

Grade 3 English Language Arts Paper-Based Practice Test Answer Key

The following pages include the answer key for all machine-scored items, followed by the rubrics for the hand-scored items.

Item Number	Answer Key	Total Points	Reporting Category	Standard
1	C	1	Reading	7
2	A	1	Reading	1
3	C	1	Reading	3
4	C	1	Reading	1
5	D	1	Language	4
6	C	1	Reading	5
7	Part A: A Part B: D	2*	Reading	3
8	B, B, A	2*	Reading	2
9	<i>See Rubric</i>	7	Writing Language	3,4 1,2,3
10	B	1	Reading	5
11	A	1	Reading	3
12	C	1	Reading	4
13	<i>See Rubric</i>	3	Reading	3
14	C	1	Reading	3
15	C	1	Reading	7
16	A	1	Reading	2
17	<i>See Rubric</i>	7	Writing Language	2,4 1,2,3

*For two-point items, partial credit may be given.

Scoring rubric for Grade 3 Practice Test Items #9 and #17: Essay

Idea Development	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QUALITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL IDEA * • SELECTION AND EXPLANATION OF EVIDENCE AND/OR DETAILS * • ORGANIZATION • EXPRESSION OF IDEAS • AWARENESS OF PURPOSE FOR WRITING 	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central idea is clear and fully developed • Effective selection and explanation of evidence and/or details • Effective organization • Clear expression of ideas • Full awareness of the purpose for writing
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central idea is general and moderately developed • Appropriate selection and explanation of evidence and/or details • Moderate organization • Adequate expression of ideas • Sufficient awareness of the purpose for writing
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central idea may be present and is somewhat developed • Limited selection and explanation of evidence and/or details • Limited organization • Basic expression of ideas • Partial awareness of the purpose for writing
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central idea is not present and/or not developed • Insufficient evidence and/or details • Minimal or no organization • Poor expression of ideas • Minimal awareness of the purpose for writing
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response shows evidence the student has read the text, but does not address the question or incorrectly responds to the question.

*For narrative writing (Standard 3), the quality and development of narrative elements will be assessed in place of a central idea. Narrative elements should include, but are not limited to: plot, character, setting, dialogue, action, and/or description. Students should use evidence/details to demonstrate understanding of text.

Standard English Conventions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SENTENCE STRUCTURE • GRAMMAR, USAGE, AND MECHANICS 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent control of a variety of sentence structures relative to length of essay • Consistent control of grammar, usage, and mechanics relative to complexity and/or length of essay
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly consistent control of sentence structures relative to length of essay • Mostly consistent control of grammar, usage, and mechanics relative to complexity and/or length of essay
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little control and/or no variety in sentence structure and/or • Little control of grammar, usage, and mechanics relative to complexity and/or insufficient length
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentences are formed incorrectly with no control of grammar, usage, and mechanics and/or insufficient length.

Scoring rubric for Grade 3 Practice Test Item #13: Constructed Response

Score Point	Description
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrates full understanding of the reading material• Includes important and specific evidence/details for support
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrates partial understanding of the reading material• Includes some important evidence/details for support
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrates minimal understanding of the reading material• Includes little or no evidence/details for support
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrates no understanding of the reading material• Includes insufficient evidence/details for support