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File 2
Practice exam

Alberta | Grade 9

Grade 9 Knowledge and Employability English Language Arts Provincial Achievement Test

Practice set 1 Student booklet

In this practice exam

1	**Part A: Writing**	Write your answer	1 h 20 min
2	**Part B: Reading**	50 questions on 9 texts	1 h 15 min

Before you start

- Read each question carefully before you answer.
- This exam is written in 2 sittings. Do one part at a time.
- You may take up to double the time for each part.

Your initials or class number
Not your student number

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Finished? Ask an adult to photograph your pages.
MapleMind marks them and shows what to practise next.

Sample

Part A: Writing

Question 1

1

The town recreation committee is deciding whether to add a small outdoor fitness area to a public park. Some residents support the idea, while others have concerns about cost and upkeep. Write a persuasive essay for the committee. Take a clear position and try to persuade the committee to agree with you. Give relevant reasons and supporting details, and address one concern people may have. Organize your ideas, then revise and correct your writing.

Write three to five paragraphs.

Write your answer on pages 3 and 4.

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Answer key

Practice set 1. Add up the marks on the score sheet, page 6.

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Question 1

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Part B: Reading

1 mark each · 50 marks

No.	Answer	Mark	What it tests	Page
2	[illegible]	1	Identifying and Interpreting Ideas and Details	6
3	[illegible]	1	Identifying and Interpreting Ideas and Details	7
4	[illegible]	1	Interpreting Text Organization	7
5	[illegible]	1	Synthesizing Meaning	7
6	[illegible]	1	Synthesizing Meaning	7
7	[illegible]	1	Synthesizing Meaning	8
8	[illegible]	1	Identifying and Interpreting Ideas and Details	9
9	[illegible]	1	Identifying and Interpreting Ideas and Details	9
10	[illegible]	1	Identifying and Interpreting Ideas and Details	10
11	[illegible]	1	Identifying and Interpreting Ideas and Details	10
12	[illegible]	1	Synthesizing Meaning	10

Sample

Question 1

Part A: Writing · marked out of 14

In the student booklet

Pages 2 to 4

Give the points for each criterion, then add them up

Criterion	What earns the points	Points
	Presents a clear position, supports it with relevant reasons and details, and addresses a relevant concern.	4
	Organizes ideas into a focused essay with a clear opening, connected supporting points, and a conclusion.	4
	Uses complete, clear sentences with enough variety to communicate the ideas effectively.	2
	Uses clear, appropriate words to express the position and supporting ideas.	2
	Uses spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation accurately enough for the essay to be easy to understand.	2
Total		**14**

An answer that earns full marks

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Sample