

MCAS Grade 5 English Language Arts Computer-Based Practice Test Answer Key

Session 1

CBT Item No.	Reporting Category	Anchor Standards	Grade-Level Standards	Item Type*	Max Points	Correct Answer**
1	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.7	RI.5.7	SR	1	A
2	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.5	RI.5.5	SR	1	C
3	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.1	RI.5.1	SR	1	C
4	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.2	RI.5.2	SR	1	C
5	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.4	RI.5.4	SR	1	A
6	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.1	RI.5.1	SR	1	D
7	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.1	RI.5.1	SR	1	C
8	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.4	RI.5.4	SR	1	D
9	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.5	RI.5.5	SR	1	See p. 3
10	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.3	RI.5.3	SR	1	See p. 3
11	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.7	RI.5.7	SR	1	D
12	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.3	RI.5.3	SR	1	See p. 3
13	<i>Language, Writing</i>	L.PK-12.1, L.PK-12.2, L.PK-12.3, W.PK-12.2, W.PK-12.4	L.5.1, L.5.2, L.5.3, W.5.2, W.5.4	ER	5	See Rubric, p. 6
14	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.3	RL.5.3	SR	1	A
15	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.3	RL.5.3	SR	1	D
16	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.5	RL.5.5	SR	1	B
17	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.1	RL.5.1	SR	1	C
18	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.2	RL.5.2	SR	1	C

Session 2

CBT Item No.	Reporting Category	Anchor Standards	Grade-Level Standards	Item Type*	Max Points	Correct Answer**
19	<i>Language</i>	L.PK-12.1	L.5.1	SR	1	<i>See p. 4</i>
20	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.1	RL.5.1	SR	1	A
21	<i>Language</i>	L.PK-12.4	L.5.4	SR	1	A
22	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.4	RL.5.4	SR	1	D
23	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.1	RL.5.1	SR	1	D
24	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.3	RL.5.3	SR	1	<i>See p. 4</i>
25	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.5	RL.5.5	SR	1	A
26	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.1	RL.5.1	SR	1	A
27	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.2	RL. 5.2	SR	1	B
28	<i>Language, Writing</i>	L.PK-12.1, L.PK-12.2, L.PK-12.3, W.PK-12.1, W.PK-12.4	L.5.1, L.5.2, L.5.3, W.5.1, W.5.4	ER	5	<i>See Rubric, p. 6</i>
29	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.1	RI.5.1	SR	1	B
30	<i>Language</i>	L.PK-12.4	L.5.4	SR	1	A
31	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.3	RI.5.3	SR	1	<i>See p. 4</i>
32	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.8	RI.5.8	SR	1	C
33	<i>Reading</i>	R.PK-12.2	RI.5.2	SR	1	D
34	<i>Language</i>	L.PK-12.4	L.5.4.b	SR	1	A
35	<i>Language</i>	L.PK-12.1	L.5.1.d	SR	1	<i>See p. 5</i>
36	<i>Language</i>	L.PK-12.3	L.5.3.a	SR	1	A
37	<i>Language</i>	L.PK-12.5	L.5.5.c	SR	1	B,D
38	<i>Language</i>	L.PK-12.2	L.5.2.d	SR	1	D
39	<i>Language</i>	L.PK-12.1	L.5.1	SR	1	<i>See p. 5</i>
40	<i>Language</i>	L.PK-12.5	L.5.5.a	SR	1	A
41	<i>Language</i>	L.PK-12.2	L.5.2.f	SR	1	<i>See p. 5</i>
42	<i>Language</i>	L.PK-12.4	L.5.4.a	SR	1	A

*ELA item types are selected response (SR) and extended response (ER).

**Answers are provided here for selected-response items only. Pages 3–5 of this document provide correct answers for technology-enhanced (TE) items. Sample responses and scoring guidelines for extended-response items will be posted on the [MCAS Resource Center](#).

Correct Answer for CBT Item #9: Technology-Enhanced Item

Quotation	Fact	Opinion
"Many cold-water fish travel in giant groups called schools." (paragraph 8)	☒	☐
"Many kinds of fishes can change their skin color to blend in with their surroundings. . . ." (paragraph 17)	☒	☐
"It's been fun to think of ways that tropical reefs are like 'cities' and cooler waters are more 'country,' . . ." (paragraph 25)	☐	☒

Correct Answer for CBT Item #10: Technology-Enhanced Item

A buries itself in the sand on the ocean floor. As a result, it has adapted a special way to .

Correct Answer for CBT Item #12: Technology-Enhanced Item

Tropical Fish	Cold-Water Fish
must compete for hiding places	able to swim long distances
can escape danger quickly	can move homes easily

Correct Answer for CBT Item #19: Technology-Enhanced Item

- 10 And then you lift your hands high above your head and slam them down on the keys and the first notes come crashing out and your fingers fly up and down and your foot—in its tiny slipper with rubies at the toe—your foot peeks out from under your gown to press lightly on the pedals.
- 11 A piano is glamorous. Sophisticated. Worldly.
- 12 It is a wonderful thing to play the piano. . . .

Correct Answer for CBT Item #24: Technology-Enhanced Item

Paragraphs 31–35 **mainly** show that the narrator is
disappointed by the paper keyboard.

Correct Answer for CBT Item #31: Technology-Enhanced Item

relaxed

worried

talented

distracted

determined

Correct Answer for CBT Item #35: Technology-Enhanced Item

By the time the show started, the children asleep.

Correct Answer for CBT Item #39: Technology-Enhanced Item

last

played

music

town

every

Correct Answer for CBT Item #41: Technology-Enhanced Item

Once the passengers board the the flight attendant reads the safety instructions over the intercom. The flight attendant explains proper safety belt use and shows the passengers the exits are located.

Scoring Rubric for CBT #13 and #28: Extended Response (ER)

Scoring Guide for Written Expression

3	2	1	0
• clearly explains ideas • thoroughly uses evidence to support ideas • clearly organizes ideas	• partially explains ideas • adequately uses evidence to support ideas • partially organizes ideas	• minimally explains ideas • insufficiently uses evidence to support ideas • minimally organizes ideas	• does not address the question or incorrectly responds to the question

Scoring Guide for Standard English Conventions

2	1	0
• mostly consistent control of sentence structure relative to the length of the response • mostly consistent control of grammar, usage, and mechanics relative to the length of the response • any errors do not interfere with communication	• some control of sentence structure relative to the length of the response • some control of grammar, usage, and mechanics relative to the length of the response • some errors begin to interfere with communication	• incorrectly formed sentences with no control of grammar, usage, and mechanics and/or sentences of insufficient length • contains many errors that interfere with communication