



**Practice Test Answer and Alignment Document
ELA/Literacy – Grade 8
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

Items 1–15

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

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

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

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
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