | C | L.8.4 |
| 10. | D | RI.8.5 |
| 11. | Part A: A Part B: B | RI.8.3 |
| 12. | Part A: C Part B: B | L.8.4 |
| 13. | Part A: B Part B: C | RI.8.1 |
| 14. | Part A: B Part B: A, D | RI.8.8 |
| 15. | Part A: A Part B: D | RI.8.2 |

Section 2

| Items 1–7 | | |
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| Task: Literary Performance Task | | |
| Item Number | Answer Key | Standards Alignment |
| Passage 1: from <i>Banner in the Sky</i> | | |
| 1. | B | L.8.4 |
| 2. | Part A: A Part B: D | RL.8.2 |
| Passage 2: from <i>Gathering Blue</i> | | |
| 3. | Part A: B Part B: A | RL.8.3 |
| 4. | B | RL.8.1 |
| Passages 1 and 2: from <i>Banner in the Sky</i> and from <i>Gathering Blue</i> | | |
| 5. | C | RL.8.5 |
| 6. | Part A: D Part B: C, F | RL.8.4 |
| 7. | Constructed Response Item: Refer to MCAP Informative/Explanatory Performance Task Rubric Grades 6–10 | W.8.2 |

Section 3

| Items 1–7 | | |
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| Task: Informational Performance Task | | |
| Item Number | Answer Key | Standards Alignment |
| Passage 1: “Testing Thinking” | | |
| 1. | A | RI.8.5 |
| 2. | C | RI.8.5 |
| Passage 2: from “Am I Human?” | | |
| 3. | B, F | L.8.4 |
| 4. | Part A: A Part B: B | RI.8.1 |
| Passages 1 and 2: “Testing Thinking” and from “Am I Human?” | | |
| 5. | C, E | RI.8.3 |
| 6. | Part A: D Part B: C | RI.8.8 |
| 7. | Constructed Response Item: Refer to MCAP Informative/Explanatory Performance Task Rubric Grades 6–10 | W.8.2 |

Section 4

Items 1–8

Task: Literary Performance Task

| Item Number | Answer Key | Standards Alignment |
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| Passage 1: from “Sally Ride’s Legacy Lives On” | | |
| 1. | D | RI.8.4 |
| 2. | C | RI.8.3 |
| 3. | Part A: B Part B: D | RI.8.2 |
| Passage 2: from “To Make It to the Moon, Women Have to Escape Earth’s Gender Bias” | | |
| 4. | C | RI.8.4 |
| 5. | Part A: D Part B: B, C | RI.8.6 |
| Passages 1 and 2: from “Sally Ride’s Legacy Lives On” and from “To Make It to the Moon, Women Have to Escape Earth’s Gender Bias” | | |
| 6. | B | RI.8.9 |
| 7. | A | RI.8.9 |
| 8. | Constructed Response Item: Refer to MCAP Argumentative Performance Task Rubric Grades 6–10 | W.8.1 |