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# **Session 1A — Reading Practice Test**

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: READING — SESSION 1A

This practice session has two reading selections, eight multiple-choice questions, and two constructed-response questions. Read each selection and answer the questions about it in the spaces provided in your practice test answer booklet.

*This story is a traditional folktale from the American south. Read the story and then answer the questions that follow.*

## **Rooster's Feast**

A Folktale from the American South

*Marilyn Helmer*

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Choose the best answer for each multiple-choice question and mark your answer choices for questions 1 through 4 in the spaces provided on page 2 of your practice test answer booklet.

1 Which word **best** describes Rooster?

- A. popular
- B. friendly
- C. proud
- D. cruel

2 Why did the feast surprise Rooster?

- A. It looked like it was only cornbread.
- B. It was attended by all the animals.
- C. It was made by friends who could not cook.
- D. It smelled much better than it looked.

3 Which word has the same meaning as the phrase “with . . . a heavy heart,” used in paragraph 12?

- A. sadly
- B. nastily
- C. proudly
- D. thankfully

4 This story gives an explanation for why

- A. roosters crow every morning.
- B. roosters scratch in the dirt.
- C. cats and roosters do not get along.
- D. other animals ignore roosters.

Write your answer to constructed-response question 5 in the space provided on page 2 of your practice test answer booklet.

5 Describe two qualities of Cat and Dog in this story. Use examples from the story to support your answer.

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*Babysitting is a great way to make money when you're young. This article tells ways to make your babysitting business boom. Read the article and then answer the questions that follow.*

## **Babysitting Business**

*Sally Lyons*

Everyone would like to have a little extra spending money. Some children get an allowance for doing chores. Other children try to think of jobs to do around their neighborhood. Babysitting younger children can be a great way to make money for enterprising young people. To be a successful babysitter, there are some rules to keep in mind.

### **Seven Simple Rules to Successful Babysitting**

#### **1. Manners**

Always be polite. Being nice goes a long way. Parents can be worried about leaving their children with a young person. Being polite to parents and their children will help to make them feel more trusting of a younger sitter.

#### **2. Friendliness**

Have a good rapport with children. If your charges are comfortable with you, then the parents will feel better about letting you sit with their children. Bring simple treats such as stickers or wrapped candy to give to the children when you arrive and throughout your time with them. Make sure that you get permission from the parents to give the children any treats.

#### **3. Responsibility**

Always do the responsible thing. Make sure that the children know that you are in charge. Have all the emergency telephone numbers handy.

#### **4. Be Prepared**

Have some planned activities for the children. Things always go smoother if there are things planned for the children to do. Games and art projects keep little hands and minds busy so as not to get into mischief. Be sure that you clean up any mess that is made from any activities that you conduct with the children.

#### **5. Be on time**

If the parents want you to be at their house at 6:00 p.m., make sure that you arrive at 6:00 p.m. or even a few minutes earlier. If the parents are going to take you back to their house, make sure that you are ready when they arrive to pick you up.

#### **6. Decide on your fee**

Be clear and definite about your babysitting fees. Inform the parents what you charge for each hour of babysitting.

#### **7. Advertise your business.**

Make a flyer and pass it out around your neighborhood to the neighbors that you and your family know. Focus on families that have young children. Provide names of people who know of your babysitting skills. These people can serve as references so that interested parents can inquire about your past babysitting experiences.

If your parents are worried that you may be too young, you can always sit with the children at your own home with your parents. Having your family at home will also help parents feel more secure about leaving their children with you. However, you need to make sure that you are the one watching over the children and keeping them happy.

A successful business takes time, effort, and dedication. As you gain experience you will find what works for you in having parents and children want you to serve as their babysitter. You will be well on your way to building a successful babysitting business.

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Choose the best answer for each multiple-choice question and mark your answer choices for questions 6 through 9 in the spaces provided on page 3 of your practice test answer booklet.

- 6 The word “enterprise” means an industrious activity. Which of the following is the **best** meaning of the word **enterprising** as used in the first paragraph?
- A. friendly to coworkers
  - B. willing to start a new project
  - C. experienced in handling money
  - D. participating in sports
- 7 Based on the article, what is one way that babysitters can earn the trust of parents?
- A. be clear about fees
  - B. give snacks to the children
  - C. hang advertisement flyers in the neighborhood
  - D. have emergency telephone numbers written down
- 8 What is the most likely reason the article recommends focusing advertising on families with young children?
- A. They may be willing to pay higher fees for babysitters.
  - B. They may be more willing to use inexperienced babysitters.
  - C. They read advertisements more often than other families.
  - D. They will need babysitters for more years than families with older children.
- 9 Which sentence **best** summarizes the article’s main point?
- A. “Being nice goes a long way.”
  - B. “Always do the responsible thing.”
  - C. “Be clear and definite about your babysitting fees.”
  - D. “Focus on families that have young children.”

Write your answer to constructed-response question 10 in the space provided on page 3 of your practice test answer booklet.

- 10 Based on the information in this article, explain how to build a successful babysitting business. Use details from the article to support your answer.



# **Session 1B — Reading Practice Test**

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: READING — SESSION 1B

This practice session has one reading selection, eight multiple-choice questions, and one constructed-response question. Read the selection and answer the questions about it in the spaces provided in your practice test answer booklet.

*Mountain biking is a fun sport, but like all sports it can be dangerous. This article tells how to prevent and treat injuries. Read the article and then answer the questions that follow.*

## **A Bump in the Road**

**(What Road?)**

*Brion O'Connor*

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Choose the best answer for each multiple-choice question and mark your answer choices for questions 11 through 18 in the spaces provided on page 4 of your practice test answer booklet.

- 11 In paragraph 3, the word **laceration** means
- A. an area.
  - B. an antibiotic.
  - C. a cut.
  - D. a scalp.
- 12 According to the article, what is the correct way to help an unconscious rider?
- A. carry the rider to safety
  - B. lift the rider onto his feet
  - C. talk to the rider to wake him up
  - D. shake the rider until he awakens
- 13 According to the article, which step should be followed for **all** serious injuries?
- A. apply ice
  - B. call a doctor
  - C. get a tetanus shot
  - D. cover the wound
- 14 According to the article, which injuries are **most** preventable?
- A. fractures
  - B. collarbone injuries
  - C. head and neck injuries
  - D. eye wounds
- 15 Based on the article, what is a good reason for not riding alone?
- A. It is easier to get lost when riding alone.
  - B. One person could ride away alone for help.
  - C. People who ride alone have more serious accidents.
  - D. Someone would be available to give immediate first aid.
- 16 What is the purpose of the words that appear in **bold** at the beginning of some paragraphs?
- A. They introduce new topics.
  - B. They define new words.
  - C. They highlight different treatments.
  - D. They tell where to find scientific information.

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- 17 Which kind of information is found in the shaded box?
- A. warnings about unsafe riding habits
  - B. explanations of injuries and treatments
  - C. ways to prevent and prepare for injuries
  - D. advice about which kind of medical kit to buy

- 18 Based on the chart, a tetanus shot is sometimes needed for
- A. puncture wounds.
  - B. fractures.
  - C. collarbone injuries.
  - D. eye wounds.

**Write your answer to constructed-response question 19 in the space provided on page 4 of your practice test answer booklet.**

- 19 What is the **most** important lesson in this article? Describe the lesson and explain why it is the most important lesson in the article. Use information from the article to support your answer.



**Session 2A — Mathematics**  
**(Calculator Not Allowed) Practice Test**

# MATHEMATICS (CALCULATOR NOT ALLOWED) — SESSION 2A

This practice session has four multiple-choice questions and one short-answer question.

Choose the best answer for each multiple-choice question and mark your answer choices for questions 1 through 4 in the spaces provided on page 5 of your practice test answer booklet.

- 1 A 16-ounce package of shredded cheese costs \$3.29. Which is the closest estimate of the cost of 1 ounce of this cheese?

A. \$0.02  
B. \$0.05  
C. \$0.20  
D. \$0.50

- 2 Two fractions are multiplied together. Both fractions are between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1. Which statement describes the product?

A. The product is less than 1.  
B. The product is equal to 1.  
C. The product is between 1 and 2.  
D. The product is greater than 2.

- 3 Opal wrote a computer program to create a new secret pass code for her computer files each week. The first three pass codes are shown here.

Week	Pass Code
1	5-7-4
2	10-14-8
3	15-21-12

If the pattern above continues, what will be the next pass code created by Opal's computer program?

A. 20-28-16  
B. 20-24-16  
C. 18-24-15  
D. 15-14-20

- 4 Sam surveyed his friends and found that 7 out of 10 have a pet. What percent of Sam's friends have a pet?

A. 0.07%  
B. 0.7%  
C. 7%  
D. 70%

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Write your answer to short-answer question 5 in the box provided on page 5 of your practice test answer booklet.

5 Zach has two magazine subscriptions.

- Mountain Bike magazine costs \$2.19 per issue and he gets 12 issues per year.
- Skate World costs \$1.74 per issue and he gets 24 issues per year.

How much does Zach spend each year on magazine subscriptions? Show your work or explain your answer.



**Session 2B — Mathematics  
(Calculator Allowed) Practice Test**

# MATHEMATICS (CALCULATOR ALLOWED) — SESSION 2B

This practice session has twelve multiple-choice questions, one short-answer question, and two constructed-response questions.

Choose the best answer for each multiple-choice question and mark your answer choices for questions 6 through 17 in the spaces provided on page 5 of your practice test answer booklet.

- 6 Manuel left home to go to school at 7:45 A.M. and returned home at 3:20 P.M. How long was Manuel away from home?

A. 4 hours 25 minutes  
B. 5 hours 45 minutes  
C. 7 hours 35 minutes  
D. 8 hours 35 minutes

- 7 What kind of quadrilateral can have just one pair of parallel sides?

A. parallelogram  
B. rhombus  
C. square  
D. trapezoid

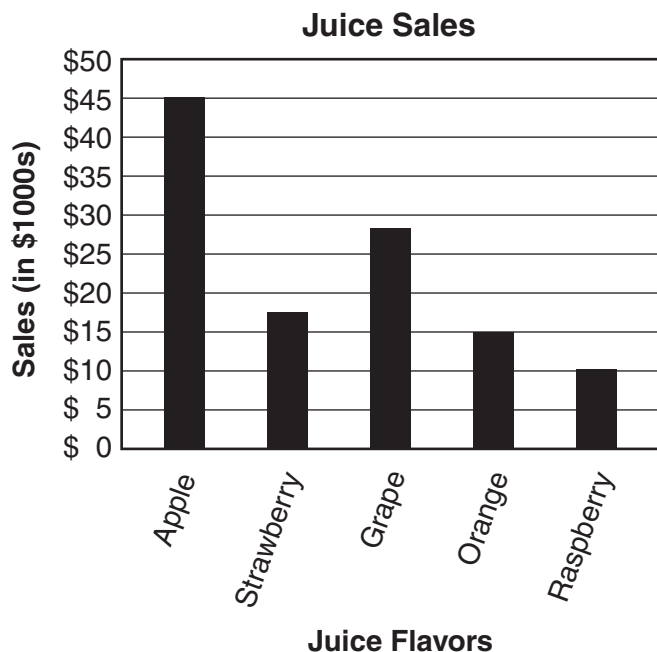
- 8 Mindy's birthday is next week. Her mother gave her several choices for her cake.

- It can be white, chocolate, or marble.
- It can have vanilla or chocolate frosting.

How many different choices of one cake type and one frosting does Mindy have?

A. 2  
B. 3  
C. 5  
D. 6

- 9 Top Juice researched the sales of its five most popular flavors of juice. The results are shown in the graph below.



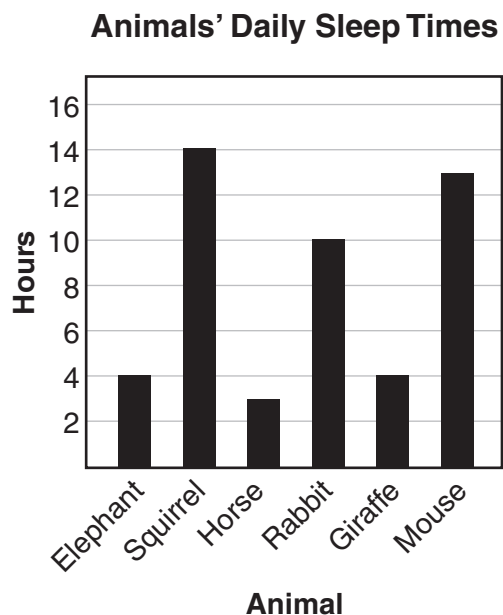
Which two juice flavors have combined sales equal to the sales of apple juice?

- A. Strawberry and Grape  
B. Strawberry and Orange  
C. Grape and Raspberry  
D. Orange and Raspberry

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- 10 Triangle ABC is an acute triangle. It is also an isosceles triangle. The length of  $\overline{AB}$  is 6 inches. The length of  $\overline{AC}$  is 4 inches. Which measurement could be the length of  $\overline{BC}$  ?
- A. 4 inches
  - B. 5 inches
  - C. 6 inches
  - D. 7 inches

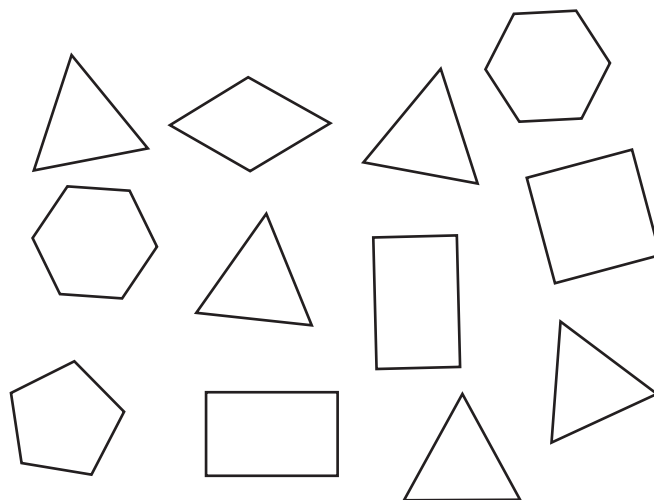
- 11 The graph below shows the typical number of hours six different animals spend sleeping in a 24-hour period.



What is the **mean** number of hours for this set of data?

- A. 4
- B. 7
- C. 8
- D. 11

- 12 Michelle puts the 12 tiles shown below in a bag.

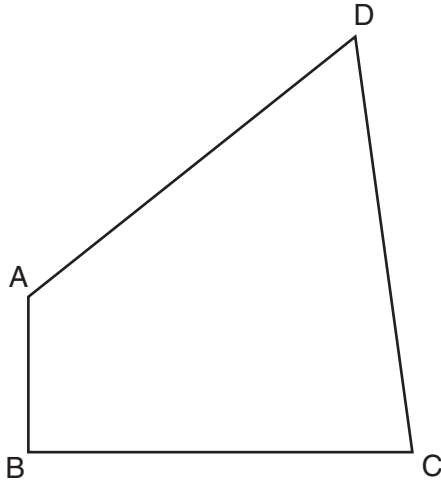


Michelle takes one tile from the bag without looking. What is the probability that Michelle will pick a tile with exactly four sides?

- A.  $\frac{1}{4}$
- B.  $\frac{4}{12}$
- C.  $\frac{4}{8}$
- D.  $\frac{8}{12}$

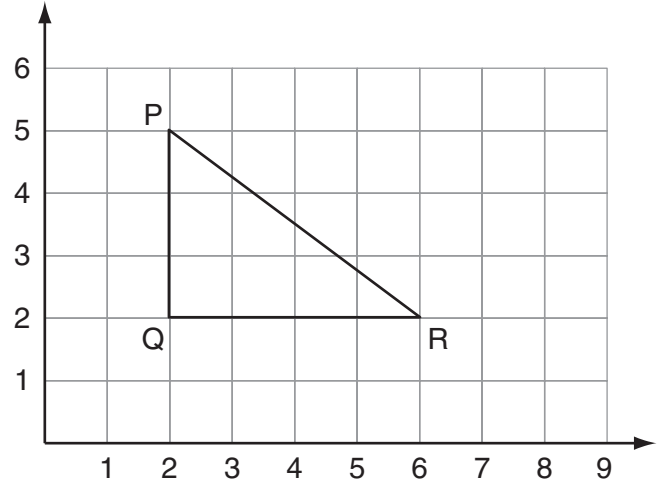
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Use the figure below to answer question 13.



- 13 Which angle measures  $90^\circ$ ?
- A. angle A
  - B. angle B
  - C. angle C
  - D. angle D

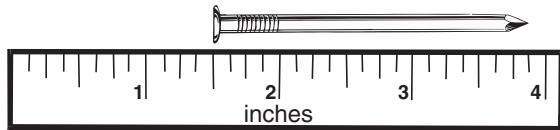
Use the triangle below to answer question 14.



- 14 What are the coordinates of point P if the triangle is translated 2 units to the right?
- A. (2,5)
  - B. (2,7)
  - C. (4,5)
  - D. (4,7)
- 15 A recipe calls for 3 cups of cream. Myra doubles the recipe. How many **pints** of cream does she need?
- A. 2 pints
  - B. 3 pints
  - C. 6 pints
  - D. 12 pints

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Use the figure below to answer question 16.



16 What is the length of the nail?

- A.  $2\frac{1}{8}$  inches
- B.  $2\frac{3}{8}$  inches
- C.  $3\frac{5}{8}$  inches
- D.  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inches

17 The salaries of all 12 employees at TLC Company total \$309,600. What is the mean (average) salary?

- A. \$25,800
- B. \$28,473
- C. \$30,960
- D. \$37,152

Write your answer to short-answer question 18 in the box provided on page 5 of your practice test answer booklet. Be sure to answer and label all parts (a and b) of the question.

18 Solve and show your work.

- a.  $p + 11 = 19$
- b.  $p \times 12 = 84$

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Write your answers to constructed-response questions 19 and 20 in the boxes provided on page 6 of your practice test answer booklet. Be sure to answer and label all parts (a and b) of the questions.

- 19 Mr. Broyles is planning a 5-minute segment of the city's fireworks show. He decides that the red fireworks should go off every 10 seconds and the white fireworks should go off every 15 seconds. The 5-minute (300 seconds) segment begins with the red and white fireworks going off at the same time.
- How many seconds will pass until the red and white fireworks go off at the same time again? Show or explain how you found your answer.
  - How many times during the 5-minute segment will the red and white fireworks go off at the same time? Show or explain how you found your answer.

- 20 Mike is creating a price chart for mailing CDs. His unfinished chart is shown below.

**CD Mailing Price Chart**

Number of CDs	Mailing Price
1	\$0.95
2	\$1.18
3	\$1.41
4	\$1.64
5	
6	

- What is the mailing cost for 6 CDs? Show or explain how you found your answer.
- What is the greatest number of CDs Mike can mail for less than \$3.00? Show or explain how you found your answer.



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