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File 2
Practice exam

Alberta | Grade 9

Grade 9 English Language Arts Provincial Achievement Test

Practice set 1 Student booklet

In this practice exam

1	**Part A: Writing**	2 questions	2 hours
2	**Part B: Reading**	55 questions on 10 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

Questions 1 to 2

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A town council wants to help teenagers travel to after-school activities. These notes summarize its findings and proposed improvements.

- Current buses stop running at five fifteen in the afternoon.
- Most after-school activities end between five thirty and six thirty.
- A proposed evening bus loop would run from five thirty until eight.
- The loop would connect the school, recreation centre, downtown, and housing area.
- Some teenagers cannot afford regular bus fares.
- Discounted youth transit passes have been proposed.
- Covered bike racks could be added at the recreation centre and library.
- Volunteers could run a bicycle repair clinic on the first Saturday of each month.
- In a survey, eighteen of thirty students said they would use a later bus at least once a week.
- In the same survey, seven students said they preferred rides from family members.

Write an essay for the town council recommending travel improvements.

1. State your position and support it with specific details from the notes.
2. Develop categories that group the information to support your argument.
3. Explain how you handled information that challenges your position or does not fit your categories.
4. Arrange your categories in a logical sequence, with an introduction, connected paragraphs, and a conclusion.

Sample

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Answer key

Practice set 1. Add up the marks on the score sheet, page 11.

Part A: Writing
Questions 1 to 2

Marking guides
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Part B: Reading

1 mark each · 55 marks

No.	Answer	Mark	What it tests	Page
3	[redacted]	1	Identifying and Interpreting Ideas and Details (2.1, 2.2, 2.3)	11
4	[redacted]	1	Interpreting Text Organization (2.2, 2.3)	12
5	[redacted]	1	Interpreting Text Organization (2.2, 2.3)	12
6	[redacted]	1	Synthesizing Ideas (2.2)	12
7	[redacted]	1	Synthesizing Ideas (2.2)	12
8	[redacted]	1	Identifying and Interpreting Ideas and Details (2.1, 2.2, 2.3)	15
9	[redacted]	1	Interpreting Text Organization (2.2, 2.3)	15
10	[redacted]	1	Synthesizing Ideas (2.2)	16
11	[redacted]	1	Synthesizing Ideas (2.2)	16
12	[redacted]	1	Synthesizing Ideas (2.2)	16

Sample

Question 1

Part A: Writing · marked out of 20

In the student booklet

Pages 2 to 5

Give the points for each criterion, then add them up

Criterion	What earns the points	Points
	Develops a clear recommendation with thoughtful explanations and specific, accurately used details from the notes. Addresses information that challenges the position or does not fit the categories; may incorporate it within the categories rather than leave it separate.	4
	Develops purposeful categories that organize evidence in support of the position. An effective introduction, connected paragraphs, and conclusion build a logical argument. Meets the requested length. Accept any defensible categories and sequence.	4
	Uses clear, controlled sentences with purposeful variety in length and structure. Sentence construction supports the argument and makes relationships between ideas easy to follow.	4
	Uses precise, appropriate vocabulary and a consistent tone suited to an essay addressing the town council.	4
	Controls grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. Any errors are minor and do not interfere with meaning.	4
Total		**20**

An answer that earns full marks

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Your study plan is on page 7.

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