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Introduction

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Grade 3 Writing
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**State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness
Grade 3 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; *V**Ce* syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; *r*-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;
 - (ii) spelling homophones;
 - (iii) spelling compound words, contractions, and abbreviations;
 - (iv) spelling multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns;
 - (v) spelling words using knowledge of syllable division patterns such as *VCCV*, *VCV*, and *VCCCV*;
 - (vi) spelling words using knowledge of prefixes; and
 - (vii) 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;

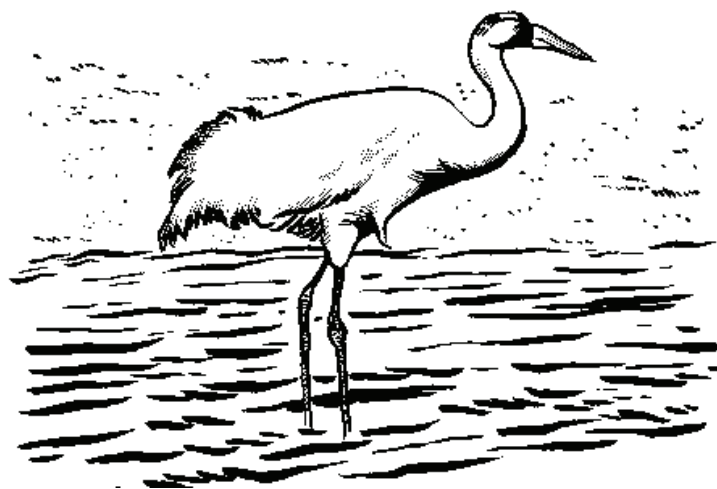
- (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by
 - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction and a conclusion; and
 - (ii) developing an engaging idea with relevant details;
- (C) revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by 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;
 - (ii) past, present, and future verb tense;
 - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns;
 - (iv) adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms;
 - (v) adverbs that convey time and adverbs that convey manner;
 - (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases;
 - (vii) pronouns, including subjective, objective, and possessive cases;
 - (viii) coordinating conjunctions to form compound subjects, predicates, and sentences;
 - (ix) capitalization of official titles of people, holidays, and geographical names and places;
 - (x) punctuation marks, including apostrophes in contractions and possessives and commas in compound sentences and items in a series; 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.

Makenna wrote about a special bird that faces a serious danger. Read Makenna's paper, and think about how it should be revised. Then answer the questions that follow.



The Wonderful Whooping Crane

(1) The state bird of Texas is the mockingbird. (2) Yet, Texas is home to another important bird. (3) This bird is the whooping crane, or "whooper."
(4) Whooping cranes are very impressive. (5) They are the tallest birds in North America. (6) They also migrate, which means they fly a long way from their summer home in Canada to their winter home on the Texas coast. (7) Though these birds are big and strong, they are in danger of disappearing forever. (8) In 1941, there were only twenty-one of these birds left in the wild. (9) Today, there are more than three hundred. (10) However, whoopers still face threats.
(11) They still need our protection.

(12) One reason there are few whooping cranes left is because of habitat loss. (13) This means that the birds have lost their homes. (14) These cranes once nested in the middle of the United States, which is where they nested. (15) Much of that land was turned into farms, though. (16) After a while, there were no good places left for the whoopers to lay eggs. (17) Few whoopers were born to replace the ones that died. (18) Today, wild whoopers nest in a national park in Canada.

(19) People used to shoot the big birds for sport. (20) They also shot them for meat. (21) The birds are easy to shoot. (22) They are big and slow. (23) The birds are also hunted by their natural enemies. (24) These animals eat whooper eggs. (25) They eat baby whoopers, too.

(26) Today, there are laws to help save these birds. (27) Their summer homes in Canada have been protected. (28) Their winter homes in Texas have been, too. (29) They will be left natural to give whoopers a good home. (30) There are also laws that stop people from hunting whoopers. (31) Slowly, their numbers are increasing.

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- 1 What is the **BEST** way to combine sentences 10 and 11?
- A However, whoopers still face threats, so they still need our protection.
 - B However, whoopers still face threats and our protection.
 - C However, whoopers still face threats, but they still need our protection.
 - D However, whoopers still face threats, or they still need our protection.

- 2 What is the **BEST** way to rewrite the ideas in sentence 14?
- A These cranes once nested in the middle of the United States, and that is where they nested.
 - B These cranes once nested in the middle of the United States.
 - C Nesting in the middle of the United States, these cranes once nested there.
 - D Even though these cranes once nested in the middle of the United States, that is where they nested.
- 3 Makenna wants to add a topic sentence to the third paragraph (sentences 19-25). Which of these sentences would be the **BEST** topic sentence for this paragraph?
- A Scientists helped young whoopers by feeding them with whooping crane puppets and by using small planes to teach them how to migrate.
 - B Whoopers were also hunted by people and by their natural predators.
 - C In the United States, many people hunt birds like doves and ducks.
 - D Whooping cranes have a crown of red feathers on their heads.
- 4 What is the **BEST** way to combine sentences 27 and 28?
- A Their summer homes, their winter homes, Canada, and Texas have been protected.
 - B Unless their summer homes in Canada have been protected, their winter homes in Texas have been.
 - C Although their summer homes in Canada have been protected, their winter homes in Texas have been, too.
 - D Their summer homes in Canada and their winter homes in Texas have been protected.

- 5 Makenna wants to insert the following sentence into her paper.

These animals include bobcats, snakes, and eagles.

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

- A after sentence 2
 - B after sentence 16
 - C after sentence 23
 - D after sentence 30
- 6 Makenna wants to add a final sentence to this paper to make her conclusion stronger. What is the **BEST** final sentence to add to the end of this paper?
- A Whooping cranes get their name from the loud whooping noise that they make.
 - B Whooping cranes eat plant roots, crabs, frogs, lizards, and other small animals.
 - C Besides whooping cranes, there are other types of cranes that live in the United States, such as sandhill cranes.
 - D Hopefully, with our protection, these beautiful birds will keep doing well and calling Texas home.

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

Steven wrote this story about some boys going on a campout. He would like you to read his story and look for any edits he needs to make. When you finish reading, answer the questions that follow.

The Special Ingredients

(1) This year, Kevin and Stan were dreading the campout. (2) Every year, their youth group camped at the lake. (3) They always had a great time hiking, fishing, and playing with their friends. (4) However, there was always a big chili cook-off on Saturday night. (5) Every year, they cooked really yummy chili, but every year Donnie Kline's chili seemed to win. (6) To make matters worse, Donnie was a sore winner.

(7) "Maybe next year, kids!" he would say, even though he was only one year older than Kevin and Stan. (8) Sometimes, he would look at their chili and say, "Ugh, is that chili or swamp slime?"

(9) The good news was that, this year, Donnie would not be entering the chili cook-off. (10) The bad news was that he was now the judge.

(11) On Saturday night, when Kevin and Stan were cooking chili, Donnie walked by, smelled their pot, and said, "what's your special ingredient, old dirty gym socks?" (12) Then, he walked away laughing.

(13) That gave Stan an idea. (14) "Hey, Kevin," he said, "we're probably not going to win this thing with Donnie as a judge, so why don't we have a little fun." (15) Then he told his plan. (16) Over the next hour, the boys added special ingredients to their chili. (17) They dumped in minced broccoli. (18) They scooped

in mashed bananas. (19) They squeezed in chocolate syrup. (20) Let's see what the judge thinks when he tries a big spoonful of our 'special ingredients,'" Kevin said as he winked at Stan.

(21) That night, all the contestants lined up behind their chili. (22) Donnie walked from bowl to bowl with his spoon, looking smug as ever. (23) When he got to Kevin and Stan's bowl, the boys tried hard to hide their giggles. (24) Donnie tasted the food in the boys' bowl. (25) His face went blank. (26) He looked puzzled. (27) Next, he . . . took another bite!

(28) "I hate to say it, but you guys have made some really good chili," Donnie said as he placed the blue ribbon on the boys table. (29) "Congratulations!" he said. (30) Kevin and Stan shared a wink.

7 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 4?

- A change ***was*** to ***were***
- B change ***always*** to ***allways***
- C change ***saturday*** to ***Saturday***
- D make no change

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

- A change ***would*** to ***wood***
- B change ***thogh*** to ***though***
- C change ***Kevin and Stan*** to ***kevin and stan***
- D make no change

- 9 What change should be made in sentence 11?
- A change *night* to **knight**
 - B delete the comma after *said*
 - C change *what's* to **What's**
 - D change the question mark after *socks* to a period
- 10 What change should be made in sentence 20?
- A add quotation marks before *Let's*
 - B change *judge* to **Judge**
 - C change *he* to **him**
 - D change the period after *Stan* to a question mark
- 11 Which of these should be added to the beginning of sentence 26?
- A Then,
 - B Finally,
 - C Now,
 - D Third,
- 12 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 28?
- A delete the comma after *it*
 - B change *said* to **will say**
 - C change *boys* to **boys'**
 - D make no change

READ the information in the box below.

A famous historian once said, "History teaches us so much about the past."

THINK about how understanding history helps us know more about our own time.

WRITE about an event from history that you have learned in class.

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 3 social studies, science, or health TEKS. The following tables show which TEKS are reinforced within this book.

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