

Sample Content for the Kentucky State Assessment from the
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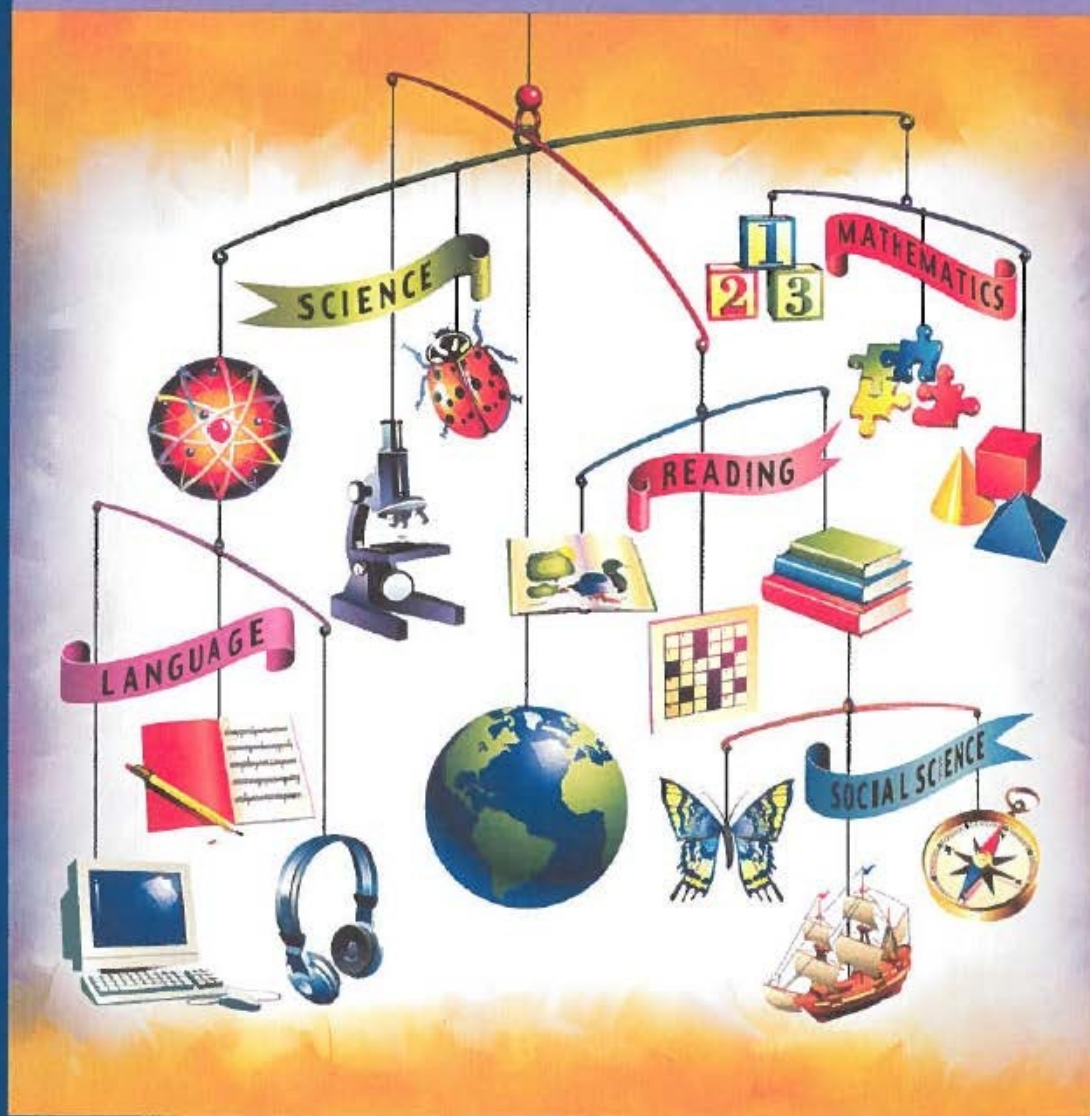
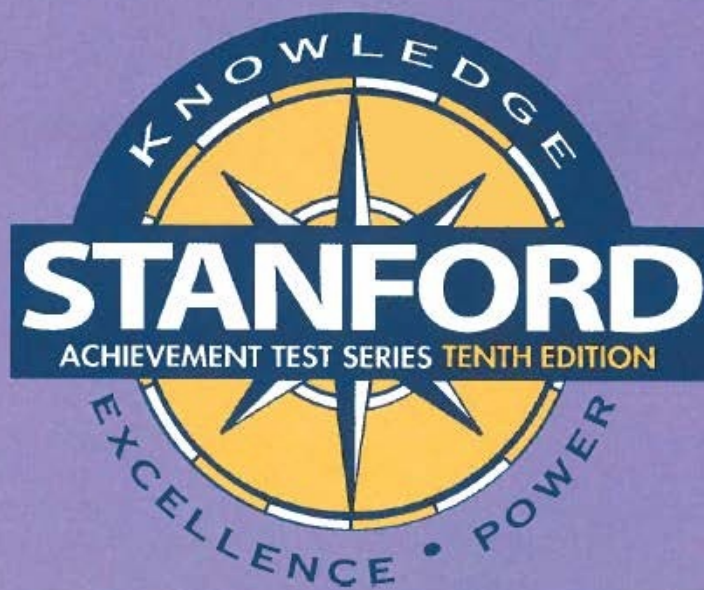
The following sample items are offered to show educators the format and appearance of the test content students will see in test booklets in 2012 for the norm-referenced portion of the Kentucky State Assessment.

These items are not intended to reflect the difficulty of the Stanford content. They were selected to show the types of questions that students will answer and how reading passages and test items will be presented in print.

Samples are included for Reading Comprehension, Mathematics Problem Solving, Language, Science, and Social Science.

Practice
Test Booklet

ADVANCED 1/2



Advanced 1/2

Multiple Choice



DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question about the passage. Decide which is the best answer to the question. Mark the space for the answer you have chosen.

School Photographer

by
Kristine O'Connell George

When I am behind my camera lens
I can make people stand closer,
wrap their arms around each other,
even get them to smile.

- 5 When I am behind my camera lens
I see things others don't.
I can record a single moment
That *distorts* or tells the truth.

- 10 When I am behind my camera lens
I can see everything
Except my own self, hiding
behind my camera.



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The poet most likely took the idea for this poem from —

- A a book on photography
- B a volume of poetry
- C her camera's owner's manual
- D her own experience

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Why does the speaker feel hidden?

- A No one can see her.
- B She is looking through the camera.
- C There is no one around.
- D Other people are standing in front of her.



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In line 6, when the speaker says, "I see things others don't," she most likely means —

- A** people often overlook what's around them
- B** people don't pay attention when their picture is taken
- C** cameras are the most accurate form of record keeping
- D** the camera lens is like a microscope

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If you did not know the meaning of *distorts* in stanza 2, you should —

- A** look for other words in the poem that begin with "d"
- B** say the word over and over to yourself
- C** read on, looking for clues
- D** decide on the word's part of speech

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In this poem, which point of view does the poet use?

- A** First person (one person who describes her own thoughts)
- B** Third person (a person outside the story who describes the thoughts of one other person)
- C** Third person omniscient (a person outside the story who describes the thoughts of several characters)
- D** Third person objective (a person outside the story who describes events objectively)

Mathematics Problem Solving

DIRECTIONS Read each question or problem carefully. Then answer the question or work the problem. Mark the space for your answer.

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In the 1988 Olympic Games, Florence Griffith Joyner of the United States set an Olympic record for the women's 100-meter dash. Her time was ten and sixty-two hundredths seconds. How is this time written as a number?

- A 1.62 seconds
- B 10.62 seconds
- C 100.62 seconds
- D 1062.00 seconds

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Which streets on this map appear to never intersect?

- A Talley and Franklin
- B Starlight and Pierce
- C Franklin and Holloway
- D Holloway and Starlight



DIRECTIONS

Read each question and choose the best answer. Then mark the space for the answer you have chosen.

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Which of these parts of an animal would be most likely to form a fossil?

- A Heart
- B Kidney
- C Eye
- D Tooth

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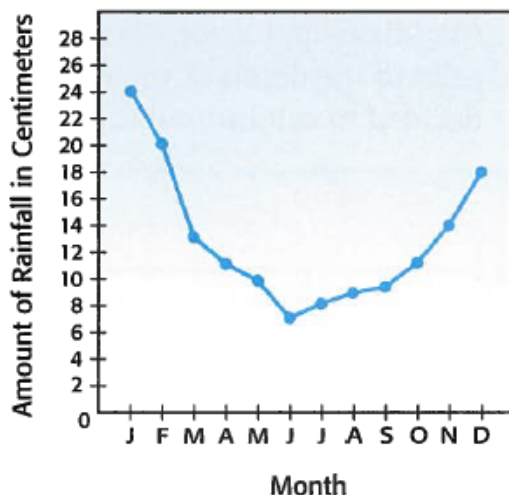


Applying the brakes on this bicycle causes it to slow down because the brakes —

- A produce friction
- B use gravity to slow down the bicycle
- C add energy to the bicycle
- D help cool the bicycle's tires

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Average Rainfall in an Area



How much more rain fell in February than in November?

- A 4 centimeters
- B 6 centimeters
- C 14 centimeters
- D 16 centimeters



DIRECTIONS Read each question and choose the best answer. Then mark the space for the answer you have chosen.

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I do not believe that Washington should do for the people what they can do for themselves through local and private effort.

John F. Kennedy

President Kennedy believed that the United States government should —

- A control all local and private functions
- B spend money only on government business
- C not permit any fundraising to take place in the nation's capital
- D give more responsibility to local communities

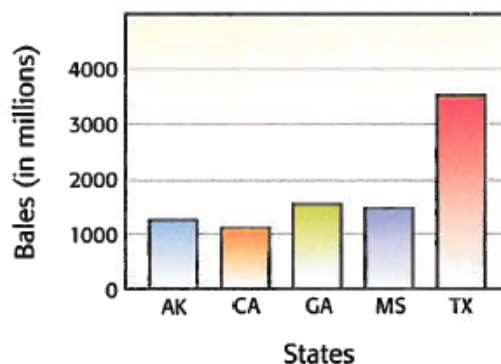
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Which of these statements is true about deserts?

- A They are found only in warm climates.
- B They are uninhabited by plants or animals.
- C They are subject to extreme temperatures.
- D They are lacking in mineral resources.

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Top Five States Producing Cotton



Based on the information in the graph, the *best* port to export cotton would be —

- A Biloxi
- B Houston
- C Savannah
- D San Francisco