



**Keystone National Middle School Language Arts Level 7
Placement Exam Answer Key**

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

Keystone Middle School Placement Essay Results Table

Point range	Key elements
20 – 15 points	<p>Thesis* (main point) is present. Body paragraph* supports thesis (main point). Body paragraph has topic sentence* and at least 3 strong supporting sentences. 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. Body paragraph* mostly supports thesis, but may go off topic slightly. Body paragraph has a topic sentence* and at least 2 strong supporting sentences. 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. Body paragraph* may not support thesis and goes off topic. Body paragraph does not have an obvious topic sentence* and has only one or two weak supporting sentences. 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. Body paragraph* may or may not be present. Ideas may seem disorganized and they do not help the student make a point. There is no topic sentence*. 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.