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Assessment Blueprint

English II

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Session	Reporting Category	Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards Available for Assessment		Percentage of Points by Reporting Category	
Session 1	Reading Literature (RL)			30-37%	
	Key ideas	RL.9-10 (1, 2, 3)		15-17%	
	Craft and Structure	RL.9-10 (4, 5, 6)		13-17%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RL.9-10 (7, 9)		2-3%	
	Reading Informational Texts (RI)			52-55%	
	Key ideas	RI.9-10 (1, 2, 3)		25-27%	
	Craft and Structure	RI.9-10 (4, 5, 6)		22-25%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RI.9-10 (7, 8, 9)		3-5%	
	Language (L)	L.9-10 (4, 5, 6)		12-15%	
	Operational Items	50	Total Points	60	100%
	Field Test Items	10	Total Session 1 Testing Time		180 Minutes (3 Hours)
	Total Session 1 Items	60			

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Assessment Blueprint English II

Session	Reporting Category	Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards Available for Assessment		Percentage of Points by Reporting Category	
Session 2	Writing (W)*	W.9-10 (1, 2, 3) L.9-10 (1, 2, 3)		100%	
	Total Writing Prompts	1	Total Points	12	100%
	Total Session 2 Testing Time			75 minutes (1 hour & 15 minutes)	
Total Items Session 1 & Session 2		61	Total Points	72	

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Assessment Blueprint ELA Grade 8

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Session	Reporting Category	Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards Available for Assessment		Percentage of Points by Reporting Category	
Session 1	Reading Literature (RL)			33-40%	
	Key ideas	RL.8 (1, 2, 3)		18-20%	
	Craft and Structure	RL.8 (4, 5, 6)		13-17%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RL.8 (7, 9)		2-3%	
	Reading Informational Texts (RI)			47-53%	
	Key ideas	RI.8 (1, 2, 3)		25-27%	
	Craft and Structure	RI.8 (4, 5, 6)		18-22%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RI.8 (7, 8, 9)		2-5%	
	Language (L)	L.8 (4, 5, 6)		12-15%	
	Operational Items	50	Total Points	60	100%
	Field Test Items	10	Total Session 1 Testing Time		180 Minutes (3 Hours)
	Total Session 1 Items	60			

Assessment Blueprint

ELA Grade 8

Session	Reporting Category	Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards Available for Assessment		Percentage of Points by Reporting Category	
Session 2	Writing (W)*	W.8 (1, 2, 3) L.8 (1, 2, 3)		100%	
	Total Writing Prompts	1	Total Points	12	100%
	Total Session 2 Testing Time			75 minutes (1 hour & 15 minutes)	
Total Items Session 1 & Session 2		61	Total Points	72	

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Assessment Blueprint

ELA Grade 7

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Session	Reporting Category	Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards Available for Assessment		Percentage of Points by Reporting Category	
Session 1	Reading Literature (RL)			33-40%	
	Key ideas	RL.7 (1, 2, 3)		18-20%	
	Craft and Structure	RL.7 (4, 5, 6)		13-17%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RL.7 (7, 9)		2-3%	
	Reading Informational Texts (RI)			47-53%	
	Key ideas	RI.7 (1, 2, 3)		25-27%	
	Craft and Structure	RI.7 (4, 5, 6)		18-22%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RI.7 (7, 8, 9)		2-5%	
	Language (L)	L.7 (4, 5, 6)		12-15%	
	Operational Items	50	Total Points	60	100%
	Field Test Items	10	Total Session 1 Testing Time		180 Minutes (3 Hours)
	Total Session 1 Items	60			

Assessment Blueprint

ELA Grade 7

Session	Reporting Category	Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards Available for Assessment		Percentage of Points by Reporting Category	
Session 2	Writing (W)*	W.7 (1, 2, 3) L7 (1, 2, 3)		100%	
	Total Writing Prompts	1	Total Points	12	100%
	Total Session 2 Testing Time			75 minutes (1 hour & 15 minutes)	
Total Items Session 1 & Session 2		61	Total Points	72	

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ELA Grade 6

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Session	Reporting Category	Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards Available for Assessment		Percentage of Points by Reporting Category	
Session 1	Reading Literature (RL)			33-40%	
	Key ideas	RL.6 (1, 2, 3)		18-20%	
	Craft and Structure	RL.6 (4, 5, 6)		13-17%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RL.6 (7, 9)		2-3%	
	Reading Informational Texts (RI)			47-53%	
	Key ideas	RI.6 (1, 2, 3)		25-27%	
	Craft and Structure	RI.6 (4, 5, 6)		18-22%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RI.6 (7, 8, 9)		2-5%	
	Language (L)	L.6 (4, 5, 6)		12-15%	
	Operational Items	50	Total Points	60	100%
	Field Test Items	10	Total Session 1 Testing Time		180 Minutes (3 Hours)
	Total Session 1 Items	60			

Assessment Blueprint ELA Grade 6

Session	Reporting Category	Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards Available for Assessment		Percentage of Points by Reporting Category
Session 2	Writing (W)*	W.6 (1, 2, 3) L.6 (1, 2, 3)		100%
	Total Writing Prompts	1	Total Points	12
	Total Session 2 Testing Time			75 minutes (1 hour & 15 minutes)
Total Items Session 1 & Session 2		61	Total Points	72

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ELA Grade 5

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Session 1	Reading Literature (RL)			38-46%	
	Key ideas	RL.5 (1, 2, 3)		23-25%	
	Craft and Structure	RL.5 (4, 5, 6)		13-17%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RL.5 (7, 9)		2-4%	
	Reading Informational Texts (RI)			38-46%	
	Key ideas	RI.5 (1, 2, 3)		23-25%	
	Craft and Structure	RI.5 (4, 5, 6)		13-17%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RI.5 (7, 8, 9)		2-4%	
	Language (L)	L.5 (4, 5, 6)		15-19%	
	Operational Items	40	Total Points	48	100%
	Field Test Items	9	Total Session 1 Testing Time		180 Minutes (3 Hours)
	Total Session 1 Items	49			

Assessment Blueprint

ELA Grade 5

Session	Reporting Category	Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards Available for Assessment		Percentage of Points by Reporting Category	
Session 2	Writing (W)*	W.5 (1, 2, 3) L.5 (1, 2, 3)		100%	
	Total Writing Prompts	1	Total Points	12	100%
	Total Session 2 Testing Time			75 minutes (1 hour & 15 minutes)	
Total Items Session 1 & Session 2		50	Total Points	60	

Note*: The Writing standard measured (W.1, W.2, or W.3) will be dependent on the writing prompt, which may vary by form. L.1-3 will be measured in the writing task and scored using the [writing rubric](#). Session 1 items and the Session 2 writing task are combined as a **single** assessment. Session 1 and Session 2 are **not** scored as separate assessments. Students are given **one** total score.

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Session	Reporting Category	Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards Available for Assessment		Percentage of Points by Reporting Category	
Session 1	Reading Literature (RL)			38-46%	
	Key ideas	RL.4 (1, 2, 3)		23-25%	
	Craft and Structure	RL.4 (4, 5, 6)		13-17%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RL.4 (7, 9)		2-4%	
	Reading Informational Texts (RI)			38-46%	
	Key ideas	RI.4 (1, 2, 3)		23-25%	
	Craft and Structure	RI.4 (4, 5, 6)		13-17%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RI.4 (7, 8, 9)		2-4%	
	Language (L)	L.4 (4, 5, 6)		15-19%	
	Operational Items	40	Total Points	48	100%
	Field Test Items	9	Total Session 1 Testing Time		180 Minutes (3 Hours)
	Total Session 1 Items	49			

Assessment Blueprint ELA Grade 4

Session	Reporting Category	Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards Available for Assessment		Percentage of Points by Reporting Category	
Session 2	Writing (W)*	W.4 (1, 2, 3) L.4 (1, 2, 3)		100%	
	Total Writing Prompts	1	Total Points	12	100%
	Total Session 2 Testing Time			75 minutes (1 hour & 15 minutes)	
Total Items Session 1 & Session 2		50	Total Points	60	

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	Craft and Structure	RL.3 (4, 5, 6)		13-17%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RL.3 (7, 9)		2-4%	
	Reading Informational Texts (RI)			38-46%	
	Key ideas	RI.3 (1, 2, 3)		23-25%	
	Craft and Structure	RI.3 (4, 5, 6)		13-17%	
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RI.3 (7, 8, 9)		2-4%	
	Language (L)	L.3 (4, 5, 6)		15-19%	
	Operational Items	40	Total Points	48	100%
	Field Test Items	9	Total Session 1 Testing Time		180 Minutes (3 Hours)
	Total Session 1 Items	49			

Assessment Blueprint

ELA Grade 3

Session	Reporting Category	Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards Available for Assessment		Percentage of Points by Reporting Category	
Session 2	Writing (W)*	W.3 (1, 2, 3) L.3 (1, 2, 3)		100%	
	Total Writing Prompts	1	Total Points	12	100%
	Total Session 2 Testing Time			75 minutes (1 hour & 15 minutes)	
Total Items Session 1 & Session 2		50	Total Points	60	

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