

Sample Content for the Kentucky State Assessment from the
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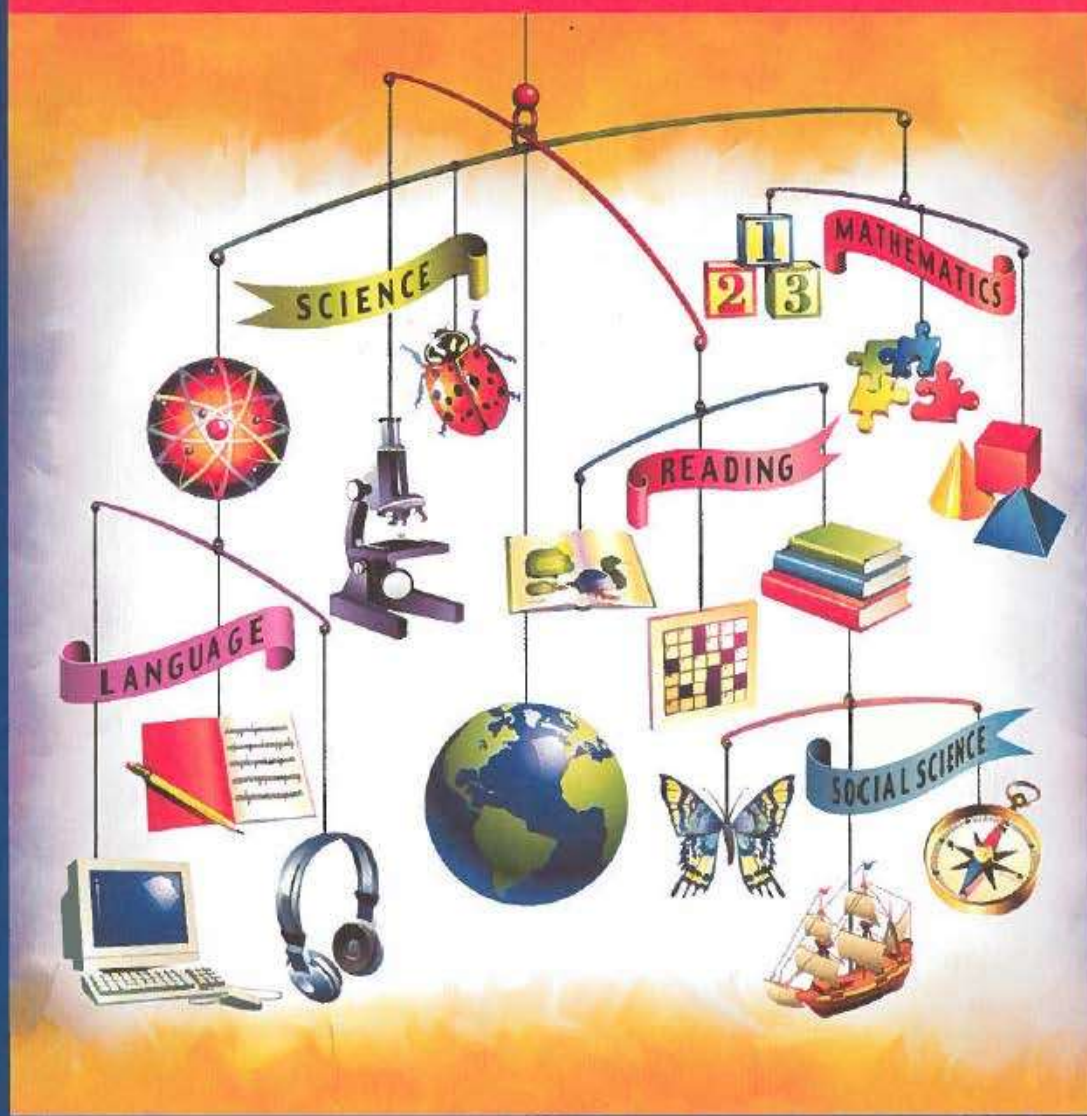
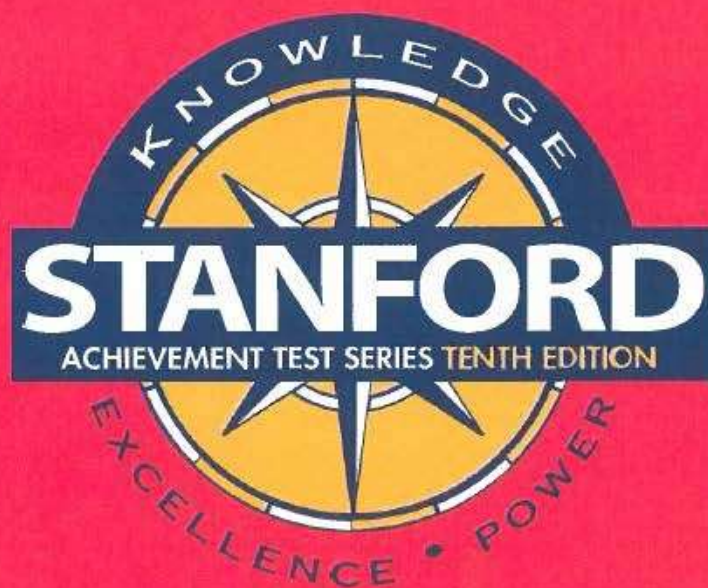
The following sample items are offered to show educators the format and appearance of the test content students will see in test booklets in 2012 for the norm-referenced portion of the Kentucky State Assessment.

These items are not intended to reflect the difficulty of the Stanford content. They were selected to show the types of questions that students will answer and how reading passages and test items will be presented in print.

Samples are included for Reading Comprehension, Mathematics Problem Solving, Language, Science, and Social Science.

Practice Test Booklet

INTERMEDIATE 2/3



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Multiple Choice



DIRECTIONS

Read the passage. Then read each question about the passage. Decide which is the best answer to the question. Mark the space for the answer you have chosen.

A Candlelit Holiday

by
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On one full-moon night every fall, the rivers and lakes of Thailand are dotted with twinkling candles. The Thais are celebrating "Loi Krathong," or "Floating Leaf Cup Day."

No one knows for sure how this lovely custom got started. Some say it was started 700 years ago by a wife of a king who wanted to surprise and please her husband. Others say it started even longer ago as a special religious ceremony. But however it began, it is delightful.

Families always used to make their floats, or little boats, from banana leaves torn into strips and woven into the shape of a bowl. Then they beautifully decorated them with flowers. Now, while many families still make their own floats, others simply buy them. Modern floats may be made of banana leaves or plastic. All of them still hold a lighted candle, a flower, a stick or two of sweet-smelling incense, and a coin.

On the holiday evening, families gather at parks near lakes, rivers, or



canals for outdoor dinners. Adults sit on mats and visit with their neighbors while children play tag or hide-and-seek. In some cities, blazing fireworks and dancers in shining silk costumes entertain the crowd.

Many men and women sell things. People sell floats to those who have not made them at home. Other people sell balloons in various shapes and colors or clever toys made of bamboo. Food sellers offer noodle soup, dried fish, candy, little cakes, roasted chicken, and bamboo tubes filled with sticky rice cooked in coconut milk. They pour soft drinks into small plastic bags, whirl a rubber band around the top, and stick in a short straw.

Then, when the full moon rises, families light the candles and set their little boats afloat. The waterway soon twinkles like a fairyland with candles bobbing in their floats and fireworks reflecting in the water.



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Paragraph 2 of this selection is mainly about —

- A** how this holiday might have begun
- B** what the floats are made of
- C** when the holiday takes place
- D** what people eat during the holiday

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After reading the title, what should you expect to learn from this selection?

- A** How to make your own candles
- B** Ideas for new recipes
- C** Why we celebrate the Fourth of July
- D** Where a candlelit holiday is celebrated

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To understand more about the meaning of the floating leaf cups, the reader should ask —

- A** how the floats are kept from being burned by the flame
- B** why a coin is placed in the float
- C** what happens to all the floats when the holiday is over
- D** how much store-bought floats cost

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Which detail in the selection shows that this is a relaxing holiday?

- A** Families spend the evening eating, playing, and visiting.
- B** People spend hours making floats.
- C** There are many different kinds of food to buy.
- D** It is held in autumn.

Mathematics Problem Solving



DIRECTIONS

Read each question or problem carefully. Then answer the question or work the problem. Mark the space for your answer.

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Lee heard that a new car cost \$23,695. There was a special price that was exactly \$1000 less than that amount. How much was the special price?

- A \$12,584
- B \$13,695
- C \$22,695
- D \$23,595

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Tim's mother put these cookies on a plate.



Which kind of cookie would Tim most likely get if he takes one without looking?



A



C



B



D



DIRECTIONS

Read each question and choose the best answer. Then mark the space for the answer you have chosen.

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I know youll like my chocolate cake.

- A youll' like
- B youll liking
- C you'll like
- D *Correct as is*

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The little turtle climbed slowly up on the log.

- A climbed more slow
- B climbed slow
- C climbing most slowest
- D *Correct as is*

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The harpy eagle may be one of the strongest birds of prey it lives on the edges of the rainforests.

- A The harpy eagle may be one of the strongest birds of prey. Living on the edges of the rainforests.
- B The harpy eagle may be one of the strongest birds of prey lives on the edges of the rainforests.
- C The harpy eagle may be one of the strongest birds of prey. It lives on the edges of the rainforests.
- D *Correct as is*

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Marco is writing a research report about how television has grown and changed in the United States.

The first part of Marco's paper is called "The Birth of Television." What detail would you expect to find in this part?

- A Where most televisions are made today
- B The number of televisions in Marco's house
- C Today's most popular shows
- D The person who invented television



DIRECTIONS

Read each question and choose the best answer. Then mark the space for the answer you have chosen.

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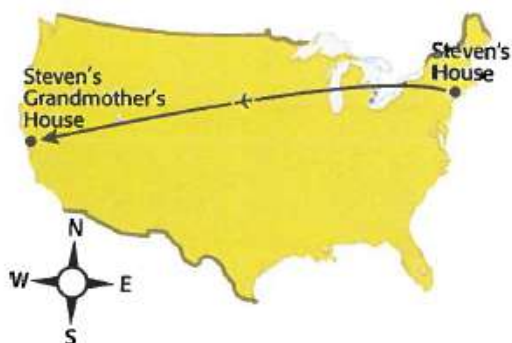
The invention of the telegraph changed life in America by making it possible to —

- A send messages over wires from one place to another
- B move goods and people from coast to coast
- C produce batches of textiles at a faster pace
- D record sounds and play them back aloud

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Use this map to answer the next question.

Steven's Trip



On a visit to the coast of California, Steven will see the —

- A Atlantic Ocean
- B Arctic Ocean
- C Indian Ocean
- D Pacific Ocean

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"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

This statement defends a person's constitutional right to —

- A vote
- B bear arms
- C control the media
- D free speech

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Doctors, mail carriers, and teachers all provide —

- A goods
- B products
- C services
- D capital