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File 2
Practice exam

British Columbia | Grade 12

Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment

Practice set 1 Student booklet

In this practice exam

1	**Part A: Thinking critically about the texts**	12 questions on 3 texts	**1 h 5 min**
2	**Part B: Going beyond the texts**	Choose one task and write your answer	**55 minutes**

Before you start

- Read each question carefully before you answer.
- You have 2 hours to finish.
- You may take up to 60 more minutes.
- In Part B, answer one of the two tasks.

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.

Use "The Skull That Surfaced" on page 2.

1 Near the end of the article, Brock Hale says, "My dad used to see them every summer from that beach. Every summer." What does this moment most likely contribute to the article's meaning?

- ◯ **A** It indicates that Hale is skeptical about Sandhu's estimate of how long ago the animal died.
- ◯ **B** It suggests that Hale's father may have sighting records that could help Sandhu match the skull to a known lineage.
- ◯ **C** It implies that Hale believes the skull should be returned to the beach where it first surfaced.
- ◯ **D** It places a personal and generational sense of loss alongside the skull's scientific significance.

2 The article does not describe all these events in the order they occurred. Put them in the order they happened, from earliest to most recent.

Number them from 1 to 5 in this order: earliest to most recent.

- ☐ Hale telephones the institute's tip line to report the skull.
- ☐ Sandhu photographs the skull from every angle.
- ☐ Hale meets Sandhu at the front step of his farmhouse.
- ☐ Sandhu boards the ferry to Galiano Island.
- ☐ Sandhu tells Hale she needs to bring an osteologist.

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10 Select the two sentences that most clearly explain what the thought bubble in Panel 2 contributes to the meaning of 'Last Set.'

Underline your answer.

In 'Last Set,' the thought bubble in Panel 2 plays a key role in the comic's meaning. Zara's words, 'One set. Then I'm done,' reveal her state of mind before she performs. Standing alone in the panel with no other characters nearby, the image emphasizes her isolation in that moment. The directness of her thought shows the audience that she considers this performance a farewell, not a beginning. When the crowd's roar follows in Panel 3, the contrast with her firm plan makes her surprise more meaningful.

11 Each text relies on at least one assumption.

1. Name one assumption Text 1 relies on, and give one specific detail from it to explain your choice.

2. Name one assumption Text 2 relies on, and give one specific detail from it to explain your choice.

3. Name one assumption Text 3 relies on, and give one specific detail from it to explain your choice.

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Answer key

Practice set 1. Add up the marks on the score sheet, page 15.

A question with several parts earns its mark only when every part is right.

Part A: Thinking critically about the texts
Questions 11 to 12
Marking guides **Pages 5 to 9**

Part B: Going beyond the texts
Question 28
Marking guides **Pages 10 to 14**

Part A: Thinking critically about the texts

1 mark each · 10 marks

No.	Answer	Mark	What it tests	Page
1	[redacted]	1	Analyzing and making meaning (selected response)	5
2	[redacted]	1	Analyzing and making meaning (selected response)	5
3	[redacted]	1	Analyzing and making meaning (selected response)	6

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Question 11

Part A: Thinking critically about the texts · marked out of 3

In the student booklet

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Give the points for each criterion, then add them up

Criterion	What earns the points	Points
	Names a valid assumption Text 1 relies on and supports it with one specific detail from the text. For example: Text 1 assumes that physical evidence from bone structure can reliably reveal an animal's history; Sandhu examines bone texture and fused sutures to judge the whale's age, treating that material record as trustworthy without questioning whether the method could be wrong.	1
	Names a valid assumption Text 2 relies on and supports it with one specific detail from the text. For example: Text 2 assumes that combining historical observation records with current data produces a more complete and reliable picture than either source alone; Velde says she never knew the 1948–1971 logbooks existed, and once digitized they revealed seal feeding-ground shifts her own records had missed entirely.	1
	Names a valid assumption Text 3 relies on and supports it with one specific detail from the text. For example: Text 3 assumes a live performance can change a performer's decision to quit; Zara's thought bubble shows she plans to give "one set" and stop, but the crowd's "WOO!" visibly surprises her, and Milo's final question—"Still quitting after this?"—implies the experience may have shifted her thinking.	1
Total		**3**

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