

Special Instructions for the
Braille Edition of the
PARCC
Grade 8
Mathematics
EBAE Practice Test Booklet

General Comments

1. Braille pages are numbered sequentially in the lower right-hand corner. The corresponding print page numbers are in the upper right-hand corner.
2. A Special Symbols page is included to provide the student with information about the dot formation of special braille characters. A Transcriber's Note page is included within the test to explain special format and layout of information.
3. This test is transcribed according to *Braille Formats: Principles of Print-to-Braille Transcription, 2011*.
4. This test is transcribed according to *The Nemeth Braille Code for Mathematics and Science Notation, 1972 Revision, 2007-2013 Updates*.
5. The footers "Go on" are deleted in braille.
6. All references to the answer sheet are omitted in braille. The Answer Sheet is not reproduced in braille.
7. The calculator icons are not included in braille.

Specific Comments:

Page 2 Directions revised to read as follows:

Directions:

Today, you will take Unit 1 of the Grade 8 Mathematics Practice Test. You will not be able to use a calculator.

Read each question. Then, follow the directions to answer each question. Write your answer. If you need to change an answer, erase it, cross it out or start a new line. If a question asks you to show or explain your work, you must do so to receive full credit. Work done on scratch paper will not be scored.

If you do not know the answer to a question, you may go on to the next question. If you finish early, you may review your answers and any questions you did not answer in this unit ONLY. Do not go past the word STOP.

Page 3

Directions revised to read as follows:

Answer Grid Items

Several items in this test require you to enter your answer on a special grid. The sample pictures of the answer grids are omitted in braille. The answer grid has seven answer boxes to write a numeral or decimal point. The first answer box is only used to indicate the negative symbol.

Directions for Completing the Answer Grids

1. Work the problem and find an answer.
2. Give your answer by using a braille writing device (e.g., braillewriter, braille note-taker, slate and stylus) or other method so that when transcribed, it will fit into the answer grid.
3. Answers may take up to seven spaces to fit in the grid. Answers may include a numeral or decimal point, but do not count braille numeric indicators when determining use of the six spaces in the grid. Do not leave a blank space in the middle of an answer.
4. Fractions cannot be entered into an answer grid and will not be scored. Insert fractions as decimals.

Page 4, #2

Last sentence reworded, "Write your answer."

Page 5, #3

A transcriber's note is inserted before the item, "See EOY Tactile Graphic Supplement, #7, to answer question #3."

Page 7, #5

A transcriber's note is inserted after the first directive sentence, "See PBA Tactile Graphic Supplement, #6, to answer question #5."

Page 8, #7

Last sentence reworded, "Write your answer."

Page 11, #11

A transcriber's note is inserted before the item, "See PBA Tactile Graphic Supplement, #5, to answer question #11."

Page 12, #12

A transcriber's note is inserted after the first directive sentence, "See EOY Tactile Graphic Supplement, #13, to answer question #12."

Page 14, #13

A transcriber's note is inserted before the item, "See PBA Tactile Graphic Supplement, #4, to answer question #13."

Page 16, #15

A transcriber's note is inserted after the question, "See EOY Tactile Graphic Supplement, #17 A.-D., to answer question #15."

Page 18, #16

A transcriber's note is inserted before the item, "See EOY Tactile Graphic Supplement, #16."

Page 19, #16

A transcriber's note is inserted after the question, "See EOY Tactile Graphic Supplement, #16 A.-D., to answer question #16."

Page 19, #17

Last sentence reworded, "Write your answer."

- Page 20 Second bullet reworded, "Then, close your test booklet and raise your hand to turn in your test materials."
- Page 22 Directions revised to read as follows:
Directions:
 Today, you will take Unit 2 of the Grade 8 Mathematics Practice Test. You will be able to use a calculator.
- Read each question. Then, follow the directions to answer each question. Write your answer. If you need to change an answer, erase it, cross it out or start a new line. If a question asks you to show or explain your work, you must do so to receive full credit. Work done on scratch paper will not be scored.
- If you do not know the answer to a question, you may go on to the next question. If you finish early, you may review your answers and any questions you did not answer in this unit ONLY. Do not go past the word STOP.
- Page 23 Directions revised to read as follows:
Answer Grid Items
- Several items in this test require you to enter your answer on a special grid. The sample pictures of the answer grids are omitted in braille. The answer grid has seven answer boxes to write a numeral or decimal point. The first answer box is only used to indicate the negative symbol.
- Directions for Completing the Answer Grids
1. Work the problem and find an answer.
 2. Give your answer by using a braille writing device (e.g., braillewriter, braille note-taker, slate and stylus) or other method so that when transcribed, it will fit into the answer grid.
 3. Answers may take up to seven spaces to fit in the grid. Answers may include a numeral or decimal point, but do not count braille numeric indicators when determining use of the six spaces in the grid. Do not leave a blank space in the middle of an answer.
 4. Fractions cannot be entered into an answer grid and will not be scored. Insert fractions as decimals.
- Page 24, #18 A transcriber's note is inserted after the question, "See EOY Tactile Graphic Supplement, #32 A.-D., to answer question #18."
- Page 25, #19B Last sentence reworded, "Write your answer."
- Page 26, #20 A transcriber's note is inserted after the table, "See PBA Tactile Graphic Supplement, #18, to answer question #20."

- Page 28, #22 Last sentence reworded, "Write your answer and your work or explanation."
 A transcriber's note is inserted after the first directive sentence, "See PBA Tactile Graphic Supplement, #14, to answer question, #22."
 Part A: Last sentence reworded, "Write your explanation."
 Part B: Last sentence reworded, "Write your answer and your work or explanation."
- Page 30, #23 A transcriber's note is inserted after the first directive sentence, "See EOY Tactile Graphic Supplement, #27, to answer question #23."
- Page 33, #24 A transcriber's note is inserted after the first directive sentence, "See EOY Tactile Graphic Supplement, #31, to answer question #24."
- Page 34, #25 Part B: Last sentence reworded, "Write your work or your explanation."
 Part C: Last sentence reworded, "Write your expression."
- Page 36, #27 A transcriber's note is inserted before the item, "See EOY Tactile Graphic Supplement, #21, to answer question #27."
 Last sentence reworded, "Write your answer."
- Page 37 Second bullet reworded, "Then, close your test booklet and raise your hand to turn in your test materials."
- Page 38 Directions revised to read as follows:
Directions:
 Today, you will take Unit 3 of the Grade 8 Mathematics Practice Test. You will be able to use a calculator.
- Read each question. Then, follow the directions to answer each question. Write your answer. If you need to change an answer, erase it, cross it out or start a new line. If a question asks you to show or explain your work, you must do so to receive full credit. Work done on scratch paper will not be scored.
- If you do not know the answer to a question, you may go on to the next question. If you finish early, you may review your answers and any questions you did not answer in this unit ONLY. Do not go past the word STOP.
- Page 39 Directions revised to read as follows:
Answer Grid Items
- Several items in this test require you to enter your answer on a special grid. The sample pictures of the answer grids are omitted in braille. The answer grid has seven answer boxes to write a numeral or decimal point. The first answer box is only used to indicate the negative symbol.
- Directions for Completing the Answer Grids

1. Work the problem and find an answer.
2. Give your answer by using a braille writing device (e.g., braillewriter, braille note-taker, slate and stylus) or other method so that when transcribed, it will fit into the answer grid.
3. Answers may take up to seven spaces to fit in the grid. Answers may include a numeral or decimal point, but do not count braille numeric indicators when determining use of the six spaces in the grid. Do not leave a blank space in the middle of an answer.
4. Fractions cannot be entered into an answer grid and will not be scored. Insert fractions as decimals.

Page 41, #29	A transcriber's note is inserted after the first directive sentence, "See PBA Tactile Graphic Supplement, #15, to answer question #29." Part A: Last sentence reworded, "Write your description." Part B: Last sentence reworded, "Write your description."
Page 42, #30	Part B: Last sentence reworded, "Write your answer."
Page 43, #31	Last sentence reworded, "Write your answers and your work or explanation."
Page 44, #32	Part B: Last sentence reworded, "Write your explanation for each selection."
Page 45, #33	A transcriber's note is inserted before the item, "See EOY Tactile Graphic Supplement, #26, to answer question #33."
Page 46, #34	Part A: Last sentence reworded, "Write the monthly payment and your work or explanation." Part B: Last sentence reworded, "Write your answers and your work or explanations."
Page 49, #35	Part C: Last sentence reworded, "Write your answer." Part D: Last sentence reworded, "Write your answer."
Page 51	Second bullet reworded, "Then, close your test booklet and raise our hand to turn in your test materials."