Functional Independence

English Language Arts

Official Released Items

Grade 4

Fall 2008
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The Grade 4 Functional Independence English Language Arts Assessment was administered for the first time in Fall 2005. Beginning with this administration, the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) will annually release a portion of the items that are administered on the assessment. This booklet contains released items from the Fall 2008 administration and is intended to be used by districts to assist in their interpretation of item analysis data. The information contained in this booklet may also be used by schools, teachers, and parents as a resource for understanding the content and format of the assessment items. In addition to MI-Access training materials and Extended Grade Level Content Expectations (EGLCE), the released items may also have utility in informing decisions related to instruction, curriculum, and assessment. These items are not secure and may be copied and distributed as needed.

The table below lists the number of core and released items administered on the Fall 2008 Grade 4 assessment booklet. Core items are those that count toward students’ scores. All released items in this booklet were selected from the pool of core items that appeared on the assessment.

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PART 1
ACCESSING PRINT - WORD RECOGNITION

**DIRECTIONS:** Read each sentence. Then choose the word that belongs in the sentence.
**R1**  Emily saw a bird in the tree. It was sitting in a ______.

A  noise

B  nose

C  nest
R2  It is cold outdoors today. Tom will wear a coat and a ________.

A  hen

B  house

C  hat
R3  Steven has chores to do today. He has to cut the _______.

A  grass
B  grocery
C  ground
R4  Maria is not feeling well in school today. She wants to go ________.

A  here

B  help

C  home
STOP

Do not continue until instructed to do so.
PART 2
ACCESSING PRINT - TEXT COMPREHENSION

DIRECTIONS: Read the passage. Then, answer the questions that follow. Choose the BEST answer for each question.
Music of Detroit

Motown Record Company is a famous recording label that was started in Detroit, Michigan. The job of a recording label is to find musicians and singers. Then, they work with these artists to record and sell their music. By doing this, recording labels help bring music to millions of people just like you and me.

Berry Gordy, Jr. created the Motown Record Company in 1959. In fact, Gordy was the first African American to own a recording label. Gordy was a great businessman. He found artists with great musical talent and turned them into big stars. He worked with music legends, such as Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, and Diana Ross.

In the beginning, Motown Record Company was a very small business. Gordy bought a house in Detroit, which he named “Hitsville, U.S.A.” This house became his family’s home. It also became the home of Motown Record Company. At first, all of the company’s music was made in the basement of Hitsville, U.S.A. This was where Gordy had built a recording studio. Musicians were welcome to play and record there any time, day or night.

However, Motown Record Company didn’t stay small for long. The music the company made was unique. It had a new and different sound, which people loved. It was unlike anything they had ever heard before. By the 1960s, Motown had recorded 110 songs that made it to the Top 10 on the radio. Motown Record Company sold millions of records. By the 1970s, Motown Record Company was one of the largest recording companies in the world.

Today, people everywhere still listen to Motown music. The sound created at Hitsville, U.S.A. changed popular music forever.
R5  What is this passage mostly about?

A  a successful businessman
B  a music legend
C  a famous record company

R6  According to this passage, what do recording labels do?

A  They build musical houses in Detroit.
B  They work with musicians and sell music.
C  They make musical instruments.

R7  Who started the Motown Record Company?

A  Berry Gordy, Jr.
B  Stevie Wonder
C  Diana Ross
R8 What would be another good title for this passage?

A  *Number One Song*

B  *A Music Store*

C  *The Motown Sound*

R9 What was special about Hitsville, U.S.A.?

A  It was the place where Smokey Robinson lived with his family.

B  It was the first home Berry Gordy built in Detroit.

C  It was where Motown artists recorded their music.

R10 Which words in the passage help you understand what *unique* means?

A  ever heard before

B  stay small for

C  new and different
R11  According to this passage, why did people love Motown music?

A  because it was from Detroit, Michigan

B  because it had a new and different sound

C  because it was like other music on the radio
STOP

Do not continue until instructed to do so.
PART 3
EXPRESSING IDEAS

DIRECTIONS: Read the prompt. Complete your response to the prompt on the student answer document. Then, use the checklist to review and proofread your response.
R12  **Released Prompt:** Tell about what you would like to be when you grow up. Be sure to include details and examples in your response.

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**CHECKLIST**

**DIRECTIONS:** Use this checklist as you review and proofread your response to the prompt.

- Did I answer each part of the prompt?
- Did I support my ideas with details?
- Did I organize my ideas and details clearly?
- Did I review my response one more time to make sure it is just the way I want it?
- Did I put my response on the student answer document?
### Scoring Rubric – Grades 3-8 and 11

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<td>The writing is mostly on topic. The topic may not be explicitly stated, but can be inferred with little effort by the reader. There is some development of the topic with appropriate details and/or examples. The text reflects a mostly organized structure and may include transitions between ideas. The writing demonstrates some attention to word choice and syntax. Errors in language conventions (e.g., grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization) may slightly interfere with understanding.</td>
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<td>The writing is somewhat on topic. If not explicitly stated, the topic may not be easily inferred. There is limited development with simplistic details and/or examples. The focus may wander. The writing lacks a clear organizational structure, and ideas may be repetitive. Errors in language conventions (e.g., grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization) may make understanding difficult.</td>
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<td>The writing shows some evidence of an attempt to respond to the prompt, although there is little or no development of the topic and little direction. The vocabulary may be limited to one or two words, not a complete sentence. The text may show minimal sound/letter correspondence and use of language conventions. Errors may make understanding nearly impossible.</td>
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**Not ratable if:**  
A – off topic  
B – illegible  
C – written in a language other than English  
D – blank/refused to respond
Below is a list of the Extended Grade Level Content Expectations (EGLCE) for each released item found in this booklet. The chart contains the EGLCE code, a brief description of what is measured, and the correct answer for each released item.

Because the assessment was administered during the fall of the school year, only content from the previous grade level was measured on the assessment. For example, items eligible for the Grade 4 assessment will measure Grade 3 EGLCE.

Full descriptions of the EGLCE contained in the chart below are available for review and download at www.mi.gov/mi-access.

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