APPENDIX B
Sample Supported Independence Items

Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 Supported Independence Science Official Released Items

The following items were released to the public following the fall 2007 and spring 2008 administrations of the Supported Independence assessments. Released item booklets containing these items can be found on the MI-Access Web page at www.mi.gov/mi-access.

Released Items Grade 5

R1 Which one of these living things is a plant?

[Images of a dog, bush, and fish]

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**R2** Which one of these most likely floats?

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- life jacket
- car

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R3 Which one of these can be recycled?

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- shoe
- candy bar

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Released Items Grade 8

R1 Which animal has a hard shell?

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- turtle
- elephant

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R2 Which one of these makes light?

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- book
- monitor

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**R3** Which one of these tools helps a person decide what clothes to wear outside?

- **cup**
- **ruler**
- **thermometer**

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Spring 2008 Released Items Grade 11

R1 Which arrow points to the body part used to breathe?

- stomach
- lungs
- ear

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R2 Which of these shows a pulley being used?

- hammer and nail
- raising a flag
- wheelchair on ramp

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