



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

Question Number	Correct Answer	Question Number	Correct Answer
1	B	27	A
2	A	28	B
3	A	29	C
4	A	30	A
5	D	31	A
6	C	32	D
7	C	33	C
8	A	34	B
9	C	35	A
10	B	36	B
11	B	37	B
12	D	38	B
13	C	39	D
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	D	49	A
24	A	50	D
25	D	51	B
26	B	52	Use Essay table

Keystone Middle School Placement Essay Results Table

Point range	Key elements
20 – 15 points	<p>Introduction begins with an engaging hook and includes thesis* (main idea)</p> <p>Body paragraph* supports thesis (main point).</p> <p>Body paragraph has topic sentence with transition* 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>Hook is in introduction. 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.</p> <p>Body paragraph has a topic sentence and sometimes uses transitions* 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>Introduction does not begin with a hook.</p> <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. Body paragraph does not have an obvious topic sentence and no transition* 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>Introduction has no hook or 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 are no topic sentences*.</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.