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Introduction

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Grade 5 Writing
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**State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness
Grade 5 Writing Assessment
Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills**

Strand 1

- (2) **Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking—beginning reading and writing.** The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to

- (B) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by
- (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; *r*-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;
 - (ii) spelling words with consonant changes, including /t/ to /sh/ such as in *select* and *selection* and /k/ to /sh/ such as *music* and *musician*;
 - (iii) spelling multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns;
 - (iv) spelling words using advanced knowledge of syllable division patterns;
 - (v) spelling words using knowledge of prefixes; and
 - (vi) spelling words using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words such as dropping *e*, changing *y* to *i*, and doubling final consonants.

Strand 6

- (11) **Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts—writing process.** The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. The student is expected to
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as brainstorming, freewriting, and mapping;

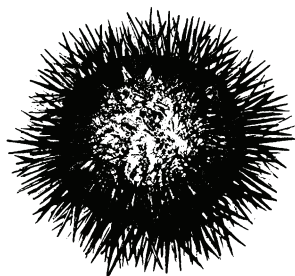
- (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by
 - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, and a conclusion; and
 - (ii) developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts and details;
- (C) revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity;
- (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including
 - (i) complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments;
 - (ii) past tense of irregular verbs;
 - (iii) collective nouns;
 - (iv) adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms;
 - (v) conjunctive adverbs;
 - (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement;
 - (vii) pronouns, including indefinite;
 - (viii) subordinating conjunctions to form complex sentences;
 - (ix) capitalization of abbreviations, initials, acronyms, and organizations;
 - (x) italics and underlining for titles and emphasis and punctuation marks, including quotation marks in dialogue and commas in compound and complex sentences; and
 - (xi) correct spelling of words with grade-appropriate orthographic patterns and rules and high-frequency words.

- (12) **Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts—genres.** The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to
- (B) compose informational texts, including brief compositions that convey information about a topic, using a clear central idea and genre characteristics and craft.

Name _____ Date _____

Read the selection, and choose the best answer to each question. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

Paul wrote about the black sea urchin. Read Paul's paper, and think about how it should be revised. Then answer the questions that follow.



Creature of the Sea

(1) The black sea urchin lives in coral reefs. (2) It looks like a small, prickly ball. (3) It moves around in the darkness with its black spiny arms. (4) It travels slowly through the water without being seen by predators. (5) The body of the black sea urchin has a hard shell.

(6) The black sea urchin prowls the reef as it hunts for food. (7) It finds algae and sponges that it eats with its special mouth. (8) Its mouth is located on the bottom of its body. (9) The mouth of a sea urchin is called "Aristotle's lantern." (10) It is shaped like a ring with bones, muscles, and sharp teeth. (11) These parts help the black sea urchin chew its food.

(12) People began to realize the importance of the black sea urchin in 1983. (13) That is when large numbers of black sea urchins caught a terrible disease that killed 97 percent of them. (14) With fewer urchins, algae grew out of control, which hurt the coral reefs and the animals that lived in them.

(15) People did not know anything about this disease, but they realized the reef communities could not survive without the black sea urchin. (16) Scientists worked to save the urchins. (17) As a result of their hard work, black sea urchin populations are increasing, and reefs are becoming healthier.

- 1 Paul wants to add a sentence to the beginning of the paragraph that contains sentences 1 through 5. What is the **BEST** introductory sentence to add to the beginning of this selection?
- A The black sea urchin is a unique and important animal.
 - B Not all sea urchins are black.
 - C Scientists study the habits of many creatures that live in the oceans.
 - D Sand dollars are closely related to sea urchins, and the two animals have many things in common.
- 2 What is the **BEST** way to combine sentences 3 and 4?
- A It moves around in the darkness with its black spiny arms, it travels slowly, it travels through the water, and it travels without being seen by predators.
 - B It moves around in the darkness with its black spiny arms, when it travels slowly through the water without being seen by predators.
 - C It moves around in the darkness with its black spiny arms, traveling slowly through the water without being seen by predators.
 - D It moves around in the darkness with its black spiny arms, even though it travels slowly through the water without being seen by predators.

- 3 Paul wants to add another supporting sentence to the end of the paragraph containing sentences 1 through 5. Which would be the **BEST** supporting sentence for this paragraph?
- A Hedgehogs, which also have sharp spines, were once called "urchins," too.
 - B Sea urchins can also be green, purple, or red.
 - C Some people in Europe like to eat raw sea urchins with lemon.
 - D The hard shell, along with the sea urchin's sharp spines, keep the sea urchin safe from predators.
- 4 What is the **BEST** way to combine sentences 7 and 8?
- A It finds algae and sponges that it eats with its special mouth, so its mouth is located on the bottom of the its body.
 - B It finds algae and sponges that it eats with its special mouth, located on the bottom of its body.
 - C It finds algae and sponges that it eats with its special mouth, a special mouth that is located on the bottom of its body.
 - D Since it finds algae and sponges that it eats with its special mouth, its mouth is located on the bottom of its body.

- 5 What is the **BEST** way to combine sentences 9, 10, and 11?
- A The mouth of a sea urchin, which is called "Aristotle's lantern," is shaped like a ring with bones, muscles, and sharp teeth that help the black sea urchin chew its food.
 - B The mouth of a sea urchin is called Aristotle's lantern, is shaped like a ring with bones, a ring with muscles, and a ring with sharp teeth, and helps the black sea urchin chew its food.
 - C The mouth of a sea urchin is called "Aristotle's lantern," but it is shaped like a ring with bones, muscles, and sharp teeth because these parts help the black sea urchin chew its food.
 - D The mouth of a sea urchin is called "Aristotle's lantern," shaped like a ring with bones, muscles, and sharp teeth, helping the black sea urchin, chewing its food.
- 6 Paul would like to add the following sentence to his paper.

They raised healthy baby sea urchins in a lab and then released them in coral reefs.

Where is the **BEST** place to insert this sentence?

- A after sentence 12
- B after sentence 13
- C after sentence 16
- D after sentence 17

Read the selection, and choose the best answer to each question. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

Marcus wrote this paper about Paul Revere. He would like you to read his paper and look for any edits he needs to make. When you finish reading, answer the questions that follow.

Paul Revere, American Hero

(1) Paul Revere is one of our best known patriots. (2) He is remembered for the heroic things he did around the time of the American Revolution. (3) Revere protested British taxes on colonists, and he also warned colonists about the coming British army before the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

(4) Revere had problems with the British over taxes. (5) He was a silversmith in Boston Massachusetts. (6) In the fall of 1765, Great Britain still had control over the american colonies, including Massachusetts. (7) At this time, the British began taxing many items that colonists bought. (8) They added taxes to newspapers, tea, and glass. (9) Some of these taxes hurt Revere's business. (10) So, Paul Revere joined a secret club that was against the British. (11) This group was called the Sons of Liberty.

(12) The Sons of Liberty wanted to show the British that they did not like the taxes, especially the one on tea. (13) They disguised themselves. (14) Then, they climbed aboard British ships where tea was stored. (15) They dumped the tea into Boston harbor. (16) This event became known as the Boston Tea Party. (17) Revere rode his horse to New York and Philadelphia to spread the word of what had happened.

(18) Revere made another ride. (19) It is known as Paul Revere's midnight ride. (20) This time, he warned colonists about the coming British army. (21) Revere warned the colonists so that they could get ready to fight the British soldiers. (22) This was the start of the American Revolution. (23) Today, everyone have Paul Revere and other heroes to thank for working for our freedom.

7 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 5?

- A change **He** to **Him**
- B change **in** to **inn**
- C insert comma after **Boston**
- D make no change

8 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 6?

- A delete the comma after **1765**
- B change **had** to **have**
- C change **american** to **American**
- D make no change

9 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 15?

- A change **They** to **Thems**
- B change **tea** to **tee**
- C change **Boston harbor** to **Boston Harbor**
- D make no change

- 10 Which of these should be added to the beginning of sentence 17?
- A Afterwards,
 - B Now,
 - C Sometimes,
 - D Second,
- 11 Marcus wants to tell readers when Paul Revere made his famous midnight ride. Which of these should he add to the beginning of sentence 18 to tell readers when Paul Revere made his midnight ride?
- A In April 1775,
 - B In Massachusetts,
 - C According to history books,
 - D Upon a trusted horse,
- 12 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 23?
- A change ***have*** to **has**
 - B add an apostrophe after ***heroes***
 - C change ***our*** to **ours**
 - D make no change

READ the information in the box below.

A. A. Milne, creator of Winnie the Pooh, wrote,
"The things that make me different are the
things that make me."

THINK about the value of being different.

WRITE about why it is important for people to be different from one another.

Be sure to —

- clearly state your central idea
- organize your writing
- develop your writing in detail
- choose your words carefully
- use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences

BE SURE YOU HAVE RECORDED ALL OF YOUR ANSWERS
ON THE ANSWER DOCUMENT.



STAAR CONNECTION™
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TEKS Writing Alignment Chart and Cross-Curricular Alignments

KAMICO® supports cross-curricular teaching strategies and encourages efforts to apply, transfer, and integrate knowledge across multiple content areas. Therefore, each assessment in this writing book reinforces at least one Grade 5 social studies or science TEKS. The following tables show which TEKS are reinforced within this book.

Assessment 1			
Question Number	Answer	Strand	TEKS
1	A	6	11Bi
2	C	6	11C
3	D	6	11Bii
4	B	6	11C
5	A	6	11C
6	C	6	11Bii
7	C	6	11Dx
8	C	6	11Dix
9	C	6	11Dix
10	A	6	11Dv
11	A	6	11Dvi
12	A	6	11Dvii
Cross-Curricular Alignments			
	Social Studies TEKS	Science TEKS	
Revising Section		9A, 9B, 9C	
Editing Section	2A, 2B		