



PARCC Paper Practice Test Answer and Alignment Document
ELA/Literacy: Grade 8

Unit 1		
Items 1-7		
Task: Literary Analysis (LAT)		
Passage 1: from <i>Confetti Girl</i> by Diana Lopez		
Item Number	Answer(s)	Standards Alignment
1	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: B	RL1; RL4
2	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: C	RL1; RL3
Passage 2: from <i>Tortilla Sun</i> by Jennifer Cervantes		
3	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: C	RL1; RL4
4	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: C, F, G	RL1; RL2
Passage 1: from <i>Confetti Girl</i> by Diana Lopez and Passage 2: from <i>Tortilla Sun</i> by Jennifer Cervantes		
5	Item Type: EBSR Part A: C Part B: D	RL1; RL3
6	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: A	RL1; RL3; RL5
7	Item Type: PCR Refer to Grade 6-11 Scoring Rubric	RL1; RL6; W2; W4-10 (or 3)
Items 8-13		
Passage type: Informational M/L		
Passage: from "What is a Robonaut?" (NASA)		
8	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: A, B, F	RI1; RI4
9	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: D	RI1; RI5
10	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: A	RI1; RST6
11	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: C	RI1; RST5

12	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: B	RI1; RST8
13	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: A	RI1; RST 2
Unit 2		
Items 1-9		
Task: Research Simulation (RST)		
Passage 1: "Elephants Can Lend a Helping Trunk" by Virginia Morell		
Item Number	Answer	Standards Alignment
1	Item Type: EBSR Part A: C Part B: A	RST1; RST4
2	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: C	RST1; RST5
3	Item Type: EBSR Part A: C Part B: B	RST1; RST7
Passage 2: from "Elephants Know When They Need a Helping Trunk in a Cooperative Task" by Joshua M. Plotnik		
4	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: C	RI1; RST6
5	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: D	RST1; RST7
Passage 3: "Elephants Console Each Other" by Virginia Morell		
6	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: B	RST1; RST4
7	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: C	RST1; RST2
8	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: B	RST1; RST5
Passage 1: "Elephants Can Lend a Helping Trunk" by Virginia Morell; Passage 2: from "Elephants Know When They Need a Helping Trunk in a Cooperative Task" by Joshua M. Plotnik; Passage 3: "Elephants Console Each Other" by Virginia Morell		
9	Item Type: PCR Refer to Grade 6-11 Scoring Rubric	RST1; RST6; RST9; W2; W4-10
Items 10-13		
Passage Type: Informational S/M		
Passage: from "Emerald Ash Borer" by Department of Energy and Environmental Protection		
10	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: D	RI1; RST5

11	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: A	RI1; RI6
12	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: D	RI1; RI4
13	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: A	RI1; RST2

Unit 3

Items 1-5

Task: Narrative (NWT)

Passage: from *The Seven Keys of Balabad* by Paul Haven

Item Number	Answer(s)	Standards Alignment
1	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: D	RL1; RL2
2	Item Type: EBSR Part A: C Part B: B	RL1; RL3
3	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: B and C	RL1; RL3
4	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: A, E	RL1; RL2
5	Item Type: PCR Refer to Grade 6-11 Scoring Rubric	W3-10

Items 6-11

Passage Type: Informational Pair

Passage 1: from "A Beginner's Guide to Snowboarding" by Monica Nelson

6	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: B	RI1; RI3
7	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: A, B, G	RI1; RI6

Passage 2: from "How to get started sandboarding" by Harriet Potter

8	Item Type: EBSR Part A: C Part B: D	RI1; RI5
9	Item Type: EBSR Part A: B Part B: B	RI1; RI4

10	Item Type: EBSR Part A: D Part B: A	RI1; RI6
Passage 1: from "A Beginner's Guide to Snowboarding" by Monica Nelson; Passage 2: from "How to get started sandboarding" by Harriet Potter		
11	Item Type: EBSR Part A: A Part B: A, E	RI1; RI2