



**Keystone National Middle School Language Arts Level 6  
Placement Exam Answer Key**

| <b>Question Number</b> | <b>Correct Answer</b> | <b>Question Number</b> | <b>Correct Answer</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1                      | C                     | 27                     | B                     |
| 2                      | C                     | 28                     | C                     |
| 3                      | D                     | 29                     | A                     |
| 4                      | B                     | 30                     | A                     |
| 5                      | A                     | 31                     | D                     |
| 6                      | B                     | 32                     | C                     |
| 7                      | D                     | 33                     | B                     |
| 8                      | D                     | 34                     | A                     |
| 9                      | D                     | 35                     | B                     |
| 10                     | D                     | 36                     | C                     |
| 11                     | B                     | 37                     | B                     |
| 12                     | C                     | 38                     | A                     |
| 13                     | D                     | 39                     | D                     |
| 14                     | A                     | 40                     | D                     |
| 15                     | C                     | 41                     | B                     |
| 16                     | B                     | 42                     | D                     |
| 17                     | B                     | 43                     | C                     |
| 18                     | C                     | 44                     | B                     |
| 19                     | D                     | 45                     | B                     |
| 20                     | B                     | 46                     | A                     |
| 21                     | D                     | 47                     | A                     |
| 22                     | D                     | 48                     | C                     |
| 23                     | A                     | 49                     | D                     |
| 24                     | D                     | 50                     | A                     |
| 25                     | B                     | 51                     | C                     |
| 26                     | A                     | 52                     | Use Essay table       |

## Keystone Middle School Placement Essay Results Table

| Point range    | Key elements  |
|----------------|---|
| 20 – 15 points | <p>Thesis* (main point) is present.</p> <p>Body paragraph* supports thesis (main point).</p> <p>Body paragraph has topic sentence* and at least 3 strong supporting sentences.</p> <p>There are few or no errors in spelling, punctuation, and/ or grammar. The errors do not detract from the meaning of sentences or paragraphs.</p>  |
| 15 – 10 points | <p>Thesis* (main point) is present, but other points may also be developed in the essay so there is no dominant point.</p> <p>Body paragraph* mostly supports thesis, but may go off topic slightly.</p> <p>Body paragraph has a topic sentence* and at least 2 strong supporting sentences.</p> <p>There are 3 or more errors in spelling, punctuation, and or grammar. The errors do not detract from the meaning of sentences or paragraphs.</p> |
| 10 – 5 points  | <p>Thesis* (main point) is present, but may not make sense or be supportable.</p> <p>Body paragraph* may not support thesis and goes off topic.</p> <p>Body paragraph does not have an obvious topic sentence* and has only one or two weak supporting sentences.</p> <p>There are more than 5 errors in spelling, punctuation, and or grammar that may detract from the meaning of sentences or paragraphs.</p>                                    |
| 5 – 1 points   | <p>There is no thesis* for the essay.</p> <p>Body paragraph* may or may not be present. Ideas may seem disorganized and they do not help the student make a point.</p> <p>There is no topic sentence*.</p> <p>There are many errors in spelling, punctuation, and or grammar that detract from the meaning of sentences or paragraphs.</p>  |
| 0 points       | <p>Essay has little to no content or is illegible.</p>  |

Thesis= Sentence that contains the main point for the essay. The entire essay should support the thesis.

Body paragraph= The paragraph between the introduction and conclusion.

Topic sentence= First sentence of each body paragraph that states the topic of the paragraph.