



**Keystone National Middle School Language Arts Level 8
Placement Exam Answer Key**

Question Number	Correct Answer	Question Number	Correct Answer
1	B	30	A
2	D	31	C
3	C	32	B
4	C	33	C
5	B	34	D
6	C	35	B
7	B	36	A
8	A	37	C
9	D	38	A
10	C	39	A
11	D	40	C
12	A	41	A
13	B	42	D
14	C	43	D
15	C	44	C
16	D	45	B
17	C	46	D
18	B	47	A
19	A	48	D
20	D	49	D
21	A	50	B
22	C	51	C
23	D	52	C
24	B	53	A
25	C	54	D
26	D	55	C
27	A	56	B
28	C	57	C
29	B	58	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.