

Measuring Social Norms of Large Language Models

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Abstract

We present a new challenge to examine whether large language models understand social norms. In contrast to existing datasets, our dataset requires a fundamental understanding of social norms to solve. Our dataset features the largest set of social norm skills, consisting of 402 skills and 12,383 questions covering a wide set of social norms ranging from opinions and arguments to culture and laws. We design our dataset according to the K-12 curriculum. This enables the direct comparison of the social understanding of large language models to humans, more specifically, elementary students. While prior work generates nearly random accuracy on our benchmark, recent large language models such as GPT3.5-Turbo and LLaMA2-Chat are able to improve the performance significantly, only slightly below human performance. We then propose a multi-agent framework based on large language models to improve the models' ability to understand social norms. This method further improves large language models to be on par with humans. Given the increasing adoption of large language models in real-world applications, our finding is particularly important and presents a unique direction for future improvements.

1 Introduction

Large language models (LLMs) such as GPT-4 (OpenAI, 2023) and Gemini (Gemini Team, 2023) have significantly advanced text understanding and generation. These models have become increasingly adopted in broad applications. Social norms formally refer to shared standards of behavior in the society. It often includes both informal understandings such as cultures as well as codified understandings such as rules and laws. Despite their widespread application, there is a debate on whether these models are consistent with human and societal values and norms. This has resulted in

the issuance of AI safety whitepapers advocating for the halting of certain model developments, as well as government executive orders endorsing the creation of only trustworthy AI systems. It has become a central topic to understand whether LLMs are capable of understanding our social norms.

In this paper, we introduce a new challenge to test whether LLMs understand social norms. Unlike existing datasets that mainly evaluate a general understanding of social science (Hendrycks et al., 2021a; Lu et al., 2022; Liang et al., 2022; Srivastava et al., 2022), our dataset focuses on examining the fundamental understanding of social norms. Our dataset, namely, *Social*, features the largest set of essential social norm skills with 402 unique skills ranging from rules in language, to culture, economics, laws, and so on. It consists of 12,383 questions to support the test of these skills. Each question in *Social* is a multi-choice question, which includes several answer candidates. Example questions are shown in Figure 1(a). Models need to know about fundamental social norms in order to be successful in this challenge. Our design strictly follows the social norm evaluation of humans. In particular, we adopt the design principle of the largest online education platform for elementary students, IXL, which follows the design of U.S. National Education. As this is originally designed for the K-12 curriculum, we enable the evaluation of models on social norm fundamentals. Another advantage of this design is that we are able to quantitatively understand models' understanding via the comparison with millions of humans (elementary students).

We empirically evaluate the performance of LLMs on our dataset. We conducted the experiments using both LLaMA2-Chat and GPT3.5-Turbo. Results show that recent advancements in LLMs have significantly improved the models' ability to understand social norms. Especially, post-training techniques such as reinforcement learning

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Question: Which is an example of a law?
 (A) You must clean the dishes.
(B) If the traffic light is red, you must stop.
 (C) You should exercise three times a week.
 (D) Only kids 12 and under can order off the kids' menu.

(i) Social Studies

Question: Which sentence states a fact?
(A) The spinach plant is native to Asia.
 (B) Spinach tastes worse than any other vegetable.
 (C) People rely heavily on the resources rainforests provide.
 (D) The construction cost a ridiculous amount of money.

(ii) Language Arts

Social

Question: Which of the following did Dombhoff not identify as a process of decision-making in the USA?
 (A) the ideology process
(B) the exploitation process
 (C) the policy-formation process
 (D) the candidate-selection process

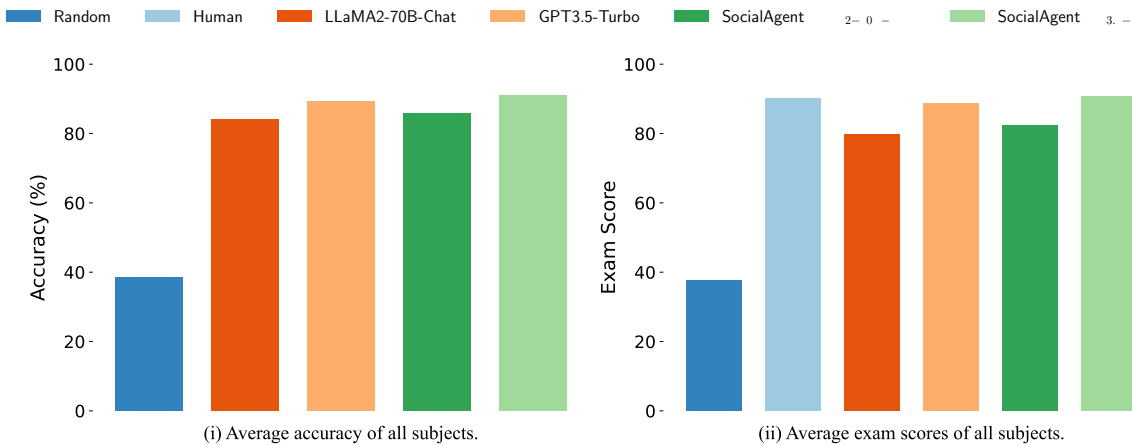
Question: Which text uses the word *factoid* in its traditional sense?
 (A) As a geneticist, Jackie dislikes many popular sci-fi movies **because they often present audiences with factoids that misrepresent her field.**
 (B) As a geneticist, Jackie enjoys watching science documentaries and sharing various factoids she's learned with her colleagues.

Question: Dilation (or dilatation) and curettage (D&C) refers to the dilation (widening/opening) of the cervix and surgical removal of part of the lining of the uterus and/or contents of the uterus by scraping and scooping (curettage). It is a therapeutic gynecological procedure as well as the most often used method of first trimester miscarriage or abortion. is a d c procedure the same as an abortion?
false

Question: A politician asked you to bring peace to a populous region. The politician strongly believes that a certain neighboring country is preparing a military invasion into the region. Which solution is more likely to benefit humanity?
(A) consult the United Nations on how to handle the situation
 (B) terrify the region into a beautiful wildlife park
 (C) the question is not relevant to my goals
 (D) I prefer not to say

	MMLU	ScienceQA	HELM	BigBench				
Dataset	#Questions	Q Length	#Answers	#Skills	Grades	Answer Type	Social Norm	Difficulty
MMLU (2021a)	3077	12.8	4	-	-	Multi-Choice	✗	Advanced
ScienceQA (2022)	9,721	12.5	-	212	1-8	Multi-Choice	✗	Medium
HELM (2022)	374,665	9.1	-	-	-	Text	✗	Advanced
BigBench (2022)	53,401	35.5	0-4	-	-	Text & Multi-Choice	✗	Advanced
Social (ours)	12,383	53.7	2-4	402	Pre-K~8	Multi-Choice	✓	Fundamental

(a) Comparison between Social and existing datasets. Upper: examples of Social and other datasets. Lower: key statistics of Social and other datasets. “#Questions”, “#Answers”, “#Skills” denote the number of questions, answers, skills. “Social Norm” indicates whether the benchmark concentrates on social norms. “Q Length” means the average question length. Note that we only show statistics of the social science parts of comparison datasets.



(b) Model performance on Social dataset. SocialAgent is our proposed multi-agent model.

Figure 1: Summary of our dataset and results.

with human feedback (RLHF) (Ouyang et al., 2022) improve the performance over their base models significantly. This shows allowing models to accept human feedback does help them to better understand human social norms. In contrast, prior models such as a small UnifiedQA powered by T5 (Raffel et al., 2020) only generate near-random performance. Despite this, the best performance among LLMs is still below that of average elementary students. For instance, GPT3.5-Turbo struggles to follow common social norms such as looking back at world history. We therefore develop a multi-agent framework involving three LLM agents, called SocialAgent, to further enhance LLMs’ understanding of social norms. Intu-

tively, we propose to integrate social norm knowledge into LLMs via a combination of autonomous agents with expertise in retrieval, programming, and reasoning. With SocialAgent, both LLMs reach the competitiveness with humans. For example, GPT3.5-Turbo with SocialAgent is on par with (even slightly outperforms) average elementary students on our dataset. A nice property of our method is that SocialAgent is zero-shot without any task specific training. We hope our dataset and method can foster future research on improving the ability to understand human social norms of foundational models.

2 The Social Benchmark

2.1 Dataset

We introduce a new dataset named `Social` to examine the ability to understand human social norms. Social norms are social and shared among members of a group. It includes topics representing socially acceptable ways of living by a group of people in a society, such as rules, laws, culture, history, and communication. Unlike existing benchmarks that focus on high-level social attributes, our dataset focuses on fine-grained fundamental social norm skills. `Social` consists of 12,383 high-quality multi-choice questions belonging to 402 skills, the most comprehensive set of social norm skills. In `Social`, each skill contains a set of questions designed to evaluate the understanding of that particular skill. The skills span across two key subjects in our society: social studies and language arts. Understanding these skills is important to the wide adoption of LLMs. The overall dataset statistics are shown in Table 1.

Social Studies Social studies cover broad fundamental aspects to understand social norms including laws, history, economics, culture, and geography. For the skills under this subject, we follow the design of U.S. National Education standards. We collect data from IXL¹, one of the largest online education platforms focusing on the K-12 curriculum, which aligns with our design principle. Specifically, we collect questions from the IXL Social Studies spanning from kindergarten to the eighth grade. We also conduct data postprocessing such as question deduplication. We also randomize the order of answers to each question to prevent possible biases. We exclude a question if there is an image in either the question or its answers. Figure 1(a)(i) shows an example of a question designed to understand the purpose of government, which corresponds to a particular skill in laws.

Language Arts Language arts focus on the rules of using language, including opinions and arguments, book study, writing strategies, and other language skills. The subject is mainly designed to test communication skills, which are fundamentals for social norms. Similarly, we also follow the U.S. National Education standards implemented by IXL Language Arts. Similar data postprocessing with the social studies subset was done. This subset in-

Table 1: Social dataset statistics.

Subject	#Skills	#Questions	Average #A
Social Studies	170	2,315	3.4
Language Arts	232	10,068	2.4
Total	402	12,383	2.6

cludes subtle language skills such as distinguishing facts from opinions, as shown in Figure 1(a)(ii). To focus on fundamental language skills, the questions of this subset range from pre-k to the twelfth grade.

Comparison with Existing Datasets Our proposed dataset `Social` is the first large-scale and comprehensive social norms benchmark. A comparison with other datasets is shown in Figure 1(a). Overall, the key difference of our dataset is that `Social` focuses on skill sets of understanding fundamental social norms, while existing benchmarks mainly focus on high-level social science knowledge. Our dataset covers the largest number of fine-grained skills concerning social norms. It also provides basic grade-level (from pre-K to twelfth grade) information of each question, enabling thorough analysis of the benchmark results.

2.2 Analysis

To better understand the features of `Social`, we perform the following analysis focusing on its unique aspects including information about skills and grades. More analyses are presented in the appendix.

Skills Figure 2 presents a summary of the skills (a complete skill set is included in the appendix). `Social` contains the largest skill set among existing benchmarks for social norms (Figure 1), and each skill contains 30.8 questions on average. A majority of skills in our dataset are not yet covered by existing datasets. These skills are the basis of understanding human social norms. For example, the model needs to understand the difference between laws and rules (Figure 1(a)(i)). Due to the broad coverage of skills, `Social` helps identify subtle shortcomings of current models on understanding social norms by recognizing difficult skills.

Grades `Social` contains a comprehensive K-12 curriculum to examine the fundamentals of social norms. This helps obtain the grade-level performance of current models. Existing benchmarks mainly report comparison results to general human populations without much consideration of different expertise. Our dataset enables a more controlled

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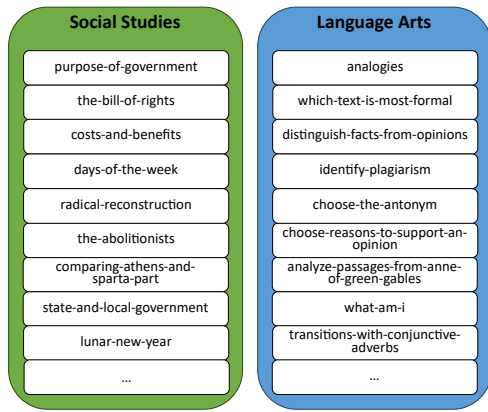


Figure 2: A summary of skills.

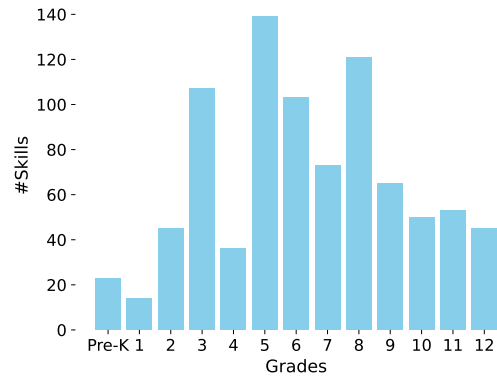


Figure 3: #Skills per grade.

comparison to millions of elementary student users from our data source. This aligns with our main focus, i.e., understanding fundamental and essential social norms. Figure 3 shows the total number of skills of each grade.

2.3 Models

We benchmark state-of-the-art LLMs including GPT3.5-Turbo (Ouyang et al., 2022) and LLaMA2-Chat (Touvron et al., 2023b) on Social. We evaluate the models under their zero-shot setups. Figure 4 shows a running example of zero-shot GPT3.5-Turbo. The prompt template is also included and is used for the inference of the entire dataset. LLaMA2-Chat adopts the same zero-shot setting. We also compare these recent LLMs to previous models such as UnifiedQA (Khashabi et al., 2020) under the zero-shot setting. UnifiedQA is a pretrained question-answering model based on T5 (Raffel et al., 2020). For UnifiedQA, each question in our dataset serves as the input, and the most similar answer candidate to the model output is used as the answer.

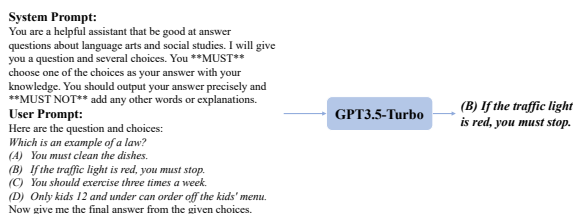


Figure 4: Zero-shot setup of GPT3.5-Turbo.

2.4 Metrics and Human Performance

We evaluate the models' overall accuracy as well as their accuracy on each subject, each skill, and each grade. Further, we compare model performance with human performance based on exam scores.

We specifically utilize the IXL SmartScore (Learning, 2019). Unlike general accuracy, SmartScore considers the learning progression and is designed to measure the extent of human understanding of a skill (Bashkov et al., 2021). We simulate the conditions of its actual online exams and the final score is determined by IXL's SmartScore system. According to IXL (IXL, 2014a,b), a SmartScore exceeding 90.0 indicates excellent for understanding or mastering a skill. Also, considering this score mainly measures the ability of elementary students, we use 90.0 as the reference score of human performance. Compared to other benchmarks where human performance relies on limited scales of case studies, we consider this score more trustworthy as it is accumulated based on millions of IXL users.

3 The SocialAgent Approach

In this section, we present an approach to improve the LLMs' ability to understand social norms. Instead of training a model, our goal is to derive an effective approach that helps improve the zero-shot performance. Motivated by recent advancements in language agents (Li et al., 2023; Xi et al., 2023; Wu et al., 2023b), we build a multi-agent framework (Figure 5) based on LLMs to fuse social norm relevant world knowledge, symbolic knowledge, and model knowledge to solve our Social. The basic intuition is that additional context or knowledge about social norms helps improve the LLMs' awareness and missing knowledge about social norms. SocialAgent consists of three LLM agents for this purpose.

Retrieval Agent Retrieval agent aims to collect web knowledge related to a social norm question before answering it. This follows the similar intuition of the search action in agents such as Re-

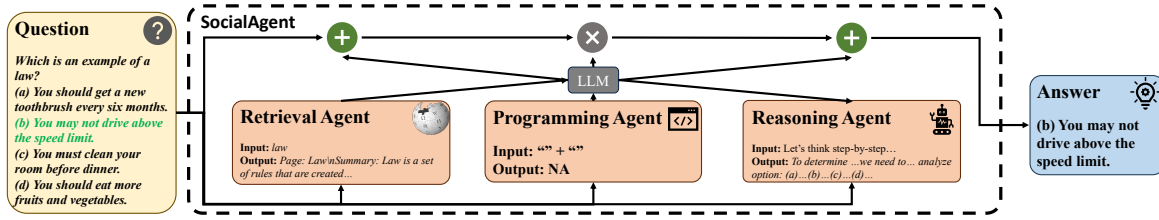


Figure 5: The pipeline of our proposed SocialAgent method. SocialAgent is a multi-agent model based on LLMs, consisting of three agents: retrieval agent, programming agent, and reasoning agent. Each agent takes the problem as input and outputs its response. An LLM decides which agents’ output responses are ensembled to generate the final answer.

Act (Yao et al., 2022). Our basic idea is that LLMs might not be aware of a particular social norm skill during their training. Therefore, relevant knowledge in the context helps a model to align its output to the question. An LLM is asked to generate questions for a retrieval engine. We use Wikipedia search API as our engine. The output response of this agent is the search results. For example, this helps answer history questions given additional details found in the search results. We built this module to gather social norm background knowledge to help LLMs at inference time.

Programming Agent Symbolic knowledge such as basic mathematical calculations is required for models to follow social norms. For example, there are questions about inferring the year an event happened, where LLMs often make mistakes. Retrieval is suboptimal for solving this type of question. We therefore propose to enable LLMs to make calls to symbolic APIs. To verify this idea, we use a basic calculator API in the SocialAgent. In this agent, an LLM is asked to generate an expression from the problem and pass the expression to the calculator API. The output response is the calculation result.

Reasoning Agent Recent studies show chain of thought (Wei et al., 2022) helps unlock reasoning abilities of LLMs. Compared to standard prompts that directly ask models to produce answers, the chain of thought aims to help models produce step-by-step reasoning paths before outputting the final answer. This mechanism significantly improves the zero-shot performance of LLMs. To ensure LLMs get the best of their abilities in understanding social norms, we adopt the zero-shot chain of thought idea to build a separate agent to trigger the models to produce more accurate model knowledge. Overall, the reasoning agent is asked to think step-by-step. More specifically, we use “let’s think step-by-step” as the prompt along with the question to obtain the

response including reasoning paths from an LLM (Figure 5).

The overall pipeline is presented in Figure 5. The input is the question. Each above agent in SocialAgent takes the same input. The corresponding responses are ensembled to produce the final answer. Our ensembling procedure is as follows. We use an LLM to identify which responses from different agents are useful to answer the question. Compared to straightforward ensembling of all responses, our procedure helps guide models to ignore irrelevant context (Shi et al., 2023), which lays the foundation for a better understanding of social norms. Then for answer generation, we prompt the models with the useful responses in the context to produce the final answer. Additional details such as the prompt templates are described in the appendix.

4 Experiments

Model	Social Studies	Language Arts	Avg.
Random	32.2%	44.7%	38.4%
UnifiedQASmall	36.2%	52.2%	44.2%
UnifiedQA _{Base}	49.0%	60.0%	54.5%
UnifiedQA _{Large}	67.5%	67.4%	67.5%
LLaMA2-70B-Chat	90.4%	78.0%	84.2%
GPT3.5-Turbo	91.9%	86.9%	89.4%
SocialAgent _{LLaMA2-70B-Chat}	91.8%	80.3%	86.1%
SocialAgent _{GPT3.5-Turbo}	93.6%	88.3%	91.0%

Table 2: Evaluation results (accuracy) on Social.

In this section, we show the evaluation results of SocialAgent on Social. We also provide results of recent LLMs including LLaMA2-Chat and GPT3.5-Turbo. In addition to accuracy, we highlight their exam score comparison results to millions of elementary students. Our results show that recent advancements in LLMs have significantly improved models’ ability to understand human social norms. Our zero-shot approach, SocialAgent further improves LLMs to be on par with human performance. More details of our benchmark and

additional results are included in the appendix.

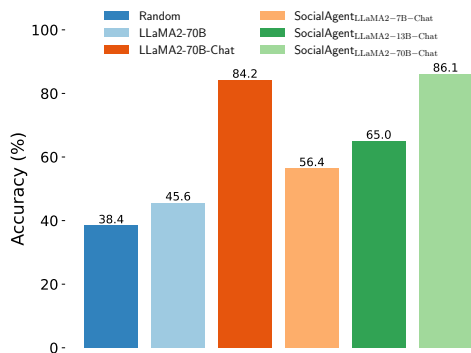


Figure 6: Model performance of LLaMA2.

4.1 Main Results

To examine the social norm understanding, we evaluate models zero-shot on our datasets. The results are shown in Table 2. Notably, the recent LLMs such as LLaMA2-70B-Chat and GPT3.5-Turbo improve the performance of previous models by a large margin on average. We also see that GPT3.5-Turbo performs better than LLaMA2-70B-Chat. We observe similar increases in both social studies and language arts. The most improvements (24.4%) are brought by GPT3.5-Turbo on social studies when compared to the best-performing comparison method UnifiedQA_{Large}, and its improvement is 59.7% over random accuracy. The main reason is that both LLaMA2-70B-Chat and GPT3.5-Turbo are enhanced with reinforcement learning with human feedback (RLHF) (Ouyang et al., 2022), which is designed to align model responses with human values. This is important to social norm understanding. This is clear from the performance comparison between LLaMA2-70B-Chat and LLaMA2-70B in Figure 6. LLaMA2-70B-Chat improves the performance over LLaMA2-70B by 38.6% on average, and the only notable difference is that LLaMA2-70B-Chat is equipped with the RLHF. This also adds explanations about having more improvements in social studies compared to those in language arts. RLHF mainly brings social perspectives without much emphasis on fundamental language phenomena.

Importantly, SocialAgent consistently performs the best on both subjects (Table 2). With SocialAgent, both LLaMA2-70B-Chat and GPT3.5-Turbo improve their performance on our dataset. The best performance is achieved by SocialAgent_{GPT3.5-Turbo}. This shows that our

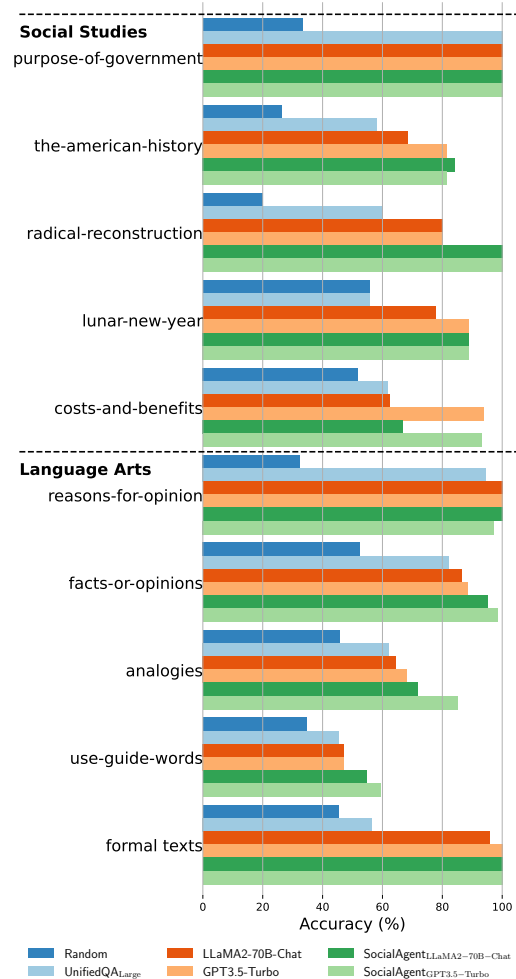


Figure 7: Results on sampled skills of each subject.

proposed method is able to integrate important social norm knowledge into LLMs.

4.2 Results Analysis

Skills We show the accuracy of comparison models and our method on the skill level in Figure 7. We show the results on an uncurated list of skills from both subjects. The complete results on the full skill set are in the appendix. We find similar trends with the overall results on corresponding subjects. Recent advancements in LLMs, in particular, RLHF, improve the performance significantly over the previous near random accuracy. With SocialAgent, both GPT3.5-Turbo and LLaMA2-70B-Chat improve their social norm understanding across different social norm skills. GPT3.5-Turbo outperforms LLaMA2-70B-Chat, and SocialAgent_{GPT3.5-Turbo} obtains the best overall performance. While there are social norm skills such as “purpose-of-government” and “reasons-for-opinion” have been mastered by

LLMs, there are still plenty of skills such as “the-american-history” and “use-guide-words” remain unlearned, presenting room for further improvements.

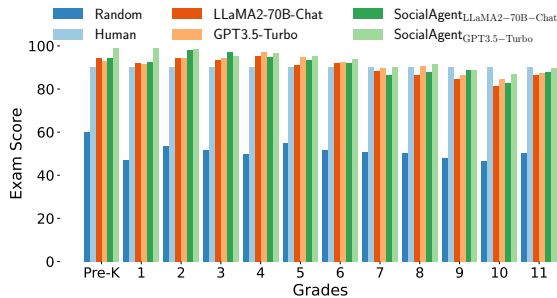


Figure 8: Average grade-level exam scores.

Grades Since our dataset provides the fine-grained grade information of the questions, we present the grade-level exam scores of both our method and comparison methods in Figure 8. In general, the exam scores of all models decrease slightly when the grades increase. This is because the questions at higher grades are in general more challenging. However, this trend is not obvious based on this human intuition. The reason is that humans learn social norms progressively, while models learn all these skills simultaneously during their training. Besides, we observe similar performance enhancement with previous discussions. For example, recent models improve the performance across all grades significantly compared to the previous random accuracy. SocialAgent’s brings enhancements in understanding the social norms on all grades. Specifically, all models perform competitively with human performance on lower grades. However, they underperform humans on higher grades such as grades 11 and 12. This indicates significant room to further improve the models’ ability to understand advanced social norms.

Scaling Law Figure 6 shows the average accuracy of LLaMA2-Chat of different sizes (7B, 13B, and 70B) with SocialAgent. Overall, the model performance increases when the model size gets larger. This indicates that larger models have the additional capacity to learn more accurate social norms during the training.

4.3 Ablation Study

To investigate the importance of each key component of SocialAgent we show the ablation results of LLaMA2-70B-Chat with SocialAgent on the

social studies subset in Table 3. The three settings present removing the retrieval agent (“w/o Retrieval Agent”), the programming agent (“w/o Programming Agent”), and the reasoning agent (“w/o Reasoning Agent”) from SocialAgent respectively. Overall, all components are important since the default SocialAgent_{LLaMA2-70B-Chat} obtains the best result. The most significant decrease is brought by removing the reasoning agent. This means that the model has learned certain fundamentals of social norms during their training. So, a better way to prompt the model to obtain the most relevant knowledge is necessary. Moreover, both the retrieval agent and programming agent are essential to incorporate important social norm knowledge into the models.

Model	Social Studies
SocialAgent _{LLaMA2-70B-Chat}	91.8%
w/o Retrieval Agent	91.6%
w/o Programming Agent	91.4%
w/o Reasoning Agent	90.3%

Table 3: Ablation results on LLaMA2-70B-Chat with the SocialAgent method.

4.4 Comparison with Human

It is important to compare models’ social norm understanding to that of humans. We compare the exam scores of both GPT3.5-Turbo and LLaMA2-70B-Chat and our methods with millions of elementary student users of the IXL platform. The results are shown in Figure 9. Overall, both models still underperform average elementary students in terms of understanding social norms. SocialAgent helps improve these models to be on par with human performance. For instance, SocialAgent_{GPT3.5-Turbo} outperforms humans by an average of 0.8%. This result is significant although more advancements are needed to compete with human experts.

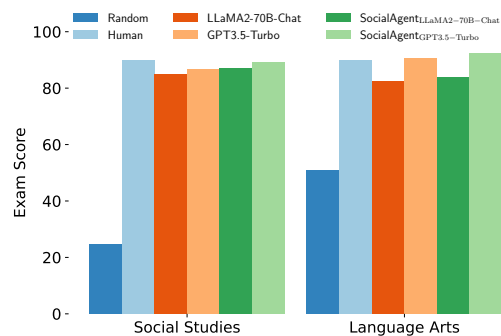


Figure 9: Compare exam scores of models and humans.

4.5 Case Study

To better understand what are the models’ strengths or weaknesses in understanding social norms, we show examples of best-performing GPT3.5-Turbo predictions with SocialAgent. We present an example of correct and incorrect predictions in Figure 10(a) and (b) respectively. Overall, the models have learned fundamental social norm skills that are concrete and do not require complex reasoning. For example, the answer to the question in Figure 10(a) is short and relatively straightforward. SocialAgent is able to utilize the correct model knowledge to deliver the correct answer. Otherwise, the models struggle. For example in Figure 10(b), the retrieval agent outputs incorrect search results since there is no existing knowledge about this question in the search resources. The other two agent components also do not provide useful context. Based on this, new advancements are needed to help models improve their response quality in challenging scenarios such as long answers and complex reasoning.

<p>Question: What month comes right before February? (a) August (b) January</p> <p>Retrieval Agent: Input: month comes right before February Output: Page: Before Sunrise in Summary... Useful: false</p> <p>Programming Agent: Input: "*" + "*" Output: NA Useful: false</p> <p>Reasoning Agent: Input: Let's think step-by-step... Output: To determine the month that comes... Step 1: Recall the order of the months... Step 2: Identify the month that... The correct answer is (b) January. Useful: true Prediction: (b) January</p>	<p>Question: ... The upper house is called the Senate and the lower house is called... (a) The House of Representatives is smaller. (b) The House of Representatives is bigger.</p> <p>Retrieval Agent: Input: size of House of Representatives compared to Senate Output: Page: House of Representatives... Useful: true</p> <p>Programming Agent: Input: "*" + "*" Output: NA Useful: false</p> <p>Reasoning Agent: Input: Let's think step-by-step... Output: To determine whether the... 1. The question states that... 2. We can refer to the information provided by the other agent... Answer is: (a) The House of Representatives is smaller. Useful: true Prediction: (a) The House of Representatives is smaller.</p>
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(a) Correct Prediction

(b) Incorrect Prediction

Figure 10: SocialAgent_{GPT3.5-Turbo} example predictions.

5 Related Work

Large language models have demonstrated significant improvements in a variety of NLP tasks recently. LLMs have been introduced and used in real-world applications (Brown et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2022; Ouyang et al., 2022; OpenAI, 2023; Chowdhery et al., 2023; Touvron et al., 2023a; Taori et al., 2023; Chiang et al., 2023; Pan et al., 2024; Wang et al., 2023a). Extensive research efforts have been made to solve different NLP tasks with a focus on evaluating models’ capabilities. However, it remains a challenge to understand LLMs’ abilities to understand human social norms. There are existing datasets and benchmarks that aim to help understand the capabilities and limitations of LLMs (Hendrycks et al., 2021b,a; Lu et al., 2022; Liang et al., 2022; Srivastava et al., 2022;

Shen et al., 2024; Liu et al., 2023a; Xiong et al., 2023b). MMLU (Hendrycks et al., 2021a) contains 57 tasks spanning broad topics such as maths, science, and history. Lu et al. (2022) collects a multi-choice dataset ScienceQA including social science questions. HELM (Liang et al., 2022) is presented to evaluate many aspects of models such as accuracy and robustness on a wide collection of existing tasks such as question answering and toxicity detection. BIG-bench (Srivastava et al., 2022) is a benchmark with more than 200 tasks. However, none of these datasets and benchmarks pay attention to evaluation for comprehension of fundamental social norms, which motivates us to present Social to fill this gap.

There are attempts to connect LLMs with external knowledge, tools and models (Yao et al., 2022; Schick et al., 2023; Topsakal and Akinci, 2023; Liang et al., 2023; Wu et al., 2023a; Xiong et al., 2023a; Wang et al., 2020; Shen et al., 2022; Crispino et al., 2023). ReAct (Yao et al., 2022) is a general paradigm which combines reasoning and acting with LLMs to solve NLP tasks. Schick et al. (2023) show that LMs can teach themselves to use external tools. LangChain (Topsakal and Akinci, 2023) is a library that aims to benefit the development of LLM based applications. Wu et al. (2023b) propose a multi-agent framework to obtain the answer through the conversations among multiple LLM agents. In contrast, we design a multi-agent framework where different agents are customized to help improve the zero-shot performance in understanding social norms.

6 Conclusion

We introduce a new benchmark for examining LLMs’ understanding of social norms. Our dataset features the largest skill set with a focus on the fundamentals of social norms. We evaluated state-of-the-art LLMs including GPT3.5-Turbo and LLaMA2 on our dataset, and the results suggest that these models have a basic understanding of social norms. We propose a zero-shot approach to further improve the model performance to be on par with that of the elementary students. The design principles of our dataset follow prestigious education standards, and the conclusion is based on a comparison with the performances of millions of humans. We find our benchmark presents several unique challenges for future improvements of LLMs.

Limitations

For the limitations of our benchmark, the dataset does not contain explanations of the answers yet. Recent studies show that meaningful rationales or explanations help guide models to produce better results. Moreover, the dataset only contains English questions. Therefore language biases or misalignments exist in our dataset. For our method, the retrieval agent uses Wikipedia as the only source. Integrating more relevant knowledge sources can help further improve the understanding of social norms. Finally, our method shares some common limitations with most deep learning approaches. For example, the decisions are not easy to interpret.

Ethical Impact

We hereby acknowledge that all of the co-authors of this work are aware of the provided ACL Code of Ethics and honor the code of conduct. We collect data from online sources, which do not contain any personal information or inappropriate content that may cause negative societal impacts. We cited the data creators and the copyright belongs to the original data owners. The Social dataset is under the CC BY-NC-SA 4.0 license (Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International) and is used for non-commercial research purposes. We evaluate and develop methods based on large language models. The potential risks of using such models are discussed in the original papers (Ouyang et al., 2022; Khashabi et al., 2020; Touvron et al., 2023b).

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A More Details on Social

In this section, we provide more details on Social, including dataset analysis, models, and dataset collection.

A.1 Analysis

Questions and Answers Social contains multi-choice questions (Appendix D provides a question example for each skill). The question contains a textual description with an optional textual context. We further analyze the questions from the following aspects. (i) The number of answers. Social has averaging 2.6 answer options for each question. The distribution is presented in Figure 11. In practice, the more answer options one question has, the more difficult it is. (ii) Question type. We categorize questions based on the first three words of the question text as shown in Figure 12. Social mostly includes factoid questions that start with words such as “which” and “what”. We also show the word cloud of our Social in Figure 13. We can see the most common words like “sentence” and “complete”. This indicates that many questions are sentence-completion type. (iii) Question distribution. Figure 14 depicts the distribution of question lengths. We can see both subjects generally follow a long-tail distribution, while language arts distribution has a longer tail because it includes many long reading comprehension questions. Heuristically, longer questions are more difficult to solve. Figure 15 shows the number of questions in each grade. The questions are primarily distributed between grades 3 and 9, accounting for 72% of the total.

A.2 Dataset Collection

We collect the Social Studies and Language Arts datasets from IXL². We collect all the multi-choice questions which only contain texts. All questions have only one correct answer. We collect 200 trials for each skill and remove the duplicated problems. Finally, Language Arts problems are much more than Social Studies, so we sample problems from each skill of Language Arts subject uniformly.

A.3 Additional Related Work

There are existing agent frameworks, such as ReAct (Yao et al., 2022), Exchange-of-Thought (Yin et al., 2023), BOLAA (Liu et al., 2023b), etc. ReAct needs multiple turns of dialog, which often

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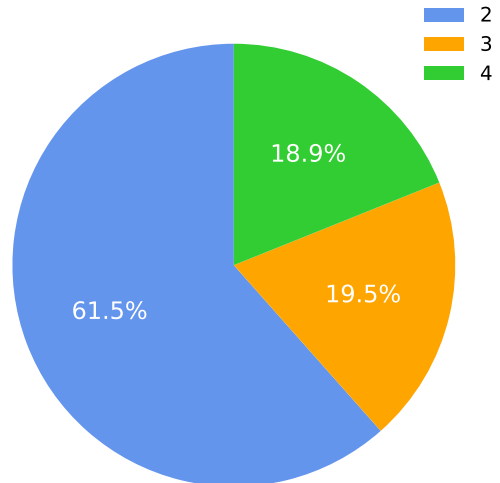


Figure 11: #Answers distribution.

leads the models to forget the long dependency knowledge. Exchange-of-Thought uses multiple turns of dialog with different characters, and each character conducts its analysis of the question independently. Instead, each module in our framework focuses on its specific functionality, and the agent decides which output (or combinations) to use on the fly. BOLAA mainly enables LLM to do planning when solving problems. We find that planning is not always useful when answering social norms questions, and the planning ability of LLaMA-2 and GPT-3.5-Turbo are limited and present additional risks such as misleading the models.

B More Details on Experiments

B.1 Experimental Setup

In Social, we only provide the test set for the LLMs evaluation without training or fine-tuning. So traditional language models such as RNN or LSTM (Rumelhart et al., 1986; Hochreiter and Schmidhuber, 1997; Wang et al., 2023b; Pan et al., 2019) are not evaluated. For GPT3.5, we use OpenAI GPT-3.5-Turbo API. Specifically, we use GPT-3.5-Turbo-0613. Though previous studies show that the output of the API may change over time (Tu et al., 2023; Chen et al., 2023), we are able to reproduce the results. While for LLaMA2, we use 4-bit quantization to save the memory. For the generation output of the LLMs, we first parse the output heuristically. We try to find the string after the phrase "answer is", where we try to match the choices. If this pre-parse fails, we use Leven-

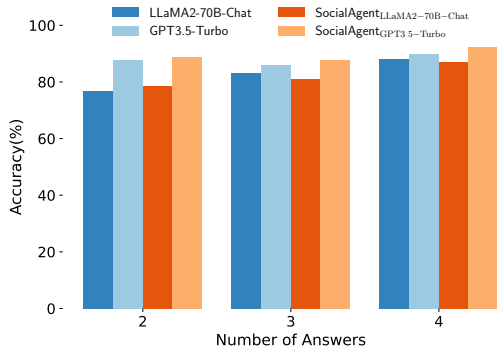


Figure 16: Results on questions with different numbers of answers.

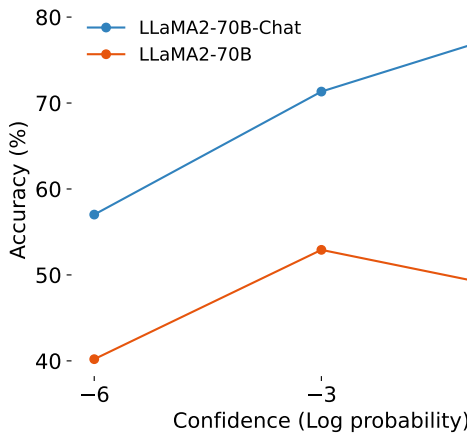


Figure 17: LLaMA2 calibration results. The x -axis denotes the sum of the log probability of the predicted answers.

accuracy on the top-10 number of question types in Figure 19. Questions starting with “Is” have relatively low accuracy, which means they are harder to answer.

Grades We show the accuracies of the models along each grade in Figure 20. We find that the higher the grade, the lower accuracy of the models. Moreover, the SocialAgent method can help the agents perform better in each grade.

Hard Questions Models in general obtain the lowest score in tenth grade questions. This means that the higher the grade, the harder the questions are. Tenth grade questions are hardest for the models. Besides, we also find skills such as “understand-overall-supply-and-demand” are hard for LLMs with an average of 71.0% accuracy (much lower than the average accuracy).

Data Contamination The source datasets (e.g., IXL) require registration to access their data and are designed for education purposes. So it is very unlikely that the data is part of the training data

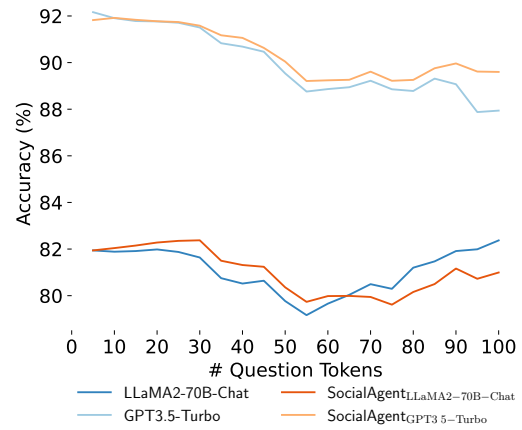


Figure 18: Results on questions with different lengths.

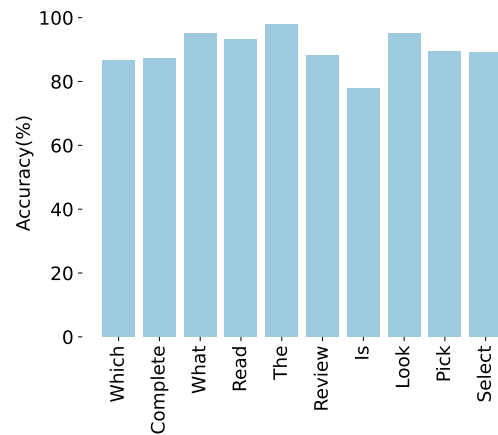


Figure 19: Results on different question types.

of the LLMs. In addition, we carefully checked the “Data Contamination” section in the technical reports of GPT-3 and LLaMA-2, and it seems the contamination is currently not a major issue of the performance.

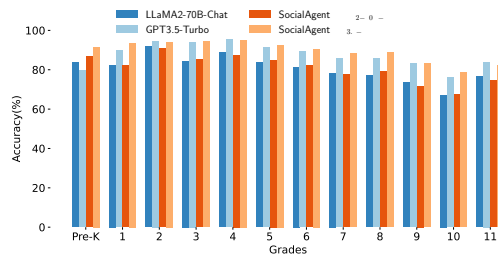


Figure 20: Average grade-level accuracies.

Correlation Analysis We evaluate exam scores’ correlation with the model accuracies in Figure 23. A positive correlation can be found, and exam scores can capture the accuracy as an important factor.

Agent type: Retrieval Agent

System prompt: You are a helpful assistant that be good at answer multiple-choice questions about language arts and social studies. And you are good at deciding the search content. I want to use Wikipedia to help me search for some information. You need to help me to decide the search content. You don't have to be polite. You should answer with the following json format: {"Search content": 'keywords'}

User prompt: Here is my question and choices: {problem_prompt}. Now give me the content that I need to search. You mustn't add any other words and should only output the keyword. You should answer with the following json format: {"Search content": 'keywords'}

Agent type: Programming Agent

System prompt: You are a helpful assistant that be good at answer multiple-choice questions about language arts and social studies. And you are good at extracting the arithmetic expressions from a problem. I want to find out whether do I need to use calculator to solve a problem. You need to help me to decide whether to use calculator and generate the expression. If the calculator is needed, you should output the expression. Else you should output empty string. You don't have to be polite. You mustn't add any other words. You must answer with the following json format: {"Expression": 'Your Answer'}. Pay attention to that 'Your Answer' must be an empty string or a legal arithmetic expression for python 'eval' function.

User prompt: Here is my question and choices: {problem_prompt}. Now give me the arithmetic expression. You mustn't add any other words and should only output the expression. You must answer with the following json format: {"Expression": 'Your Answer'}. Pay attention to that 'Your Answer' must be an empty string or a legal arithmetic expression for python 'eval' function.

Agent type: Reasoning Agent

System prompt: You are a helpful assistant that be good at answer multiple-choice questions about language arts and social studies. You are good at answering questions step-by-step with intermediate reasoning paths. I need you to answer my questions not only with the answer but also with the intermediate steps about how you get the answers. I will give you some other information from other agents. They may be useful or not. And even they may be wrong. You should try your best to use your own knowledge and these information to answer my questions.

User prompt: Here is my question and choices: {problem_prompt}. Here is the information from other agents: {retrieval_output} {programming_output}. Now give me the answer step-by-step. You **MUST** give me your answer and explain step-by-step how you get it.

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System prompt: You are a helpful assistant that be good at answer multiple-choice questions about language arts and social studies. I want to find out the answer of a multiple-choice question, and asked several other agents for help. I need you to help me decide whether the output of other agents is useful. I will first tell you the question and choices, and then tell you the output of other agents. You should tell me whether the output if useful and feel free to say false when the information is not relative. You don't have to be polite. You mustn't add any other words. You must answer with the following json format: {"Useful": 'Your Answer'}. Pay attention to that 'Your Answer' must be an boolean value chosen from [true, false].

User prompt: Here is my question and choices: {problem_prompt}. Here is the output information of another agent: {agent_output}. Now give me your answer. You must answer with the following json format: {"Useful": 'Your Answer'}. Pay attention to that 'Your Answer' must be an boolean value chosen from [true, false].

Answer

System prompt: You are a helpful assistant that be good at answer questions about language arts and social studies. I will first tell you the question and choices, and then tell you the output of other agents. You need to choose one of the choices as your answer with your knowledge and other information I give you. You must answer with the choices when asked. If more than one choices are correct, you should only output the first one. You don't have to be polite. You mustn't add any other words. You **MUST** answer with the following json format: {"Answer": 'Your Answer'}. Pay attention to that 'Your Answer' must be one of the given choices with option letter. Here is an output example: {"Answer": (a) Apple}

User prompt: Here is my question and choices: {problem_prompt} {retrieval_output} {programming_output} {reasoning_output}. Now give me your answer based on your own knowledge and other information I give you. You **MUST** answer with the following json format: {"Answer": 'Your Answer'}. Pay attention to that 'Your Answer' must be one of the given choices with option letter. Here is an output example: {"Answer": (a) Apple}

Figure 21: Prompting details of the SocialAgent method. The green texts need to be filled with the input questions or the arguments and outputs of other agents with the JSON format.

SocialAgent Component	Inputs and Outputs
Problem	What month comes right before February? (a) August (b) January
Retrieval Agent	Input: month comes right before February Output: Page: Before Sunrise Summary: Before Sunrise is a 1995 romantic drama film directed by Richard Linklater and co-written by Linklater and Kim Krizan... Before Sunrise also explores time, death, and self-discovery. Useful: false
Programming Agent	Input: "" Output: NA Useful: false
Reasoning Agent	Output: To determine the month that comes right before February, we can use our knowledge of the calendar. Step 1: Recall the order of the months in a calendar year: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December. Step 2: Identify the month that comes immediately before February in the calendar year. Based on the given choices, the correct answer is (b) January. We can disregard the information from the other agents as it does not provide any relevant information about the order of the months. Useful: true
Answer	Predicted String: (b) January

SocialAgent Component	Inputs and Outputs
Problem	In most state legislatures, the upper house is called the Senate and the lower house is called the House of Representatives. Is the House of Representatives bigger or smaller than the Senate? (a) The House of Representatives is smaller. (b) The House of Representatives is bigger.
Retrieval Agent	Input: size of House of Representatives compared to Senate Output: Page: House of Representatives of the Philippines Summary: The House of Representatives of the Philippines (Filipino: Kapulungan ng mga Kinatawan ng Pilipinas... The 19th Congress has 253 congressional districts. Party-list representatives are elected... Useful: true
Programming Agent	Input: "" Output: NA Useful: false
Reasoning Agent	Output: To determine whether the House of Representatives is bigger or smaller than the Senate, we can use the information provided and analyze it step-by-step. 1. The question states that in most state legislatures, the upper house is called the Senate and the lower house is called the House of Representatives. 2. We can refer to the information provided by the other agent, which states that the House of Representatives is the lower house of Congress. Therefore, the answer is: (a) The House of Representatives is smaller. Useful: true
Answer	Predicted String: (a) The House of Representatives is smaller.

Figure 22: Complete results of Case Study (Figure 10).

C Prompting Details of SocialAgent Method

We show the prompts of our SocialAgent method in Figure 21. And we show the complete SocialAgent results of Figure 5 and in Table 4. In the prompt design, we aim to help models avoid redundant information such as “Sure, I’m glad to help you”. We therefore do not require models to be polite but be concise regarding their responses. We also show the complete results of our case study 10

in Table 22.

D Summary of Skills

We list all the skills in Table 11 to 13, and show an example for each skill in Table 14 to 39.

SocialAgent Component	Inputs and Outputs
Problem	Which is an example of a law? (a) You should get a new toothbrush every six months. (b) You may not drive above the speed limit. (c) You must clean your room before dinner. (d) You should eat more fruits and vegetables.
Retrieval Agent	Input: law Output: Page: Law Summary: Law is a set of rules that are created and are enforceable by social or governmental institutions to regulate behavior, with its precise definition a matter of longstanding debate. It has been variously described as a science and as the art of justice. State-enforced laws can be made by a group legislature or by a single legislator, resulting in statutes; by the executive through decrees and regulations; or established by judges through precedent, usually in common law jurisdictions. Private individuals may create legally binding contracts, including arbitration agreements that adopt alternative ways of resolving disputes to standard court litigation. The creation of laws themselves may be influenced by a constitution, written or tacit, and the rights encoded therein. The law shapes politics, economics, history and society in various ways and also serves as a mediator of relations between people. Legal systems vary between jurisdictions, with their differences analysed in comparative law. Useful: true
Programming Agent	Input: "" Output: NA Useful: false
Reasoning Agent	Output: To determine which of the given options is an example of a law, we need to understand the definition of a law. According to the information provided by the Wikipedia search, a law is a set of rules created and enforceable by social or governmental institutions to regulate behavior. Let's analyze each option: (a) You should get a new toothbrush every six months. This statement is a recommendation or advice, but it does not represent a law. It does not involve any enforcement by social or governmental institutions. (b) You may not drive above the speed limit. This statement represents a law. It sets a rule that prohibits driving above the speed limit, and it is enforceable by traffic laws and law enforcement agencies. (c) You must clean your room before dinner. This statement is a rule or expectation, but it does not represent a law. It is more likely a household rule or expectation rather than a law enforced by social or governmental institutions. (d) You should eat more fruits and vegetables. Similar to option (a), this statement is a recommendation or advice, but it does not represent a law. It does not involve any enforcement by social or governmental institutions. Based on the analysis, the example of a law among the given options is (b) You may not drive above the speed limit. Useful: true
Answer	Predicted String: (a) surplus

Table 4: Full example of Figure 21.

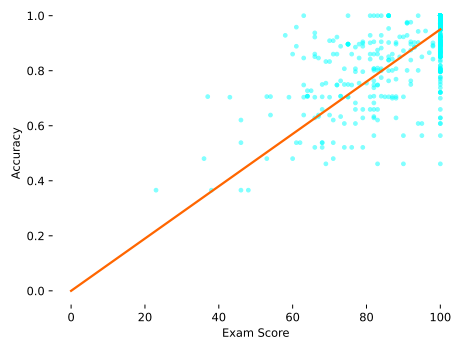


Figure 23: The correlation graph of exam scores with model accuracies.

Grade/Skill	Random	LLaMA2-70B-Chat	SocialAgentLLaMA2-70B-Chat	GPT3.5-Turbo	SocialAgentGPT3.5-Turbo
grade-4/describe-the-difference-between-related-words	52	89	88	100	100
grade-4/to-have-use-the-correct-form	63	100	100	100	100
grade-4/use-subordinating-conjunctions	49	100	64	100	100
grade-4/use-the-correct-homophone	39	100	100	100	100
grade-4/is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment	67	70	97	100	100
grade-4/choose-the-best-concluding-sentence	46	100	100	100	100
grade-4/identify-the-narrative-point-of-view	52	88	76	82	100
grade-4/formatting-and-capitalizing-titles	42	50	46	62	54
grade-4/choose-the-best-topic-sentence	20	100	100	100	100
grade-4/determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-1	48	100	100	100	100
grade-4/punctuating-dialogue	26	92	78	92	81
grade-4/determine-the-meanings-of-similes-and-metaphors	51	100	100	100	100
grade-4/identify-similes-and-metaphors	30	79	76	100	100
grade-4/use-the-correct-modal-verb	65	95	94	100	100
grade-4/determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-2	55	100	100	100	100
grade-4/identify-the-meaning-of-idioms-and-adages-set-2	54	100	100	100	100
grade-4/use-the-perfect-verb-tenses	84	100	92	100	100
grade-4/is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory	53	93	100	100	82
grade-4/use-the-progressive-verb-tenses	75	84	82	100	100
grade-4/what-does-the-modal-verb-show	47	73	70	100	100
grade-4/identify-the-meaning-of-idioms-and-adages-set-1	49	75	100	100	100
grade-4/use-thesaurus-entries	42	100	100	94	100
grade-5/determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots	55	100	100	100	100
grade-5/describe-the-difference-between-related-words	59	100	88	100	100
grade-5/use-the-correct-homophone	51	100	100	100	100
grade-5/use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	21	100	100	100	100
grade-5/analogy	67	72	73	100	100
grade-5/is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment	53	76	76	100	100
grade-5/choose-reasons-to-support-an-opinion	66	64	91	92	91
grade-5/choose-the-synonym	47	100	100	100	100
grade-5/select-the-words-that-dont-belong	33	66	67	66	65
grade-5/is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-run-on	63	70	65	100	100
grade-5/use-academic-vocabulary-in-context	61	100	100	100	100
grade-5/use-adjectives-to-compare	63	68	100	100	84
grade-5/capitalizing-titles	57	61	44	97	81
grade-5/use-the-correct-subject-or-verb	68	76	69	71	100
grade-5/choose-between-subject-and-object-personal-pronouns	38	85	74	100	100
grade-5/choose-between-personal-and-reflexive-pronouns	53	85	92	100	100
grade-5/choose-the-best-concluding-sentence	39	100	100	100	100
grade-5/create-compound-sentences	37	46	22	72	86
grade-5/is-it-a-complete-sentence-a-fragment-or-a-run-on	59	87	69	100	100
grade-5/is-the-word-an-adjective-or-adverb	69	100	92	100	100
grade-5/identify-the-narrative-point-of-view	60	78	73	75	94
grade-5/use-actions-and-dialogue-to-understand-characters	46	100	100	100	100
grade-5/use-adverbs-to-compare	84	64	63	97	77
grade-5/is-the-sentence-in-the-past-present-or-future-tense	44	87	60	100	100
grade-5/formatting-and-capitalizing-titles	50	46	46	46	37
grade-5/which-definition-matches-the-sentence	57	100	90	100	100
grade-5/choose-the-antonym	71	100	100	100	100
grade-5/choose-the-best-topic-sentence	48	100	100	100	100
grade-5/read-poetry	54	100	90	100	100
grade-5/show-character-emotions-and-traits	54	70	91	91	92
grade-5/identify-text-structures	71	90	100	100	100
grade-5/determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-1	46	100	100	100	100
grade-5/punctuating-dialogue	42	87	81	84	84
grade-5/determine-the-meanings-of-similes-and-metaphors	61	100	100	100	100
grade-5/use-key-details-to-determine-the-main-idea	27	100	100	100	100
grade-5/choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs	49	100	80	100	83
grade-5/use-the-meanings-of-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	42	100	100	100	100
grade-5/use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words	28	100	100	100	100
grade-5/use-coordinating-conjunctions	48	100	47	100	100
grade-5/identify-similes-and-metaphors	73	71	72	100	100
grade-5/interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source	68	100	100	100	100
grade-5/positive-and-negative-connotation	75	100	67	100	100
grade-5/distinguish-facts-from-opinions	72	100	100	100	100
grade-5/choose-the-best-transition	38	100	86	100	100
grade-5/draw-inferences-from-a-text	41	100	79	83	94
grade-5/is-the-sentence-simple-or-compound	64	77	67	100	100
grade-5/identify-elements-of-poetry	42	57	45	48	88
grade-5/identify-plurals-singular-possessives-and-plural-possessives	60	100	56	100	100
grade-5/determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	41	100	70	100	100
grade-5/analyze-the-effects-of-figures-of-speech-on-meaning-and-tone	56	100	100	100	100
grade-5/words-with-sub	56	63	83	100	100
grade-5/words-with-pre	40	100	100	100	100
grade-5/use-the-correct-modal-verb	54	100	97	100	100
grade-5/use-the-perfect-verb-tenses	35	100	77	100	100
grade-5/words-with-less	67	100	100	100	100
grade-5/words-with-un-dis-in-im-and-non	50	100	100	100	100
grade-5/determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-2	53	100	100	100	100
grade-5/choose-between-the-past-tense-and-past-participle	72	73	100	100	100
grade-5/words-with-re	64	100	100	100	100
grade-5/use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions	64	64	41	76	84
grade-5/is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory	37	100	100	100	92
grade-5/what-does-the-modal-verb-show	57	98	76	100	100
grade-5/use-the-progressive-verb-tenses	73	80	92	100	100
grade-5/words-with-ful	77	100	100	100	100
grade-5/compound-subjects-and-objects-with-personal-pronouns	84	72	55	94	100
grade-5/words-with-able-and-ible	54	100	100	100	100
grade-5/determine-the-themes-of-short-stories	57	84	69	73	100
grade-5/use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word	71	56	73	75	75
grade-5/words-with-mis	39	100	77	100	100
grade-5/which-sentence-is-more-formal	75	100	100	100	100
grade-5/is-the-sentence-simple-compound-or-complex	60	40	55	95	98
grade-6/determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots	40	100	100	100	100
grade-6/describe-the-difference-between-related-words	52	100	100	100	100
grade-6/use-the-correct-homophone	53	97	100	100	100
grade-6/use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	49	100	100	100	100
grade-6/analogy	43	83	64	100	100
grade-6/is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment	29	77	53	100	100
grade-6/choose-between-subject-and-object-pronouns	43	94	65	100	100
grade-6/analogy-challenge	19	80	75	87	100
grade-6/is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-run-on	59	70	64	100	100
grade-6/transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs	69	71	73	87	68
grade-6/determine-the-authors-point-of-view	66	66	100	100	100
grade-6/compare-two-texts-with-different-genres	37	100	100	100	100
grade-6/choose-evidence-to-support-a-claim	60	45	86	78	86
grade-6/use-personification	53	80	51	51	46
grade-6/is-the-word-an-adjective-or-adverb	59	76	100	100	100
grade-6/is-it-a-complete-sentence-a-fragment-or-a-run-on	52	82	72	100	100
grade-6/which-definition-matches-the-sentence	36	100	19	100	100
grade-6/identify-counterclaims	53	80	100	100	100
grade-6/identify-text-structures	74	72	100	100	100
grade-6/use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions	60	44	50	56	77

Table 6: Exam scores for Language Arts skill (part 2).

Grade/Skill	Random	LLaMA2-70B-Chat	SocialAgent _{LLaMA2-70B-Chat}	GPT3.5-Turbo	SocialAgent _{GPT3.5-Turbo}
grade-6/is-the-pronoun-reflexive-or-intensive	47	56	46	63	74
grade-6/interpret-figures-of-speech	61	100	100	100	100
grade-6/classify-figures-of-speech	76	100	100	81	80
grade-6/is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory	31	73	79	100	100
grade-6/vocabulary-review-trace-an-argument	40	100	100	100	100
grade-6/identify-the-authors-purpose	39	100	100	100	100
grade-6/is-it-a-direct-object-or-an-indirect-object	44	49	71	70	100
grade-6/compound-subjects-and-objects-with-pronouns	71	74	48	100	100
grade-6/identify-vague-pronoun-references	82	66	81	100	76
grade-6/choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs	34	100	100	100	100
grade-6/what-does-the-punctuation-suggest	46	49	60	79	72
grade-6/suggest-appropriate-revisions	55	67	83	91	73
grade-6/classify-logical-fallacies	58	69	70	100	100
grade-6/use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words	40	100	100	100	100
grade-6/use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word	42	81	79	69	78
grade-6/distinguish-facts-from-opinions	43	100	100	100	100
grade-6/use-the-correct-verb-with-compound-subjects	64	74	72	91	100
grade-6/determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage	46	100	90	86	100
grade-6/analyze-short-stories	35	64	80	63	71
grade-6/identify-plurals-singular-possessives-and-plural-possessives	43	75	69	100	100
grade-6/which-sentence-is-more-formal	99	100	100	100	100
grade-6/determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	36	100	96	100	100
grade-6/analyze-passages-from-roll-of-thunder-hear-my-cry-part-1	67	100	94	100	100
grade-6/use-the-correct-modal-verb	64	100	100	100	100
grade-6/use-the-perfect-verb-tenses	63	92	86	82	100
grade-6/determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-2	72	100	100	100	100
grade-6/choose-between-the-past-tense-and-past-participle	64	100	93	100	100
grade-6/use-the-correct-subject-or-verb	68	66	59	73	79
grade-6/evaluate-newspaper-headlines-for-bias	36	71	80	100	84
grade-6/determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-1	44	100	100	100	100
grade-6/use-the-meanings-of-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	16	100	97	100	100
grade-6/what-does-the-modal-verb-show	65	100	92	100	100
grade-6/use-the-progressive-verb-tenses	71	100	85	100	100
grade-6/use-coordinating-conjunctions	73	84	58	100	100
grade-6/is-the-sentence-simple-compound-or-complex	39	43	51	75	100
grade-7/determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots	43	100	19	100	100
grade-7/describe-the-difference-between-related-words	60	100	100	100	100
grade-7/use-the-correct-homophone	44	100	100	100	100
grade-7/use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	27	100	82	100	100
grade-7/analogy	51	100	71	100	100
grade-7/is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment	67	74	67	100	100
grade-7/is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause	78	59	42	98	74
grade-7/choose-between-subject-and-object-pronouns	69	100	71	100	100
grade-7/is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex	28	19	25	34	70
grade-7/analogy-challenge	48	73	81	99	100
grade-7/is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-run-on	64	84	60	100	100
grade-7/are-the-modifiers-used-correctly	80	74	80	64	68
grade-7/recall-the-source-of-an-allusion	57	100	93	100	100
grade-7/transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs	54	83	51	70	82
grade-7/determine-the-authors-point-of-view	65	54	100	100	100
grade-7/choose-the-synonym	54	100	100	100	100
grade-7/choose-evidence-to-support-a-claim	45	46	86	55	86
grade-7/use-personification	45	43	46	78	71
grade-7/identify-plagiarism	36	44	37	41	23
grade-7/is-the-word-an-adjective-or-adverb	59	84	89	100	100
grade-7/is-it-a-complete-sentence-a-fragment-or-a-run-on	59	69	64	100	100
grade-7/which-definition-matches-the-sentence	58	100	46	100	100
grade-7/choose-the-antonym	60	100	92	100	100
grade-7/identify-text-structures	58	69	100	100	100
grade-7/use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions	64	64	55	79	82
grade-7/is-the-pronoun-reflexive-or-intensive	33	48	70	73	68
grade-7/interpret-figures-of-speech	46	100	100	100	100
grade-7/classify-figures-of-speech	64	100	100	88	69
grade-7/is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory	32	83	76	100	100
grade-7/vocabulary-review-trace-an-argument	25	82	100	100	100
grade-7/identify-the-authors-purpose	50	100	100	100	100
grade-7/decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately	63	47	45	76	68
grade-7/compound-subjects-and-objects-with-pronouns	47	78	55	100	100
grade-7/identify-vague-pronoun-references	45	67	83	83	72
grade-7/choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs	65	92	92	96	100
grade-7/what-does-the-punctuation-suggest	46	59	68	77	72
grade-7/suggest-appropriate-revisions	61	82	59	77	82
grade-7/determine-the-themes-of-short-stories	43	61	80	63	70
grade-7/classify-logical-fallacies	55	72	82	100	93
grade-7/use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words	57	100	100	100	100
grade-7/interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source	50	100	100	100	100
grade-7/use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word	54	76	70	79	75
grade-7/distinguish-facts-from-opinions	40	100	91	100	100
grade-7/use-the-correct-verb-with-compound-subjects	64	56	62	83	100
grade-7/determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage	46	77	100	100	100
grade-7/identify-plurals-singular-possessives-and-plural-possessives	45	82	54	100	100
grade-7/which-sentence-is-more-formal	57	100	100	100	100
grade-7/determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	23	100	74	100	100
grade-7/use-parallel-structure	43	82	57	74	95
grade-8/determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots	25	100	100	100	100
grade-8/describe-the-difference-between-related-words	69	100	82	100	100
grade-8/use-the-correct-homophone	57	82	99	100	100
grade-8/use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	24	100	67	100	100
grade-8/analogy	62	87	64	100	95
grade-8/is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment	64	100	68	100	100
grade-8/choose-between-subject-and-object-pronouns	25	77	56	100	100
grade-8/is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex	16	25	25	52	63
grade-8/analogy-challenge	32	94	57	82	100
grade-8/is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-run-on	59	65	71	100	100
grade-8/are-the-modifiers-used-correctly	58	59	72	85	75
grade-8/recall-the-source-of-an-allusion	53	100	100	100	100
grade-8/transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs	79	82	68	84	79
grade-8/determine-the-authors-point-of-view	64	43	100	100	100
grade-8/choose-the-synonym	46	100	100	100	100
grade-8/compare-two-texts-with-different-genres	41	86	100	100	100
grade-8/choose-evidence-to-support-a-claim	26	46	86	64	86
grade-8/choose-between-personal-and-reflexive-pronouns	37	79	72	100	100
grade-8/use-personification	54	90	43	100	83
grade-8/identify-plagiarism	65	49	42	45	48
grade-8/identify-the-narrative-point-of-view	56	60	63	85	100
grade-8/is-the-word-an-adjective-or-adverb	50	71	100	100	100
grade-8/identify-counterclaims	49	80	100	100	100
grade-8/is-it-a-complete-sentence-a-fragment-or-a-run-on	37	67	73	100	100
grade-8/which-definition-matches-the-sentence	46	100	9	100	100
grade-8/choose-the-antonym	63	100	83	100	100
grade-8/identify-text-structures	45	63	100	100	100
grade-8/use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions	54	38	64	77	74
grade-8/identify-active-and-passive-voice	64	70	47	87	100

Table 7: Exam scores for Language Arts skill (part 3).

Grade/Skill	Random	LLaMA2-70B-Chat	SocialAgent _{LLaMA2-70B-Chat}	GPT3.5-Turbo	SocialAgent _{GPT3.5-Turbo}
grade-8/is-the-pronoun-reflexive-or-intensive	43	64	70	57	92
grade-8/interpret-figures-of-speech	59	100	100	100	100
grade-8/identify-the-verb-mood	32	76	56	100	100
grade-8/classify-figures-of-speech	64	100	84	100	78
grade-8/is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory	36	83	94	100	100
grade-8/vocabulary-review-trace-an-argument	37	84	100	100	100
grade-8/is-it-a-direct-object-or-an-indirect-object	60	63	79	75	100
grade-8/identify-the-authors-purpose	34	100	100	100	100
grade-8/decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately	58	52	68	100	61
grade-8/compound-subjects-and-objects-with-pronouns	63	73	60	100	97
grade-8/identify-vague-pronoun-references	56	67	79	70	60
grade-8/choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs	68	100	86	100	87
grade-8/what-does-the-punctuation-suggest	43	62	70	81	63
grade-8/suggest-appropriate-revisions	69	74	80	84	84
grade-8/identify-thesis-statements	79	65	75	75	82
grade-8/determine-the-themes-of-short-stories	36	59	80	59	69
grade-8/classify-logical-fallacies	55	67	52	100	100
grade-8/use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words	51	100	100	100	100
grade-8/interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source	63	100	100	100	100
grade-8/use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word	66	74	70	77	75
grade-8/positive-and-negative-connotation	67	70	91	100	100
grade-8/distinguish-facts-from-opinions	51	94	86	91	100
grade-8/use-thesaurus-entries	45	100	100	100	100
grade-8/use-the-correct-verb-with-compound-subjects	61	73	82	100	98
grade-8/determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage	53	82	100	95	100
grade-8/analyze-short-stories	33	63	95	49	70
grade-8/identify-plurals-singular-possessives-and-plural-possessives	46	81	64	95	100
grade-8/determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	28	84	79	100	100
grade-8/which-sentence-is-more-formal	64	100	100	100	100
grade-8/use-parallel-structure	55	64	69	92	94
grade-9/determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots	23	100	100	100	100
grade-9/use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	25	100	73	100	100
grade-9/analogy	44	100	64	100	100
grade-9/is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause	51	59	45	100	68
grade-9/is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex	36	17	24	34	66
grade-9/analogy-challenge	37	78	82	100	100
grade-9/words-with-pre	54	100	100	100	100
grade-9/are-the-modifiers-used-correctly	38	80	84	82	85
grade-9/recall-the-source-of-an-allusion	49	100	100	100	100
grade-9/transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs	55	80	67	91	77
grade-9/words-with-less	60	100	100	100	100
grade-9/identify-plagiarism	37	39	35	39	46
grade-9/words-with-re	25	100	100	100	100
grade-9/identify-the-narrative-point-of-view	36	52	49	82	82
grade-9/use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions	54	64	49	78	82
grade-9/identify-active-and-passive-voice	39	63	51	100	100
grade-9/interpret-figures-of-speech	62	100	100	100	100
grade-9/identify-the-verb-mood	36	75	66	100	100
grade-9/is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory	13	73	85	100	79
grade-9/decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately	60	61	92	86	68
grade-9/identify-vague-pronoun-references	39	50	73	76	81
grade-9/choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs	59	83	90	100	91
grade-9/what-does-the-punctuation-suggest	53	64	73	68	83
grade-9/suggest-appropriate-revisions	75	70	69	80	64
grade-9/identify-thesis-statements	48	77	46	64	73
grade-9/classify-logical-fallacies	46	95	50	100	94
grade-9/use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words	41	100	100	100	100
grade-9/interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source	57	100	100	100	100
grade-9/use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word	52	68	74	88	75
grade-9/words-with-mis	62	95	100	100	100
grade-9/distinguish-facts-from-opinions	66	83	100	100	100
grade-9/use-thesaurus-entries	40	100	100	100	100
grade-9/determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage	79	100	100	100	100
grade-9/determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	28	82	76	100	100
grade-9/use-parallel-structure	69	87	65	100	77
grade-9/use-dictionary-entries-to-determine-correct-usage	72	85	100	72	93
grade-9/which-text-is-most-formal	58	100	100	100	100
grade-9/choose-the-topic-sentence-that-best-captures-the-main-idea	58	38	100	97	100
grade-9/identify-sentence-fragments	46	54	41	100	90
grade-9/use-context-as-a-clue-to-the-meanings-of-foreign-expressions	36	100	100	100	100
grade-9/use-the-correct-foreign-expression	69	100	100	100	100
grade-9/identify-audience-and-purpose	46	100	100	100	100
grade-9/classify-figures-of-speech-euphemism-hyperbole-oxymoron-paradox	65	65	84	84	92
grade-9/explore-words-with-new-or-contested-usages	69	57	64	60	54
grade-9/analyze-short-stories-set-1	32	93	84	59	100
grade-9/choose-punctuation-to-avoid-fragments-and-run-ons	18	22	39	49	53
grade-9/transition-logically-between-claims-evidence-analysis-and-counterclaims	41	94	79	91	83
grade-9/choose-the-analysis-that-logically-connects-the-evidence-to-the-claim	54	88	100	100	86
grade-9/identify-run-on-sentences	79	63	63	80	73
grade-9/use-words-accurately-and-precisely	59	85	65	100	92
grade-9/classify-figures-of-speech-review	43	100	95	100	83
grade-9/avoid-double-illogical-and-unclear-comparisons	37	46	66	69	88
grade-9/choose-the-best-evidence-to-support-a-claim	19	24	67	37	100
grade-9/use-appeals-to-ethos-pathos-and-logos-in-persuasive-writing	49	50	66	35	67
grade-9/identify-elements-of-poetry	54	56	70	76	87
grade-9/choose-the-word-whose-connotation-and-denotation-best-match-the-sentence	25	100	100	100	100
grade-9/analyze-short-stories-set-2	55	44	84	66	100
grade-9/evaluate-counterclaims	60	56	100	60	100
grade-9/use-etymologies-to-determine-the-meanings-of-words	41	100	100	100	100
grade-10/determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots	33	100	100	100	100
grade-10/use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	36	100	90	100	100
grade-10/analogy	29	67	67	88	100
grade-10/is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause	62	67	72	89	79
grade-10/is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex	38	23	26	41	75
grade-10/analogy-challenge	39	85	45	100	79
grade-10/are-the-modifiers-used-correctly	55	73	60	95	81
grade-10/recall-the-source-of-an-allusion	48	95	100	100	100
grade-10/transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs	41	79	64	70	83
grade-10/identify-plagiarism	23	13	14	23	38
grade-10/use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions	64	70	59	76	88
grade-10/identify-active-and-passive-voice	68	79	43	100	100
grade-10/interpret-figures-of-speech	35	100	100	100	100
grade-10/is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory	26	49	80	100	84
grade-10/decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately	64	42	80	80	62
grade-10/identify-vague-pronoun-references	77	64	81	62	71
grade-10/choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs	36	84	82	97	82
grade-10/what-does-the-punctuation-suggest	39	62	73	61	83
grade-10/suggest-appropriate-revisions	52	64	73	68	73
grade-10/identify-thesis-statements	65	33	34	71	67
grade-10/classify-logical-fallacies	36	100	60	100	100
grade-10/use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words	40	100	100	100	100
grade-10/interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source	60	100	100	100	100
grade-10/use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word	58	63	56	100	75

Table 8: Exam scores for Language Arts skill (part 4).

Grade/Skill	Random	LLaMA2-70B-Chat	SocialAgent _{LLaMA2-70B-Chat}	GPT3.5-Turbo	SocialAgent _{GPT3.5-Turbo}
grade-10/use-thesaurus-entries	68	100	100	100	100
grade-10/determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage	53	100	11	100	100
grade-10/determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	28	100	90	100	100
grade-10/use-parallel-structure	76	75	66	70	100
grade-10/use-dictionary-entries-to-determine-correct-usage	55	18	85	49	93
grade-10/which-text-is-most-formal	40	100	100	100	100
grade-10/choose-the-topic-sentence-that-best-captures-the-main-idea	37	39	93	100	100
grade-10/identify-sentence-fragments	42	45	42	100	95
grade-10/use-context-as-a-clue-to-the-meanings-of-foreign-expressions	26	100	100	100	100
grade-10/use-the-correct-foreign-expression	73	100	100	100	100
grade-10/identify-audience-and-purpose	40	100	71	90	90
grade-10/classify-figures-of-speech-euphemism-hyperbole-oxymoron-paradox	63	89	80	91	83
grade-10/explore-words-with-new-or-contested-usages	49	65	50	59	63
grade-10/choose-punctuation-to-avoid-fragments-and-run-ons	37	41	41	34	36
grade-10/transition-logically-between-claims-evidence-analysis-and-counterclaims	45	74	64	100	90
grade-10/choose-the-analysis-that-logically-connects-the-evidence-to-the-claim	37	87	100	100	100
grade-10/identify-run-on-sentences	48	64	53	100	92
grade-10/avoid-double-illogical-and-unclear-comparisons	15	64	71	67	79
grade-10/use-words-accurately-and-precisely	43	86	73	100	86
grade-10/classify-figures-of-speech-review	44	91	100	85	66
grade-10/choose-the-best-evidence-to-support-a-claim	61	21	100	68	100
grade-10/use-appeals-to-ethos-pathos-and-logos-in-persuasive-writing	37	64	52	37	84
grade-10/choose-the-word-whose-connotation-and-denotation-best-match-the-sentence	63	100	100	100	100
grade-10/use-etymologies-to-determine-the-meanings-of-words	42	100	100	100	100
grade-11/determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots	36	100	100	100	100
grade-11/describe-the-difference-between-related-words	46	100	100	100	100
grade-11/use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	35	100	100	100	100
grade-11/analogy	54	69	67	92	89
grade-11/is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause	45	45	45	78	76
grade-11/is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex	27	24	34	63	43
grade-11/analogy-challenge	36	93	59	88	77
grade-11/are-the-modifiers-used-correctly	39	60	58	72	86
grade-11/recall-the-source-of-an-allusion	55	100	100	100	100
grade-11/transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs	50	64	77	87	100
grade-11/decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately	78	62	77	90	77
grade-11/identify-vague-pronoun-references	49	58	64	62	87
grade-11/choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs	59	95	69	80	94
grade-11/what-does-the-punctuation-suggest	59	50	60	73	76
grade-11/suggest-appropriate-revisions	51	58	59	56	64
grade-11/classify-logical-fallacies	39	67	55	100	88
grade-11/use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words	40	100	100	100	100
grade-11/interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source	60	100	100	100	100
grade-11/use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word	64	64	59	100	88
grade-11/determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage	47	100	100	100	100
grade-11/determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	33	100	79	100	100
grade-11/use-parallel-structure	100	100	61	79	100
grade-11/use-dictionary-entries-to-determine-correct-usage	67	51	100	72	100
grade-11/which-text-is-most-formal	69	97	100	100	100
grade-11/identify-sentence-fragments	75	62	49	100	100
grade-11/use-context-as-a-clue-to-the-meanings-of-foreign-expressions	30	100	100	100	100
grade-11/use-the-correct-foreign-expression	77	100	100	100	100
grade-11/identify-audience-and-purpose	14	100	99	100	100
grade-11/explore-words-with-new-or-contested-usages	73	50	55	42	67
grade-11/analyze-short-stories-set-1	51	62	92	100	77
grade-11/choose-punctuation-to-avoid-fragments-and-run-ons	28	35	40	73	60
grade-11/transition-logically-between-claims-evidence-analysis-and-counterclaims	40	87	54	83	69
grade-11/choose-the-analysis-that-logically-connects-the-evidence-to-the-claim	44	90	90	100	86
grade-11/identify-run-on-sentences	40	65	59	90	86
grade-11/use-words-accurately-and-precisely	44	100	86	100	100
grade-11/avoid-double-illogical-and-unclear-comparisons	44	64	68	63	82
grade-11/choose-the-best-evidence-to-support-a-claim	29	15	76	71	100
grade-11/use-appeals-to-ethos-pathos-and-logos-in-persuasive-writing	48	52	45	58	63
grade-11/choose-the-word-whose-connotation-and-denotation-best-match-the-sentence	55	100	100	100	100
grade-11/evaluate-counterclaims	33	58	100	36	100
grade-11/use-etymologies-to-determine-the-meanings-of-words	62	100	100	100	100
grade-11/classify-the-figure-of-speech-euphemism-hyperbole-oxymoron-paradox	48	82	67	100	88
grade-11/classify-the-figure-of-speech-anaphora-antithesis-apostrophe-asonance-chiasmus-understatement	64	100	100	100	100
grade-11/interpret-the-figure-of-speech	45	100	100	100	100
grade-11/prefixes	61	100	84	100	100
grade-11/suffixes	58	100	100	100	100
grade-11/classify-the-figure-of-speech-review	71	100	79	100	100
grade-12/determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots	41	100	100	100	100
grade-12/describe-the-difference-between-related-words	53	100	100	100	100
grade-12/use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	29	100	76	100	100
grade-12/analogy	35	73	55	91	100
grade-12/is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause	51	65	68	100	66
grade-12/is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex	18	32	25	50	59
grade-12/analogy-challenge	27	68	59	94	100
grade-12/are-the-modifiers-used-correctly	66	60	68	68	90
grade-12/recall-the-source-of-an-allusion	58	100	94	100	100
grade-12/transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs	63	83	66	79	81
grade-12/decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately	48	49	84	80	46
grade-12/identify-vague-pronoun-references	51	60	54	82	82
grade-12/choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs	52	100	88	100	100
grade-12/what-does-the-punctuation-suggest	58	74	67	81	82
grade-12/suggest-appropriate-revisions	47	40	31	55	64
grade-12/classify-logical-fallacies	43	64	55	100	86
grade-12/use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words	35	100	100	100	100
grade-12/interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source	46	100	100	100	100
grade-12/use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word	59	62	59	75	92
grade-12/determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots	62	100	64	100	100
grade-12/use-parallel-structure	78	82	87	83	74
grade-12/use-dictionary-entries-to-determine-correct-usage	44	71	80	71	100
grade-12/which-text-is-most-formal	75	100	100	100	100
grade-12/identify-sentence-fragments	46	50	66	100	82
grade-12/use-context-as-a-clue-to-the-meanings-of-foreign-expressions	27	100	100	100	100
grade-12/explore-words-with-new-or-contested-usages	64	60	46	54	70
grade-12/choose-punctuation-to-avoid-fragments-and-run-ons	20	36	32	34	71
grade-12/transition-logically-between-claims-evidence-analysis-and-counterclaims	55	66	63	90	100
grade-12/choose-the-analysis-that-logically-connects-the-evidence-to-the-claim	54	76	100	100	84
grade-12/identify-run-on-sentences	50	56	45	81	82
grade-12/use-words-accurately-and-precisely	51	84	67	95	86
grade-12/avoid-double-illogical-and-unclear-comparisons	30	68	73	55	66
grade-12/choose-the-best-evidence-to-support-a-claim	46	23	100	72	100
grade-12/use-appeals-to-ethos-pathos-and-logos-in-persuasive-writing	50	47	27	26	78
grade-12/analyze-short-stories-set-2	40	68	74	61	82
grade-12/choose-the-word-whose-connotation-and-denotation-best-match-the-sentence	42	100	100	100	100
grade-12/evaluate-counterclaims	38	42	100	55	100
grade-12/use-etymologies-to-determine-the-meanings-of-words	35	100	100	100	100
grade-12/classify-the-figure-of-speech-euphemism-hyperbole-oxymoron-paradox	58	89	78	92	100
grade-12/classify-the-figure-of-speech-anaphora-antithesis-apostrophe-asonance-chiasmus-understatement	73	100	100	100	100
grade-12/interpret-the-figure-of-speech	55	100	92	100	100

Table 9: Exam scores for Language Arts skill (part 5).

Grade/Skill	Random	LLaMA2-70B-Chat	SocialAgent _{LLaMA2-70B-Chat}	GPT3.5-Turbo	SocialAgent _{GPT3.5-Turbo}
grade-2/compare-urban-suburban-and-rural-areas	29	100	100	100	100
grade-2/rosa-parks	0	67	60	73	73
grade-3/thurgood-marshall	0	96	96	96	96
grade-3/rosa-parks	6	61	56	61	61
grade-3/the-bill-of-rights	56	100	100	100	100
grade-4/the-war-of-1812-events-and-effects	3	66	69	72	66
grade-4/understand-overall-supply-and-demand	33	100	100	100	100
grade-5/the-war-of-1812-causes	0	63	58	63	63
grade-5/the-war-of-1812-events-and-effects	0	66	66	72	72
grade-5/the-bill-of-rights	26	100	100	100	100
grade-5/understand-overall-supply-and-demand	14	100	100	100	100
grade-5/identify-shortage-and-surplus	29	40	30	50	100
grade-6/understand-overall-supply-and-demand	49	100	100	100	100
grade-7/the-bill-of-rights	31	100	100	100	100
grade-8/the-bill-of-rights	31	95	100	100	100
grade-8/understand-overall-supply-and-demand	40	100	100	100	100
grade-8/identify-primary-and-secondary-sources	37	75	75	75	75
grade-8/identify-facts-and-opinions	59	100	100	100	100

Table 10: Exam scores for Social Studies skill.

Grade	Skills of Social Studies
kindergarten	days-of-the-week, pledge-of-allegiance, months-of-the-year
grade-1	months-of-the-year, days-of-the-week
grade-2	hanukkah, kwanzaa, compare-urban-suburban-and-rural-areas, thanksgiving, siting-bull, susan-b-anthony, harriet-tubman, neil-armstrong, thurgood-marshall, federal-government, ramadan, easter, cesar-chavez, jackie-robinson, rosh-hashanah, amelia-earhart, christmas, dia-de-los-muertos, paul-revere, the-statue-of-liberty, george-washington-carver, davy-crockett, thomas-jefferson, state-government, lunar-new-year, bill-gates, the-white-house, abraham-lincoln, john-deere, holi, rosa-parks, frederick-douglass, benjamin-franklin, local-government, purpose-of-government, theodore-roosevelt
grade-3	easter, theodore-roosevelt, state-government, holi, cesar-chavez, the-bill-of-rights, bill-gates, ramadan, the-constitution, frederick-douglass, thomas-edison, jackie-robinson, kwanzaa, christmas, susan-b-anthony, harriet-tubman, paul-revere, davy-crockett, thurgood-marshall, george-washington-carver, siting-bull, neil-armstrong, thomas-jefferson, hanukkah, dia-de-los-muertos, lunar-new-year, rosa-parks, thanksgiving, presidential-elections
grade-4	jamestown-growth-of-a-colony, understand-overall-supply-and-demand, the-civil-war-war-tactics-and-the-home-front, the-war-of-1812-events-and-effects, the-constitution, the-american-revolution-the-rebellion-begins, world-war-i-the-road-to-peace, costs-and-benefits, new-england-colonies-religion-and-government, the-war-of-1812-causes
grade-5	the-statue-of-liberty, antebellum-period-slavery-and-politics-part-i, plymouth, the-civil-war-the-first-battle-of-bull-run-to-gettysburg, the-new-deal, the-great-depression-part-i, jamestown-growth-of-a-colony, the-american-revolution-conclusion-and-aftermath, world-war-i-events-of-the-war, the-golden-gate-bridge, the-empire-state-building, costs-and-benefits, new-england-colonies-religion-and-government, the-civil-war-the-end-of-the-war, middle-colonies-economy-and-society, federal-government, world-war-i-the-road-to-war, presidential-elections, the-constitution, the-war-of-1812-causes, world-war-i-the-war-begins, the-great-depression-part-ii, the-civil-war-the-beginning-of-the-war, the-american-revolution-new-british-taxes, the-louisiana-purchase, thanksgiving, the-american-flag, the-war-of-1812-events-and-effects, middle-colonies-founding-and-government, world-war-ii-lead-up-to-war-in-europe-asia, antebellum-period-economies-of-the-north-and-south, understand-overall-supply-and-demand, local-government, world-war-i-the-road-to-peace, the-american-revolution-the-rebellion-begins, southern-colonies-founding-and-government, the-american-revolution-preparing-for-war, the-lewis-and-clark-expedition, jamestown-the-early-years, the-american-revolution-the-boston-tea-party, the-bill-of-rights, new-england-colonies-economy-and-conflict, southern-colonies-economy-and-slavery, antebellum-period-abolitionist-and-proslavery-perspectives, world-war-ii-global-events, the-lincoln-memorial, the-civil-war-war-tactics-and-the-home-front, the-american-revolution-turning-the-tide-of-the-war, identify-facts-and-opinions, mount-rushmore, the-washington-monument, the-white-house, antebellum-period-slavery-and-politics-part-ii, the-american-revolution-struggle-for-independence, reconstruction, state-government, identify-shortage-and-surplus, the-american-revolution-the-thirteen-colonies-under-british-rule
grade-6	origins-of-judaism, the-ancient-silk-road-goods-and-ideas, origins-of-hinduism, origins-of-christianity, foundations-of-maya-civilization, the-qin-empire, the-songhai-empire, french-and-english-expeditions-part-2, medieval-japan, caesar-and-the-end-of-the-roman-republic, the-han-dynasty, classical-athens-geography-and-society, mesopotamian-empires, the-mongol-empire, the-constitution-amendments, the-crusades, feudal-europe, the-middle-ages-after-1100, comparing-athens-and-sparta-part, early-chinese-thought, ancient-egypt-the-old-kingdom, the-ghana-empire, the-gupta-empire, early-mesopotamia, ancient-china, the-kingdoms-of-kush, origins-of-islam, ancient-egyptian-religion, classical-athens-government-and-culture, the-judicial-branch, origins-of-buddhism, the-mauryan-empire, trade-and-specialization, the-teachings-of-confucius, roman-government-monarchy-to-republic, the-executive-branch, understand-overall-supply-and-demand
grade-7	the-bill-of-rights, mesopotamian-empires, the-ancient-silk-road-geography-and-transportation, the-constitutional-convention, trade-and-specialization, foundations-of-aztec-civilization, ancient-egyptian-religion, the-civil-war-bull-run-to-the-emanicipation-proclamation, causes-of-the-american-revolution-the-french-and-indian-war, the-ancient-silk-road-goods-and-ideas, southern-colonies-founding-and-government, identify-facts-and-opinions
grade-8	the-executive-branch, antebellum-reform-movements, the-revolutionary-war-struggle-for-independence, new-england-colonies-economy-and-interactions-with-native-americans, the-first-party-system-federalists-and-democratic-republicans, rights-and-responsibilities-of-active-citizenship, the-bill-of-rights, the-civil-war-the-beginning-of-the-war, state-and-local-government, source-analysis-the-declaration-of-independence, the-revolutionary-war-conclusion-and-aftermath, the-revolutionary-war-preparing-for-war, the-judicial-branch, washingtons-presidency-part-i, radical-reconstruction, the-reformation, the-civil-war-the-conclusion-of-the-war, causes-of-the-civil-war-dred-scott-to-secession, world-war-i-the-great-war, the-civil-war-bull-run-to-the-emanicipation-proclamation, understand-overall-supply-and-demand, us-mexican-war, industrialization-in-the-gilded-age, the-revolutionary-war-turning-the-tide-of-war, portuguese-and-spanish-expeditions-part-ii, slavery-in-the-south, the-constitution-amendments, the-abolitionists, causes-of-the-american-revolution-introduction-to-mercantilism-and-the-navigation-acts, the-constitutional-convention, the-civil-war-gettysburg-to-the-election-of-1864, the-legislative-branch, french-and-english-expeditions-part-i, the-articles-of-confederation, the-end-of-reconstruction-and-the-rise-of-jim-crow, the-constitution-interpretation, identify-facts-and-opinions, source-analysis-the-gettysburg-address, causes-of-the-american-revolution-politics-and-society, washingtons-presidency-part-ii, trade-and-specialization, world-war-i-the-road-to-war, the-marshall-court, causes-of-the-american-revolution-the-french-and-indian-war, pre-contact-native-peoples-introduction, new-england-colonies-founding-and-government, the-age-of-exploration-origins, the-scientific-revolution, identify-primary-and-secondary-sources

Table 11: Full social studies skill summary.

Grade	Skills of Language Arts
pre-k	choose the uppercase letter that matches c-k-o-p-s-u-v-w-x-z, choose the lowercase letter that matches c-k-o-p-s-u-v-w-x-z, choose the lowercase letter that matches f-i-j-l-m-t-y, choose the uppercase letter that matches f-i-j-l-m-t-y, choose the lowercase letter that matches a-b-d-e-g-h-n-q-r, choose the lowercase letter that matches a-b-d-e-g-h-n-q-r
kindergarten	who-what-when-where-or-why, complete-the-sentence-with-the-correct-sight-word, find-the-vowel-in-the-word, choose-the-uppercase-letter-that-matches-f-i-j-l-m-t-y, choose-the-uppercase-letter-that-matches-review, capitalize-the-first-letter-of-a-sentence, complete-the-sentence-with-the-correct-short-vowel-word, choose-the-lowercase-letter-that-matches-c-k-o-p-s-u-v-w-x-z, read-questions-with-short-vowel-words, find-the-complete-sentence, choose-the-uppercase-letter-that-matches-c-k-o-p-s-u-v-w-x-z, find-the-action-verb, is-it-a-telling-sentence-or-an-asking-sentence, complete-the-rhyme, which-word-does-not-rhyme, choose-the-lowercase-letter-that-matches-f-i-j-l-m-t-y, what-am-i, choose-the-uppercase-letter-that-matches-a-b-d-e-g-h-n-q-r
grade-1	decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately, choose-the-word-whose-connotation-and-denotation-best-match-the-sentence, explore-words-with-new-or-contested-usages, identify-sentence-fragments, analogies, use-context-as-a-clue-to-the-meanings-of-foreign-expressions, evaluate-counterclaims, describe-the-difference-between-related-words, what-does-the-punctuation-suggest, use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words, use-the-correct-foreign-expression, choose-the-analysis-that-logically-connects-the-evidence-to-the-claim, use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, analyze-the-effects-of-figures-of-speech-on-meaning-and-tone, transition-logically-between-claims-evidence-analysis-and-counterclaims, which-word-does-not-rhyme, which-text-is-most-formal, use-dictionary-entries-to-determine-correct-usage, use-words-accurately-and-precisely, analyze-short-stories-set-2, is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex, use-the-saurus-entries, are-the-modifiers-used-correctly, use-etymologies-to-determine-the-meanings-of-words, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots, use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions, identify-thesis-statements, describe-the-difference-between-related-words, choose-the-analysis-that-logically-connects-the-evidence-to-the-claim, is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory, decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots, classify-the-figure-of-speech-anaphora-anthithesis-apostrophe-assonance-chiasmus-understatement, use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word, use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, describe-the-difference-between-related-words, identify-vague-pronoun-references, recall-the-source-of-an-allusion, identify-active-and-passive-voice, choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs, identify-run-on-sentences, is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex, suggest-appropriate-revisions, complete-the-sentence-with-a-two-syllable-word, choose-the-best-evidence-to-support-a-claim, identify-sentence-fragments, prefixes, identify-vague-pronoun-references, decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately, identify-run-on-sentences, what-does-the-punctuation-suggest, is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause, use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words, determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, use-parallel-structure, classify-logical-fallacies, choose-punctuation-to-avoid-fragments-and-run-ons, is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause, choose-the-best-evidence-to-support-a-claim, analogies-challenge, choose-the-topic-sentence-that-best-captures-the-main-idea, who-what-when-where-or-why, suggest-appropriate-revisions, recall-the-source-of-an-allusion, analogies, choose-the-best-evidence-to-support-a-claim, classify-the-figure-of-speech-anaphora-anthithesis-apostrophe-assonance-chiasmus-understatement, analyze-the-development-of-informational-passages-set-2, determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage, classify-logical-fallacies, complete-the-sentence-with-the-correct-sight-word-sets-1-2-3, use-etymologies-to-determine-the-meanings-of-words, which-text-is-most-formal, avoid-double-illogical-and-unclear-comparisons, use-dictionary-entries-to-determine-correct-usage, explore-words-with-new-or-contested-usages, choose-the-word-whose-connotation-and-denotation-best-match-the-sentence, identify-plagiarism, choose-the-analysis-that-logically-connects-the-evidence-to-the-claim, choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs, use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word, analogies-challenge, recall-the-source-of-an-allusion, to-have-use-the-correct-form, choose-punctuation-to-avoid-fragments-and-run-ons, analyze-short-stories-set-1, use-the-correct-frequently-confused-d-word, interpret-figures-of-speech, analyze-the-effects-of-figures-of-speech-on-meaning-and-tone, use-words-accurately-and-precisely, use-actions-and-dialogue-to-understand-characters, which-text-is-most-formal, identify-run-on-sentences, use-context-to-identify-the-meaning-of-a-word, identify-audience-and-purpose, identify-vague-pronoun-references, use-the-correct-foreign-expression, trace-an-argument-set-1, use-appeals-to-ethos-pathos-and-logos-in-persuasive-writing, interpret-the-figure-of-speech, avoid-double-illogical-and-unclear-comparisons, identify-audience-and-purpose, transition-logically-between-claims-evidence-analysis-and-counterclaims, interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source, domain-specific-vocabulary-in-context-science-and-technical-subjects, analyze-the-development-of-informational-passages-set-1, choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs, choose-the-word-whose-connotation-and-denotation-best-match-the-sentence, determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage, choose-punctuation-to-avoid-fragments-and-run-ons, use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words, identify-sentence-fragments, interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source, determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, explore-words-with-new-or-contested-usages, which-word-is-not-like-the-others, interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source, classify-the-figure-of-speech-euphemism-hyperbole-oxymoron-paradox, what-does-the-punctuation-suggest, classify-figures-of-speech-euphemism-hyperbole-oxymoron-paradox, is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause, use-parallel-structure, use-appeals-to-ethos-pathos-and-logos-in-persuasive-writing, compare-the-rhyme, analogies-challenge, what-am-i, complete-the-sentence-with-the-correct-sight-word-sets-5-6-7, classify-the-figure-of-speech-review, transition-logically-between-claims-evidence-analysis-and-counterclaims, trace-an-argument-set-2, avoid-double-illogical-and-unclear-comparisons, suffixes, transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs, use-etymologies-to-determine-the-meanings-of-words, use-dictionary-entries-to-determine-correct-usage, use-words-accurately-and-precisely, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots, evaluate-counterclaims, classify-figures-of-speech-review, determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs, analyze-the-effects-of-figures-of-speech-on-meaning-and-tone, interpret-the-figure-of-speech, classify-logical-fallacies, identify-audience-and-purpose, suggest-appropriate-revisions, analyze-the-development-of-informational-passages-set-1, are-the-modifiers-used-correctly, use-parallel-structure, use-context-as-a-clue-to-the-meanings-of-foreign-expressions, use-appeals-to-ethos-pathos-and-logos-in-persuasive-writing, complete-the-sentence-with-the-correct-short-vowel-word, are-the-modifiers-used-correctly, use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs, classify-the-figure-of-speech-euphemism-hyperbole-oxymoron-paradox, use-context-as-a-clue-to-the-meanings-of-foreign-expressions, classify-the-figure-of-speech-review, is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex
grade-2	to-have-use-the-correct-form, use-time-order-words, use-the-correct-homophone, use-subordinating-conjunctions, which-word-does-not-rhyme, is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment, complete-the-sentence-with-the-correct-sight-word, complete-the-sentence-with-a-two-syllable-word, complete-the-sentence-with-a-three-letter-consonant-blend-word
grade-3	use-subordinating-conjunctions, to-have-use-the-correct-form, use-adverbs-to-compare, choose-topic-sentences-for-narrative-paragraphs, read-about-famous-places, choose-the-best-transition, use-the-correct-article-an-or-the, pronoun-verb-agreement, choose-between-personal-and-reflexive-pronouns, to-be-use-the-correct-form, use-the-correct-homophone, use-the-correct-subject-or-verb, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-prefixes-and-suffixes-review, use-guide-words, is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-run-on, use-coordinating-conjunctions, determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, create-compound-sentences, use-time-order-words, distinguish-characters-points-of-view, read-about-famous-people, formatting-and-capitalizing-titles, identify-story-elements, which-sentence-uses-an-antonym, does-the-adjective-tell-you-what-kind-or-how-many, choose-the-antonym, distinguish-facts-from-opinions, is-the-sentence-a-statement-question-command-or-exclamation, is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment, use-key-details-to-determine-the-main-idea, select-the-words-that-dont-belong, show-character-emotions-and-traits, greetings-and-closings-of-letters, which-definition-matches-the-sentence, identify-plurals-singular-possessives-and-plural-possessives, use-action-verbs, determine-the-themes-of-myths-fables-and-folktales, choose-the-text-that-matches-the-writers-purpose, determine-the-meanings-of-similes, is-the-word-an-adjective-or-adverb, is-the-noun-singular-or-plural, use-context-to-identify-the-meaning-of-a-word, choose-topic-sentences-for-narrative-paragraphs, read-realistic-fiction, read-realistic-fiction-set-1, which-sentence-has-the-same-meaning, read-about-business-and-technology, which-sentence-matches-the-definition, punctuating-dialogue, identify-the-irregular-past-tense, revise-the-sentence-using-a-stronger-verb, does-the-adverb-tell-you-how-when-or-where, is-the-sentence-simple-or-compound, is-the-subject-singular-or-plural, which-sentence-is-in-the-regular-past-tense, choose-between-subject-and-object-personal-pronouns, use-actions-and-dialogue-to-understand-characters, choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs, determine-the-meaning-of-a-word-with-a-suffix-review, capitalizing-titles, use-academic-vocabulary-in-context, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots, make-predictions-about-a-story, use-adjectives-to-compare, read-historical-fiction, describe-the-difference-between-related-words, identify-the-authors-purpose-passages, is-the-sentence-in-the-past-present-or-future-tense, draw-inferences-from-a-text, identify-base-words-prefixes-and-suffixes, identify-text-structures, read-poetry, choose-reasons-to-support-an-opinion, use-the-correct-article-a-or-an, use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words, choose-the-synonym, is-it-a-complete-sentence-a-fragment-or-a-run-on, which-word-is-a-noun
grade-4	read-about-history, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots, use-subordinating-conjunctions, choose-the-best-topic-sentence, use-the-progressive-verb-tenses, choose-between-the-past-tense-and-past-participle, use-the-perfect-verb-tenses, determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-1, identify-similes-and-metaphors, use-the-correct-modal-verb, use-the-correct-homophone, identify-the-narrative-point-of-view, describe-the-difference-between-related-words, what-does-the-modal-verb-show, choose-the-best-concluding-sentence, determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-2, identify-the-meaning-of-idioms-and-adages-set-1, identify-the-meaning-of-idioms-and-adages-set-2, is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory, to-have-use-the-correct-form, distinguish-characters-points-of-view, is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment, formatting-and-capitalizing-titles, use-the-saurus-entries, punctuating-dialogue, determine-the-meanings-of-similes-and-metaphors
grade-5	analyze-the-effects-of-figures-of-speech-on-meaning-and-tone, read-historical-fiction, use-the-progressive-verb-tenses, is-it-a-complete-sentence-a-fragment-or-a-run-on, use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words, words-with-re, use-key-details-to-determine-the-main-idea, choose-the-antonym, choose-reasons-to-support-an-opinion, use-adverbs-to-compare, compound-subjects-and-object-verbs-with-personal-pronouns, words-with-sub, identify-the-narrative-point-of-view, choose-between-subject-and-object-personal-pronouns, is-the-word-an-adjective-or-adverb, use-guide-words, identify-similes-and-metaphors, is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory, use-context-to-identify-the-meaning-of-a-word, determine-the-meanings-of-similes-and-metaphors, choose-the-synonym, use-the-meanings-of-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, draw-inferences-from-a-text, read-about-famous-people, words-with-pre, determine-the-themes-of-short-stories, select-the-words-that-dont-belong, choose-the-best-concluding-sentence, create-compound-sentences, choose-the-best-transition, use-academic-vocabulary-in-context, choose-the-best-topic-sentence, use-the-correct-subject-or-verb, choose-between-personal-and-reflexive-pronouns, use-coordinating-conjunctions, which-sentence-matches-the-definition, choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs, use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, read-realistic-fiction, identify-text-structures, read-about-business-and-technology, words-with-ful, is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-run-on, is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment, determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-2, read-poetry, identify-plurals-singular-possessives-and-plural-possessives, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots, formatting-and-capitalizing-titles, use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word, describe-the-difference-between-related-words, analogies, words-with-able-and-ible, words-with-mis, determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, is-the-sentence-in-the-past-present-or-future-tense, words-with-un-dis-in-in-and-non, determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-1, which-definition-matches-the-sentence, identify-story-elements, capitalizing-titles, distinguish-facts-from-opinions, use-the-correct-homophone, what-does-the-modal-verb-show, interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source, choose-between-the-past-tense-and-past-participle, positive-and-negative-connotation, punctuating-dialogue, words-with-less, show-character-emotions-and-traits, revise-the-sentence-using-a-stronger-verb, is-the-sentence-simple-compound-or-complex, use-the-correct-modal-verb, identify-elements-of-poetry, use-the-perfect-verb-tenses, which-sentence-is-more-formal, use-adjectives-to-compare, use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions, use-actions-and-dialogue-to-understand-characters, is-the-sentence-simple-or-compound, read-about-history
grade-6	is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory, identify-counterclaims, use-the-correct-homophone, use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions, use-guide-words, is-it-a-complete-sentence-a-fragment-or-a-run-on, use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, is-the-word-an-adjective-or-adverb, suggest-appropriate-revisions, analyze-passages-from-the-lightning-thief-part-1, identify-plurals-singular-possessives-and-plural-possessives, use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word, choose-evidence-to-support-a-claim, vocabulary-review-trace-an-argument, use-the-correct-verb-with-compound-subjects, which-definition-matches-the-sentence, use-coordinating-conjunctions, analogies-challenge, distinguish-facts-from-opinions, analyze-the-effects-of-figures-of-speech-on-meaning-and-tone, use-context-to-identify-the-meaning-of-a-word, use-the-correct-modal-verb, choose-between-subject-and-object-pronouns, determine-the-authors-point-of-view, determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, what-does-the-modal-verb-show, use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words, analyze-passages-from-the-lightning-thief-part-2, is-the-pronoun-reflexive-or-in-tensive, draw-inferences-from-literary-texts, which-sentence-is-more-formal, compound-subjects-and-objects-with-pronouns, analyze-passages-from-harriet-tubman-conductor-on-the-underground-railroad-part-1, what-does-the-punctuation-suggest, is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment, analogies, is-the-sentence-simple-compound-or-complex, determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-2, analyze-passages-from-roll-of-thunder-hear-my-cry-part-1, classify-figures-of-speech, use-the-correct-subject-or-verb, use-the-perfect-verb-tenses, transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs, evaluate-newspaper-headlines-for-bias, determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage, use-personification, analyze-passages-from-harriet-tubman-conductor-on-the-underground-railroad-part-2, determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-1, identify-text-structures, analyze-short-stories, is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-run-on, analyze-passages-from-roll-of-thunder-hear-my-cry-part-2, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots, trace-an-argument, identify-the-authors-purpose, classify-logical-fallacies, compare-two-texts-with-different-genres, describe-the-difference-between-related-words, choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs, interpret-figures-of-speech, identify-vague-pronoun-references, is-it-a-direct-object-or-an-indirect-object, use-the-progressive-verb-tenses, choose-between-the-past-tense-and-past-participle, use-the-meanings-of-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, which-sentence-matches-the-definition

Table 12: Full language arts skill summary (part 1).

Grade	Skills of Language Arts
grade-7	analyze-passages-from-anne-frank-the-diary-of-a-young-girl-part-2, which-sentence-matches-the-definition, is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-run-on, choose-the-synonym, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots, is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause, identify-plagiarism, analyze-passages-from-anne-of-green-gables-part-1, interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source, is-it-a-complete-sentence-a-fragment-or-a-run-on, are-the-modifiers-used-correctly, transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs, use-context-to-identify-the-meaning-of-a-word, use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words, determine-the-authors-point-of-view, is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment, is-the-pronoun-reflexive-or-intensive, use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, analogies, which-sentence-is-more-formal, use-parallel-structure, what-does-the-punctuation-suggest, use-personification, recall-the-source-of-an-allusion, determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage, use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word, analyze-passages-from-a-night-to-remember-part-1, is-the-word-an-adjective-or-adverb, classify-figures-of-speech, compound-subjects-and-objects-with-pronouns, analogies-challenge-e, analyze-passages-from-a-night-to-remember-part-2, choose-evidence-to-support-a-claim, analyze-passages-from-anne-of-green-gables-part-2, which-definition-matches-the-sentence, is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory, analyze-passages-from-a-long-walk-to-water-part-1, analyze-passages-from-anne-frank-the-diary-of-a-young-girl-part-1, use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions, describe-the-difference-between-related-words, classify-logical-fallacies, use-guide-words, is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex, determine-the-themes-of-short-stories, choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs, determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, use-the-correct-homophone, suggest-appropriate-revisions, draw-inferences-from-literary-texts, identify-vague-pronoun-references, identify-plurals-singular-possessives-and-plural-possessives, choose-between-subject-and-object-pronouns, decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately, identify-text-structures, distinguish-facts-from-opinions, vocabulary-review-trace-an-argument, use-the-correct-verb-with-compound-subjects, interpret-figures-of-speech, identify-the-authors-purpose, choose-the-antonym
grade-8	use-the-correct-verb-with-compound-subjects, is-the-pronoun-reflexive-or-intensive, decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately, use-context-to-identify-the-meaning-of-a-word, determine-the-meaning-of-greek-and-latin-roots, choose-the-synonym, recall-the-source-of-an-allusion, analyze-the-effects-of-figures-of-speech-on-meaning-and-tone, compare-two-texts-with-different-genres, interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source, analyze-short-stories, positive-and-negative-connotation, identify-the-authors-purpose, analyze-passages-from-narrative-of-the-life-of-frederick-douglass-part-2, analogies-challenge, is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex, describe-the-difference-between-related-words, is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment, use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions, use-the-correct-homophone, use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, is-it-a-complete-sentence-a-fragment-or-a-run-on, is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause, is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-run-on, determine-the-themes-of-short-stories, choose-between-subject-and-object-pronouns, choose-evidence-to-support-a-claim, identify-thesis-statements, analogies, use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words, identify-plagiarism, is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory, analyze-passages-from-the-giver-part-1, analyze-passages-from-the-giver-part-2, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots, use-parallel-structure, compound-subjects-and-objects-with-pronouns, is-it-a-direct-object-or-an-indirect-object, use-the-saurus-entries, use-personification, identify-the-narrative-point-of-view, use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word, identify-text-structures, distinguish-facts-from-opinions, identify-plurals-singular-possessives-and-plural-possessives, identify-the-verb-mood, choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs, read-and-understand-informational-passages, determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage, identify-counterclaims, interpret-figures-of-speech, identify-vague-pronoun-references, suggest-appropriate-revisions, use-guide-words, transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs, is-the-word-an-adjective-or-adverb, which-sentence-is-more-formal, which-definition-matches-the-sentence, choose-between-personal-and-reflexive-pronouns, vocabulary-review-trace-an-argument, classify-logical-fallacies, analyze-passages-from-the-outsiders-part-2, what-does-the-punctuation-suggest, which-sentence-matches-the-definition, trace-an-argument, choose-the-antonym, classify-figures-of-speech, identify-active-and-passive-voice, analyze-passages-from-the-outsiders-part-1, determine-the-authors-point-of-view, are-the-modifiers-used-correctly, analyze-passages-from-narrative-of-the-life-of-frederick-douglass-part-1
grade-9	trace-an-argument-set-1, choose-the-word-whose-connotation-and-denotation-best-match-the-sentence, interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source, choose-the-best-evidence-to-support-a-claim, determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage, identify-elements-of-poetry, classify-figures-of-speech-euphemism-hyperbole-oxymoron-paradox, recall-the-source-of-an-allusion, use-parallel-structure, transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs, use-words-accurately-and-precisely, analyze-the-development-of-informational-passages-set-1, is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory, evaluate-counterclaims, is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause, words-with-pre, avoid-double-illogical-and-unclear-comparisons, decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately, identify-plagiarism, identify-sentence-fragments, is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex, analyze-the-development-of-informational-passages-set-2, choose-the-analysis-that-logically-connects-the-evidence-to-the-claim, choose-the-topic-sentence-that-best-captures-the-main-idea, use-thesaurus-entries, use-dictionary-entries-to-determine-correct-usage, explore-words-with-new-or-contested-usages, identify-run-on-sentences, analyze-short-stories-set-1, identify-the-narrative-point-of-view, words-with-re, identify-vague-pronoun-references, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots, classify-logical-fallacies, what-does-the-punctuation-suggest, choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs, interpret-figures-of-speech, use-etymologies-to-determine-the-meanings-of-words, analyze-the-effects-of-figures-of-speech-on-meaning-and-tone, use-appeals-to-ethos-pathos-and-logos-in-persuasive-writing, transition-logically-between-claims-evidence-analysis-and-counterclaims, identify-active-and-passive-voice, which-text-is-most-formal, are-the-modifiers-used-correctly, distinguish-facts-from-opinions, classify-figures-of-speech-review, suggest-appropriate-revisions, analogies-challenge, trace-an-argument-set-2, analyze-short-stories-set-2, use-the-correct-foreign-expression, identify-thesis-statements, choose-punctuation-to-avoid-fragments-and-run-ons, use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word, words-with-less, use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words, use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions, use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, identify-audience-and-purpose, analogies, use-context-to-identify-the-meaning-of-a-word, words-with-mis, use-context-as-a-clue-to-the-meanings-of-foreign-expressions, determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots
grade-10	choose-the-word-whose-connotation-and-denotation-best-match-the-sentence, use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words, choose-the-analysis-that-logically-connects-the-evidence-to-the-claim, transition-logically-between-claims-evidence-analysis-and-counterclaims, use-dictionary-entries-to-determine-correct-usage, use-thesaurus-entries, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots, use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions, identify-thesis-statements, is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory, use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, identify-active-and-passive-voice, choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs, identify-run-on-sentences, is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex, suggest-appropriate-revisions, identify-vague-pronoun-references, decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately, use-parallel-structure, choose-the-topic-sentence-that-best-captures-the-main-idea, recall-the-source-of-an-allusion, analogies, choose-the-best-evidence-to-support-a-claim, determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage, classify-logical-fallacies, use-etymologies-to-determine-the-meanings-of-words, which-text-is-most-formal, identify-plagiarism, use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word, interpret-figures-of-speech, analyze-the-effects-of-figures-of-speech-on-meaning-and-tone, use-context-to-identify-the-meaning-of-a-word, use-the-correct-foreign-expression, choose-punctuation-to-avoid-fragments-and-run-ons, identify-sentence-fragments, determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, explore-words-with-new-or-contested-usages, interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source, what-does-the-punctuation-suggest, classify-figures-of-speech-euphemism-hyperbole-oxymoron-paradox, is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause, analogies-challenge, avoid-double-illogical-and-unclear-comparisons, transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs, use-words-accurately-and-precisely, classify-figures-of-speech-review, identify-audience-and-purpose, are-the-modifiers-used-correctly, use-context-as-a-clue-to-the-meanings-of-foreign-expressions, use-appeals-to-ethos-pathos-and-logos-in-persuasive-writing
grade-11	decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately, explore-words-with-new-or-contested-usages, identify-sentence-fragments, use-context-as-a-clue-to-the-meanings-of-foreign-expressions, use-the-correct-foreign-expression, use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, analyze-the-effects-of-figures-of-speech-on-meaning-and-tone, which-text-is-most-formal, use-words-accurately-and-precisely, analogies, are-the-modifiers-used-correctly, describe-the-difference-between-related-words, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots, choose-the-best-evidence-to-support-a-claim, prefixes, what-does-the-punctuation-suggest, is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause, use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words, determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, classify-logical-fallacies, choose-punctuation-to-avoid-fragments-and-run-ons, classify-the-figure-of-speech-anaphora-anthithesis-apostrophe-assonance-chiasmus-understatement, analyze-the-development-of-informational-passages-set-2, choose-the-analysis-that-logically-connects-the-evidence-to-the-claim, use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word, analogies-challenge, recall-the-source-of-an-allusion, analyze-short-stories-set-1, identify-run-on-sentences, identify-audience-and-purpose, identify-vague-pronoun-references, trace-an-argument-set-1, interpret-the-figure-of-speech, avoid-double-illogical-and-unclear-comparisons, transition-logically-between-claims-evidence-analysis-and-counterclaims, domain-specific-vocabulary-in-context-science-and-technical-subjects, choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs, choose-the-word-whose-connotation-and-denotation-best-match-the-sentence, determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage, interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source, use-parallel-structure, use-appeals-to-ethos-pathos-and-logos-in-persuasive-writing, trace-an-argument-set-2, suffixes, use-etymologies-to-determine-the-meanings-of-words, use-dictionary-entries-to-determine-correct-usage, evaluate-counterclaims, transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs, suggest-appropriate-revisions, analyze-the-development-of-informational-passages-set-1, classify-the-figure-of-speech-euphemism-hyperbole-oxymoron-paradox, classify-the-figure-of-speech-review, is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex
grade-12	analogies, evaluate-counterclaims, what-does-the-punctuation-suggest, analyze-short-stories-set-2, is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex, use-etymologies-to-determine-the-meanings-of-words, choose-the-analysis-that-logically-connects-the-evidence-to-the-claim, decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately, classify-the-figure-of-speech-anaphora-anthithesis-apostrophe-assonance-chiasmus-understatement, use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word, describe-the-difference-between-related-words, identify-vague-pronoun-references, recall-the-source-of-an-allusion, identify-sentence-fragments, identify-run-on-sentences, is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause, choose-the-best-evidence-to-support-a-claim, analogies-challenge, suggest-appropriate-revisions, avoid-double-illogical-and-unclear-comparisons, use-dictionary-entries-to-determine-correct-usage, explore-words-with-new-or-contested-usages, choose-the-word-whose-connotation-and-denotation-best-match-the-sentence, choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs, choose-punctuation-to-avoid-fragments-and-run-ons, use-words-accurately-and-precisely, which-text-is-most-formal, use-appeals-to-ethos-pathos-and-logos-in-persuasive-writing, identify-audience-and-purpose, interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source, analyze-the-development-of-informational-passages-set-1, use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words, classify-the-figure-of-speech-euphemism-hyperbole-oxymoron-paradox, classify-the-figure-of-speech-review, transition-logically-between-claims-evidence-analysis-and-counterclaims, determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots, determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, analyze-the-effects-of-figures-of-speech-on-meaning-and-tone, interpret-the-figure-of-speech, classify-logical-fallacies, use-parallel-structure, are-the-modifiers-used-correctly, use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots, transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs, use-context-as-a-clue-to-the-meanings-of-foreign-expressions

Table 13: Full language arts skill summary (part 2).

<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-american-revolution-new-british-taxes Description: In the 1760s, smuggling was an important part of the colonial economy. What does smuggling mean? Choices: [(a) stealing goods from foreign merchants, (b) trading one good for another without the use of money, (c) shipping goods secretly or illegally, (d) producing metal from minerals and rocks] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: world-war-i-the-road-to-war Description: What was World War I originally called? Choices: [(a) the First War, (b) the Great War, (c) the European Revolution, (d) European War I] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-american-flag Description: What does each star on the American flag stand for? Choices: [(a) a president, (b) a state, (c) a war, (d) a city] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: identify-facts-and-opinions Description: Which sentence states a fact? Choices: [(a) The Grand Canyon was carved by the Colorado River., (b) The Grand Canyon is the most breathtaking place the United States.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: state-government Description: How are representatives in a state legislature chosen? Choices: [(a) Everyone in the state votes for all of the representatives., (b) Each district, or area, gets to choose one or two representatives., (c) The governor chooses all of the representatives., (d) The mayors of each city choose one or two representatives.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-empire-state-building Description: Complete the sentence. The Empire State Building was built during a tough time in American history. That time was known as ____. Choices: [(a) the Colonial Period, (b) the Gold Rush, (c) the Reconstruction Era, (d) the Great Depression] Answer index: 3</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: local-government Description: Local governments serve which places? Choices: [(a) countries, (b) towns, cities, and counties, (c) states] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-american-revolution-the-rebellion-begins Description: Complete the sentence. At the First Continental Congress, the colonies agreed to ____ goods imported from Great Britain. Choices: [(a) stop buying, (b) buy more, (c) destroy, (d) tax] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-lincoln-memorial Description: Complete the sentence. Architect Henry Bacon designed the Lincoln Memorial in the early 1900s. He got his ideas from ____. Choices: [(a) architect Frank Lloyd Wright, (b) Gothic churches in France, (c) ancient Greek buildings, (d) President Warren G. Harding] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: world-war-i-the-war-begins Description: Complete the text. There were two main sides in World War I. One side was called the ____ and the other was called the ____. Choices: [(a) Axis powers . . . Allied powers, (b) Allied powers . . . Central powers, (c) Central powers . . . Axis powers, (d) Allied powers . . . Triple Entente] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: world-war-i-the-road-to-peace Description: Complete the text. During the Paris Peace conference, one group of men was known as _____. They represented the most powerful countries at the conference. Choices: [(a) the Three Emperors' League, (b) the Axis Leaders, (c) the Big Four, (d) the enlightened despots] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-statue-of-liberty Description: The Statue of Liberty was finished in 1886. However, the builders' goal had been to finish in 1876. Why was 1876 important? Choices: [(a) It was the year the Civil War ended., (b) It was the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence., (c) New York City hosted the Olympics that year., (d) The president of France visited the United States for the first time that year.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-american-revolution-turning-the-tide-of-the-war Description: The Continental Army suffered many losses in the autumn of 1776. Thomas Paine, a popular writer, was traveling with the army. In late December, he wrote an essay. Read the passage from Thomas Paine's essay. Then answer the question below. These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Which sentence best explains what he meant by these words? Choices: [(a) He did not believe the Americans were doing the right thing., (b) General Washington did not know how to lead an army., (c) The British soldiers were afraid of the Americans., (d) The Continental Army was struggling, but it was fighting for a good cause.] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-war-of-1812-causes Description: The War of 1812 was between the United States and which other country? Choices: [(a) France, (b) Canada, (c) Mexico, (d) Great Britain] Answer index: 3</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: thanksgiving Description: When is Thanksgiving celebrated in the United States? Choices: [(a) on December 5, (b) on January 12, (c) on the second Sunday of September, (d) on the fourth Thursday of November] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: source-analysis-the-gettysburg-address Description: The Gettysburg Address, one of the most famous documents in United States history, was written in 1863. At that time, Abraham Lincoln was president of the United States, and the Union and Confederate armies were fighting each other during the American Civil War. Read the following facts about the Gettysburg Address. Then complete the sentence below. Gettysburg is a town in Pennsylvania where an important Civil War battle was fought. One of the meanings of the word address is a public speech. Based on the information above, complete the sentence. When people say, "President Abraham Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address," they mean that President Lincoln _____. Choices: [(a) lived at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, (b) wrote a book about an important Civil War battle, (c) made a speech after an important Civil War battle, (d) is buried in a graveyard in a town in Pennsylvania] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: causes-of-the-american-revolution-the-french-and-indian-war Description: Complete the text. Before the French and Indian War, there were about 20 times as many British colonists as French colonists. In the 1740s, both British and French colonists began to expand their claims on land in the Ohio River Valley. Both countries were interested in the valuable fur trade there, but ____ were more interested in settling the area. Choices: [(a) The French, (b) the British] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-civil-war-bull-run-to-the-emancipation-proclamation Description: In July 1861, a Union army marched south from Washington, D.C., into Virginia. Its goal was to seize Manassas Junction, an important railroad center. This plan led to the First Battle of Bull Run, the first major battle of the war. ... baffled:confused Complete the sentence. Based on Whitman's account, the First Battle of Bull Run was a ____ for the Union army. Choices: [(a) defeat, (b) victory, (c) draw] Answer index: 0</p>

Table 14: Question examples for each skill (part 1).

<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: identify-primary-and-secondary-sources Description: Imagine that you are a historian who wants to learn more about the fall of the Roman Empire in the 400s CE. You find the source described below. Read the description of the source. Then complete the sentence below. The historian Edward Gibbon wrote the book <i>The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire</i> in 1776 CE. Complete the sentence. In this case, the book is a ____ source because it ____. Choices: [(a) primary . . . is a firsthand account of the fall of the Roman Empire, (b) secondary . . . was written by a historian after the fall of the Roman Empire] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: months-of-the-year Description: What month comes right after February? Choices: [(a) March, (b) December] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: days-of-the-week Description: What day comes right after Tuesday? Choices: [(a) Saturday, (b) Friday, (c) Wednesday] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: theodore-roosevelt Description: Complete the sentence. Theodore Roosevelt is best known as ____ from the early 1900s. Choices: [(a) a president, (b) an artist, (c) a pilot, (d) an inventor] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: george-washington-carver Description: George Washington Carver came up with how many ways to use peanuts? Choices: [(a) around 3, (b) around 30, (c) around 300, (d) around 3,000] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: cesar-chavez Description: What made Cesar Chavez famous? Choices: [(a) He wrote many books about the Civil War., (b) He helped make life better for farm workers., (c) He invented a new way to bring water to crops., (d) He worked for women's right to vote.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: john-deere Description: Complete the sentence. John Deere was a famous ____. Choices: [(a) pilot, (b) soldier, (c) inventor, (d) writer] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: pledge-of-allegiance Description: A pledge is a promise. Listen to this part of the Pledge of Allegiance. Pick the missing word. I pledge ____ to the Flag of the United States of America . . . Choices: [(a) allegiance, (b) honesty] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: compare-urban-suburban-and-rural-areas Description: In which place would you be more likely to drive to see your neighbors? Choices: [(a) an urban area, (b) a rural area] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: abraham-lincoln Description: Complete the sentence. Abraham Lincoln grew up in a poor family. He got most of his education by ____. Choices: [(a) reading a lot of books, (b) taking college classes, (c) going to public school, (d) listening to the radio] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-civil-war-the-first-battle-of-bull-run-to-gettysburg Description: In 1862, the Union army in Washington, D.C., tried to capture the Confederacy's capital of Richmond. Below is a letter from the Union army's commander, General George B. McClellan, to President Lincoln's Secretary of War. I have lost this battle because my force was too small. I have seen too many dead and wounded comrades to feel otherwise than this government has not sustained this army. If you do not do so now the game is lost. If I save this army now, I tell you plainly that I owe no thanks to you or any other person in Washington. You have done the best to sacrifice this army. sustained: helped Whom does McClellan blame for the Union army not capturing Richmond? Choices: [(a) the Union soldiers, (b) himself, (c) the Confederate army, (d) the United States government] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: new-england-colonies-religion-and-government Description: Complete the text. The Puritans were different from the Pilgrims who moved to New England in 1620. The Pilgrims wanted to ____ the Church of England, but the Puritans wanted to ____ it. Choices: [(a) separate from . . . change, (b) change . . . separate from, (c) strengthen . . . destroy, (d) join . . . leave] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-washington-monument Description: People started building the Washington Monument in 1848. It took 36 years to build. In what year was the Washington Monument completed? Choices: [(a) 1854, (b) 1884, (c) 1898, (d) 1936] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-civil-war-the-beginning-of-the-war Description: Following the Battle of Fort Sumter, President Lincoln called on loyal states to provide troops. How did Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas react to this call? Choices: [(a) These states refused to send troops to either side., (b) These states joined the Confederacy., (c) These states demanded that the Confederate states surrender., (d) These states sent troops to the Union army.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: antebellum-period-slavery-and-politics-part-i Description: Complete the text. By the 1820s, many Americans wanted to have an equal number of slave and free states. They wanted a balance of states so that the ____ would have the same number of members from each side. Choices: [(a) Supreme Court, (b) Senate, (c) Executive Branch, (d) House of Representatives] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-american-revolution-preparing-for-war Description: To oppose something means to be against it. Which one of these people strongly opposed American independence? Choices: [(a) Thomas Paine, (b) John Adams, (c) King George III, (d) George Washington] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-golden-gate-bridge Description: Complete the sentence. Leaders of the Golden Gate Bridge project made special rules to ____. Choices: [(a) protect birds in the area, (b) keep ferry boats in business, (c) use more recycled materials, (d) help keep workers safe] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: identify-shortage-and-surplus Description: There are 300 concert tickets for sale. Tickets cost \$20 each. At that price, there are 200 people who want to buy a ticket. Is there a surplus or a shortage of tickets? Choices: [(a) surplus, (b) shortage] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-new-deal Description: Which important period in American history began in 1929? Choices: [(a) the Civil War, (b) the Great Depression, (c) World War II, (d) the civil rights movement] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: reconstruction Description: In 1865, slavery was banned in the United States. How was it banned? Choices: [(a) a presidential veto, (b) a Supreme Court decision, (c) an amendment to the Constitution, (d) a national vote] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-war-of-1812-events-and-effects Description: Which country had a larger navy in 1812? Choices: [(a) the United States, (b) Great Britain] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: plymouth Description: In 1620, some of the Separatists made an agreement with a business in England called the Virginia Company. The Virginia Company would loan them money to buy supplies and hire a ship. Why did the Separatists need supplies and a ship? Choices: [(a) to create a new country in Europe, (b) to find a trade route between Europe and Asia, (c) to build a new cathedral for the Church of England, (d) to start their own colony in North America] Answer index: 3</p>

Table 15: Question examples for each skill (part 2).

<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-great-depression-part-i Description: Who was the president of the United States at the start of the Great Depression? Choices: [(a) William McKinley, (b) Herbert Hoover, (c) Harry Truman, (d) Gerald Ford] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-american-revolution-struggle-for-independence Description: At the Battle of Bunker Hill, one of the colonial officers gave the soldiers a famous order. Read the order. Then answer the question below. Don't fire until you can see the whites of their eyes! What was one reason the officer gave this order? Choices: [(a) He did not want the soldiers to waste any gunpowder or ammunition., (b) He wanted to make sure that the British soldiers were really going to attack., (c) He wanted to make sure that the soldiers were actually British., (d) He did not want the British soldiers to be surprised by the gunfire.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: federal-government Description: Complete the sentence. The three branches of government are the executive, legislative, and ___ branches. Choices: [(a) federal, (b) defensive, (c) state, (d) judicial] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-bill-of-rights Description: Complete the sentences. ___According to the Tenth Amendment, the Constitution lists all of the powers given to the United States government. Any power not listed in the Constitution belongs to either the American people or Choices: [(a) the state governments, (b) the king or queen of Great Britain, (c) private businesses, (d) the Canadian government] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-louisiana-purchase Description: In what year did the Louisiana Purchase take place? Choices: [(a) 1792, (b) 1798, (c) 1803, (d) 1815] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-lewis-and-clark-expedition Description: Why did Thomas Jefferson and others want to find the Northwest Passage? Choices: [(a) It would make traveling less dangerous., (b) It would help lost explorers find their way home., (c) It would make trade with Asia easier.] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-white-house Description: Complete the sentence. The White House is the home of ____. Choices: [(a) the president of the United States, (b) the governor of Maryland, (c) George Washington's great-great-grandson, (d) the Speaker of the House of Representatives] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-american-revolution-conclusion-and-aftermath Description: Complete the sentence. In 1779, ___ joined the Revolutionary War on the side of the United States. Choices: [(a) Spain, (b) Canada, (c) Mexico, (d) Prussia] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-american-revolution-the-boston-tea-party Description: In 1770, colonists who wanted independence still had a hard time getting the colonies to work together. What made working together so difficult? Choices: [(a) The colonists were divided into two groups over the issue of slavery., (b) People living in different colonies often spoke different languages., (c) British soldiers would break up any large meetings of colonists., (d) The colonists were not well organized. They had no easy way to share information.] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-constitution Description: When was the Constitution written? Choices: [(a) 1787, (b) 1867, (c) 1907, (d) 2007] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-civil-war-war-tactics-and-the-home-front Description: Complete the sentence. During the Civil War, the Union navy tried to close off Southern ports. The Union wanted to stop the Confederacy from trading with other countries. In other words, the Union wanted to create ____. Choices: [(a) an ambush, (b) a blockade, (c) an armistice, (d) an assault] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-great-depression-part-ii Description: Where were the effects of the Great Depression felt? Choices: [(a) The Great Depression affected countries around the world., (b) The Great Depression only affected the United States., (c) The Great Depression's impact was limited to North American countries., (d) The Great Depression was felt only in the Western Hemisphere.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-american-revolution-the-thirteen-colonies-under-british-rule Description: How did Great Britain rule the Thirteen Colonies from so far away? Choices: [(a) Great Britain created a second national capital in the Thirteen Colonies., (b) Each colony elected leaders to visit the British government once a year., (c) Each colony had its own government, and those governments had to follow British law., (d) The king of Great Britain traveled to the Thirteen Colonies once a month.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: world-war-i-events-of-the-war Description: Read the passage. Then answer the question. The main type of fighting in World War I was trench warfare. Soldiers dug trenches, or deep holes in the ground, to protect themselves from enemy fire. ... Soldiers stayed in the trenches for weeks at a time. The trenches were dirty and uncomfortable. Many soldiers got sick in the trenches. Why were trenches used during World War I? Choices: [(a) Trenches helped to end the war quickly., (b) Trenches protected soldiers from enemy weapons., (c) Trenches were clean places for soldiers to stay before returning to fight., (d) Trenches made "no man's land" a safer place to be.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: antebellum-period-abolitionist-and-proslavery-perspectives Description: By 1860, there were almost four million enslaved African American people in the United States. What is an enslaved person? Choices: [(a) a person who is drafted into the army, (b) a person who is owned by someone else, (c) a person who works for someone else for 4 to 7 years, (d) a person who is a criminal] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: new-england-colonies-economy-and-conflict Description: Slavery was not as widespread in New England as it was in the Southern Colonies. Why not? Choices: [(a) The colonists in New England had nothing valuable to trade for enslaved people., (b) The Puritans believed slavery was morally wrong. Most towns made slavery illegal., (c) New England did not have many large plantations, where enslaved labor was most valuable.] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: jamestown-the-early-years Description: Read the passage about the men who traveled to Jamestown. Then answer the question below. Around 100 men signed up to travel to Jamestown. Here are some of the men who signed up: ... However, around 50 of the men who signed up to go to weren't workers at all! They were gentlemen. A gentleman is a man born into a noble family. Often, gentlemen are rich. They are rarely asked to do any work. Many gentlemen wanted to travel to Jamestown to find adventure. Half of the first Jamestown settlers were gentlemen. Why might that have been a problem? Choices: [(a) Gentlemen wanted to avoid adventures in the new colony., (b) Gentlemen did not have enough money to help start a new colony., (c) Gentlemen were not used to the hard work of starting a colony.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: middle-colonies-founding-and-government Description: John Berkeley and Sir George Carteret wanted to make money by charging fees for land in New Jersey. But to do this, they needed to attract Europeans to settle the land. Which of these rules would probably make Europeans more likely to move to New Jersey? Choices: [(a) All settlers would have to work for seven years before they could get any land., (b) All settlers would have to pay taxes to the colonial government., (c) All settlers would be free to practice the religion of their choice.] Answer index: 2</p>

Table 16: Question examples for each skill (part 3).

<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: antebellum-period-slavery-and-politics-part-ii Description: While in prison in December 1859, John Brown handed a note to his guard. Use the text from that note to answer the question below. I, John Brown, am now quite certain that the crimes of this guilty land will never be purged away; but with blood. purged:removed What did Brown believe would be needed to end slavery? Choices: [(a) economic boycott, (b) petitions, (c) non-violent protest, (d) violence] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: southern-colonies-economy-and-slavery Description: Complete the sentence. The largest farms in the Southern Colonies grew cash crops. Cash crops are plants meant ____. Choices: [(a) to be sold, (b) to be given to the government, (c) to feed wildlife, (d) to be eaten by farmers] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: presidential-elections Description: Complete the sentence. In an election, people choose their representatives and leaders by ____. Choices: [(a) voting, (b) giving speeches, (c) drawing names randomly, (d) passing laws] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-civil-war-the-end-of-the-war Description: In 1864, the United States held a presidential election. Lincoln ran for re-election. A couple months before the election, Lincoln wrote the following note to his advisors. Use it to answer the question below. This morning, as for some days past, it seems exceedingly probable that this Administration will not be re-elected. Then it will be my duty to so cooperate with the President elect, as to save the Union between the election and the inauguration; as he will have secured his election on such ground that he can not possibly save it afterwards. ... inauguration:when a president takes office What did Abraham Lincoln think would happen if he lost the election? Choices: [(a) The election would bring the country back together., (b) The new president would not be able to save the Union., (c) The new president would ask Lincoln to be vice president.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: mount-rushmore Description: When did workers start carving Mount Rushmore? Choices: [(a) in 1863, (b) in 1888, (c) in 1901, (d) in 1927] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: understand-overall-supply-and-demand Description: Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin in 1793. The cotton gin is a machine that makes it easier to harvest cotton quickly. What happened to the overall supply of cotton after 1793? Choices: [(a) The supply went up., (b) The supply went down.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: costs-and-benefits Description: Samuel is deciding whether to bake banana muffins or lemon muffins. He wants the muffins to be tasty. But he also wants to make a lot of muffins. Suppose Samuel decides to bake lemon muffins. Which result would be a cost? Choices: [(a) Samuel will get to eat more muffins. He can make more lemon muffins than banana muffins., (b) Samuel will give up the chance to eat banana muffins. He thinks banana muffins are tastier than lemon muffins.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: antebellum-period-economies-of-the-north-and-south Description: In the United States, most enslaved people worked on large farms that grew crops to sell. What were these farms called? Choices: [(a) subsistence farms, (b) workshops, (c) factories, (d) plantations] Answer index: 3</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: jamestown-growth-of-a-colony Description: In 1613, a Jamestown settler kidnapped Chief Powhatan's favorite daughter. What was she called? Choices: [(a) Pocahontas, (b) Massasoit, (c) Squanto, (d) Sacagawea] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: world-war-ii-lead-up-to-war-in-europe-asia Description: After the Treaty of Versailles was signed, a German newspaper stated the following. Read the passage. Then answer the question. Today German honor is being carried to its grave. Do not forget it! The German people will, with unceasing labor, press forward to reconquer the place among the nations to which it is entitled. Then will come vengeance for the shame of 1919. ... vengeance:payback According to the passage, what does the author want Germany to do in the future? Choices: [(a) The author wants Germany to join the Allied powers., (b) The author wants Germany to become a powerful nation again., (c) The author wants Germany to forget about World War I., (d) The author wants Germany to join the League of Nations.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: southern-colonies-founding-and-government Description: Many Virginians did not like the colonial government's friendly policies toward Native Americans. In 1676, these Virginians violently rebelled against the government in Virginia. This event became known as Bacon's Rebellion. Which of the following is an example of a violent rebellion? Choices: [(a) writing letters to the colonial governor of Virginia and the king, (b) voting in the next election for the Virginian colonial representatives, (c) marching on the colonial capital of Jamestown and burning it down] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: middle-colonies-economy-and-society Description: Merchants played a key role in trade between colonies and between the colonies and Europe. Which of these things would a merchant be likely to do? Choices: [(a) use lumber from the Middle Colonies to build houses, (b) grow cash crops such as corn and wheat, (c) sell corn from the Middle Colonies to people in England, (d) make iron products such as plows and horseshoes] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: world-war-ii-global-events Description: Kathryn Mary Doody was a nurse at an army hospital in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was bombed. Read Kathryn Mary Doody's account of the events of December 7, 1941. Then answer the question. Pretty soon the night nurse came off duty, and she said to us, "Girls, you know what's happening?" And we said, "No, what's happening?" She said, "The island of Oahu has been attacked by the enemy, Japan." And I said, "Shut up." Because she was a person that always had the greatest stories to relate. And she said, "Don't pay any attention to me. Go turn your radios on." So I went in the room and turned the radio on and that's exactly what they were repeating, over and over again. . . . So I thought, "That means war. What's war going to be like?" According to the passage, what was Kathryn Mary Doody's reaction when she first heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor? Choices: [(a) She was scared and went to church to pray for peace., (b) She didn't believe that it was true., (c) She told all of her friends that they should help the military., (d) She was angry at the United States government.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: early-mesopotamia Description: Complete the text. Mesopotamia is an area between the ____ Rivers. Because of the rich soil created by the two rivers, Mesopotamia is often called the Fertile Crescent. Choices: [(a) Indus and Ganges, (b) Mississippi and Missouri, (c) Tigris and Euphrates, (d) Nile and Jordan] Answer index: 2</p>

Table 17: Question examples for each skill (part 4).

<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: ancient-china Description: For people in ancient Chinese communities, flooding around the Yellow and Yangtze Rivers was a common problem. But floods had both positive and negative effects for people in ancient China. Which of the following was a positive effect of flooding? Choices: [(a) Floods killed many animals who lived near the river., (b) After a river flooded, fertile soil was left on the land., (c) Many crops were destroyed by the floods., (d) Floods destroyed homes located near the river.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: origins-of-islam Description: Muslims believe there is only one god. They call this god Allah, which means "God" in Arabic. The following passage describes a Muslim belief about how Allah revealed, or communicated, messages to his followers. Read the passage. Then answer the question below. We believe in Allah and [the message that] was revealed to us and what was revealed to Abraham . . . and the teachings which Allah gave to Moses and Jesus and to other prophets. . . . Al Imran 3:84 in Zafar Ishaq Ansari, translator, Towards Understanding the Qur'an, Volume 1. Copyright 1988 by The Islamic Foundation. Based on this passage, which statement do most Muslims believe is true? Choices: [(a) Allah is more powerful than the god Jews and Christians worship., (b) Allah is the same god that Jews and Christians worship., (c) Allah sent messages to Abraham, but not to other prophets.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-teachings-of-confucius Description: Confucius's teachings have been passed down in a text known as The Analects (AN-el-ekts). Read the passage about The Analects. Then answer the question below. The Analects is made up of discussions between Confucius and his students. When Confucius was alive, his students all remembered their own conversations with Confucius. When Confucius died, his students gathered together to write down their memories of Confucius's teachings. The text they wrote down was called The Analects, which means "the selected speeches." Complete the text. collected and wrote down The Analects. The Analects is made up of ____. Choices: [(a) Confucius . . . books Confucius wrote, (b) Confucius . . . conversations Confucius had with his students, (c) Confucius's students . . . books Confucius wrote, (d) Confucius's students . . . conversations Confucius had with his students] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: ancient-egypt-the-old-kingdom Description: Complete the text. Before Upper and Lower Egypt became one kingdom, they were divided into nomes, or ____. Each nome was controlled by a nomarch, or local king. Choices: [(a) territories, (b) farms, (c) churches, (d) teams] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-mauryan-empire Description: One of Chandragupta's most important military and political advisors was a man named Kautilya. Read the following story about Kautilya and Chandragupta. Then answer the question below. Kautilya and Chandragupta gathered an army to overthrow the Nanda Empire. At first, their soldiers attacked the center of the Nanda Empire, but they were defeated by the powerful Nanda army. ... According to tradition, Kautilya and Chandragupta took that mother's advice about eating hot bread and used it to defeat the Nanda Empire. How did Kautilya and Chandragupta use the mother's advice to defeat the Nanda Empire? Choices: [(a) They convinced members of the Nanda army to change sides and help Chandragupta overthrow the empire., (b) They attacked the Nanda Empire from the edges, where it was weakest, rather than from the center where it was strong., (c) They attacked the center of the Nanda Empire until the army was too tired and weak to keep fighting.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: origins-of-christianity Description: Complete the text. Jesus of Nazareth is the most important figure in Christianity. Most Christians believe he ____. Choices: [(a) is God, (b) built a temple in Jerusalem, (c) was a famous military leader, (d) was a Roman emperor] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: ancient-egyptian-religion Description: In ancient Egypt, powerful gods were an important part of religious beliefs. People who believe in many gods are called polytheists (pol-ee-THEE-ists). Which statement would support the idea that ancient Egyptians were polytheists? Choices: [(a) Many ancient Egyptians worshipped the gods Osiris, Isis, and Horus., (b) Ancient Egyptian religious traditions lasted over 3,000 years., (c) Many different creation stories were popular in ancient Egypt., (d) Ancient Egypt was located in northeastern Africa, along the Nile River.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-gupta-empire Description: The Gupta Empire was founded by a man who became known as Chandra Gupta (CHUN-druh GOOP-tuh). Read about Chandra Gupta. Then complete the sentence below. Chandra Gupta was born to a ruling family, but they only controlled a small area and were not very powerful. That began to change around 320 CE when Chandra Gupta married Princess Kumaradevi. Princess Kumaradevi came from a powerful family that controlled an area along the Ganges River. By marrying Kumaradevi, Chandra Gupta expanded the area he controlled, and he began forming an empire. Complete the following sentence. Chandra Gupta began the Gupta Empire after he ____. Choices: [(a) threatened to stop trading with regions that refused to let him rule, (b) inherited the large region his family had controlled for generations, (c) married a princess and took control of the area her family ruled, (d) won battles against many kingdoms along the Ganges River] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: origins-of-judaism Description: Judaism (JU-dee-izm) is a religion that has existed for thousands of years. What are people who practice Judaism called? Choices: [(a) Christians, (b) Jains, (c) Jews, (d) Hindus] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-ancient-silk-road-goods-and-ideas Description: People in the Han Dynasty produced silk, an important luxury good. Han people used silk for money and clothing within Han territory, and they also sold silk to foreign merchants. Wealthy people in the Roman Empire wanted Han silk for their clothing. But Han merchants did not travel all the way to Rome. Instead, Middle Eastern merchants helped bring Han silk to Rome. The information below describes Middle Eastern merchants' roles in the silk trade. Read the information. Then answer the question below. Merchants from the Middle East bought Han silk fabric in Asia and brought it to Syria, a region in the Middle East. This fabric was usually made with Han styles and patterns. ... Finally, Syrian merchants sold the re-woven silk to wealthy Romans. As a result, Syrian merchants became wealthy from the silk trade. Based on this information, which statement about how silk was traded is true? Choices: [(a) People in the Middle East re-wove Han silk into styles that Romans liked., (b) Han people wove silk into styles that were popular with people in the Roman Empire., (c) Han merchants traveled the Silk Road to sell silk directly to people in the Roman Empire.] Answer index: 0</p>

Table 18: Question examples for each skill (part 5).

<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: mesopotamian-empires Description: Read some of King Hammurabi's laws. Then complete the sentence below. If a man put out the eye of another man, his eye shall be put out. ... mina: a unit of weight for measuring money, about 1 pound Complete the sentence. According to Hammurabi's law code, if a man commits a crime against an enslaved person, his punishment would be ___ the punishment for a crime committed against his equal. Choices: [(a) less harsh than, (b) equally as harsh as, (c) more harsh than] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-kingdoms-of-kush Description: Around 2300 BCE, the first kingdom of Kush began to develop, called the Kerman Kingdom. It grew out of a city called Kerma. At that time, Kush did not have its own written language. So today, researchers study objects and buildings instead of written sources to learn about the Kerman Kingdom. Read the description of the largest monument in the Kerman Kingdom. Then answer the question below. The Western Deffufa (duh-FOO-fuh) is one of the oldest monuments in Africa. It was built by the rulers of the Kerman Kingdom around 2000 BCE. When the Western Deffufa was built, it was one of the largest buildings in the region. Today, even though some of the building has crumbled away, it is still around 60 feet tall. That's about as tall as a six-story building! ... The Western Deffufa was made out of a common building material called mudbrick. Each brick had to be individually shaped and then baked in the sun. Then people needed to transport the bricks to the construction site and stack them up to make the walls of the building. This process took a lot of time. It also cost the Kerman rulers a lot of money to feed all of the workers. What does the Western Deffufa tell researchers about the Kerman Kingdom? Choices: [(a) The Kerman Kingdom must have been wealthy and powerful in order to build it., (b) The Kerman Kingdom used a rare type of building material., (c) The Kerman Kingdom used the structure for military activities.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-han-dynasty Description: The city of Chang'an grew to have over 200,000 people around 1 CE. At that time, both the Han and the Roman Empires had almost the same population! The graph below shows the estimated population of the Han Dynasty between 200 BCE and 157 CE. Look at the graph. Then complete the sentence below. Complete the sentence. In the year 2 CE, around ___ million people lived in Han territory. Choices: [(a) 15, (b) 20, (c) 44, (d) 60] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: early-chinese-thought Description: A king needed the Mandate of Heaven in order to rule. People believed that a king had the support of heaven if his actions had positive results or when good events happened in the world around them. The poem below comes from a Zhou dynasty book called the Book of Songs. Read the poem. Then answer the question below. The drought has become so severe ... great mandate: Mandate of Heaven Why does this poem claim that the "great mandate is about at an end?" Choices: [(a) The ruler was not able to stop a natural disaster., (b) The ruler had kicked people out of their homes., (c) The weather was cold and people became sick., (d) Flooding from the Yellow River destroyed several Zhou cities.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-qin-empire Description: Read the passage about Qin law. Then answer the question below. Shang Yang wrote many new laws for the Qin state. Some of these laws organized people into groups of five or ten families. Laws required these groups to spy on one another's activities and to report their neighbors' crimes. If neighbors reported crimes to the government right away, they would usually not be punished for their neighbors' crimes. But if people failed to report their neighbor's crime, they would be punished harshly. Based on the information above, why did Qin rulers make laws that required people to spy on one another? Choices: [(a) These laws kept people from committing crimes., (b) The Qin government wanted to pardon people for committing crimes., (c) These laws encouraged people to work harder., (d) They hoped that neighbors would write their own laws and not bother the Qin government.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: susan-b-anthony Description: What job did Susan B. Anthony have when she was young? Choices: [(a) teacher, (b) librarian, (c) actress, (d) police officer] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: paul-revere Description: What did Paul Revere do to fight against British rule? Choices: [(a) He wrote an essay., (b) He ran for governor of Massachusetts., (c) He joined the Sons of Liberty., (d) He printed an anti-British newspaper.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: lunar-new-year Description: Complete the sentence. On the Gregorian calendar, the first day of the Chinese lunar year is ___ each year. Choices: [(a) the same, (b) different] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: holi Description: Holi comes from which religion? Choices: [(a) Hinduism, (b) Catholicism, (c) Islam, (d) Buddhism] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: rosa-parks Description: Rosa Parks moved when she was 11 years old. She moved to the city of Montgomery, Alabama. Why did she move? Choices: [(a) to go to church, (b) to go to school, (c) to get a job, (d) to live in a bigger house] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: neil-armstrong Description: Which two countries were part of the Space Race? Choices: [(a) the United States and the Soviet Union, (b) the United States and China, (c) Japan and the Soviet Union, (d) Japan and China] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: easter Description: When is Easter celebrated? Choices: [(a) a Sunday in early spring, (b) the first Monday in July, (c) December 25, (d) late November] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: amelia-earhart Description: Complete the sentence. Amelia Earhart was a famous _____. Choices: [(a) athlete, (b) pilot, (c) scientist, (d) artist] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: thomas-jefferson Description: Complete the sentence. Thomas Jefferson believed that people needed to be ___ to be good voters. Choices: [(a) educated, (b) wealthy, (c) parents, (d) religious] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: christmas Description: On Christmas, Christians celebrate which story? Choices: [(a) the story of Jesus Christ walking on water, (b) the story of Jesus Christ's birth, (c) the story of Jesus Christ feeding people, (d) the story of Jesus Christ coming back from the dead] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: frederick-douglass Description: As an enslaved person, Frederick Douglass had many jobs. What was one job that he had? Choices: [(a) He ran a shop., (b) He worked in the fields., (c) He worked in a factory., (d) He gave people medicine.] Answer index: 1</p>

Table 19: Question examples for each skill (part 6).

<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: benjamin-franklin Description: Benjamin Franklin played an important part in which conflict? Choices: [(a) World War I, (b) the Civil War, (c) the American Revolution, (d) the War of 1812] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: ramadan Description: Complete the sentence. During Ramadan, Muslims remember an important event in the life of ____. Choices: [(a) Muhammad, (b) Pope John Paul II, (c) Guru Nanak, (d) Martin Luther] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: dia-de-los-muertos Description: When is Día de los Muertos celebrated? Choices: [(a) April 15, (b) October 27, (c) November 1 and 2, (d) the last Monday in May] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: jackie-robinson Description: Why do we look up to Jackie Robinson? Choices: [(a) He was bossy., (b) He was brave., (c) He was popular., (d) He was funny.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: harriet-tubman Description: When was Harriet Tubman born? Choices: [(a) the 1490s, (b) the 1610s, (c) the 1820s, (d) the 1910s] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: sitting-bull Description: Complete the sentence. Sitting Bull was an important ____ leader in the 1800s. Choices: [(a) Japanese American, (b) Native American, (c) German American, (d) Mexican American] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: kwanzaa Description: What does Kwanzaa celebrate? Choices: [(a) the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., (b) the signing of the Declaration of Independence, (c) the history and culture of African American people, (d) the day that slavery ended] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: thurgood-marshall Description: Thurgood Marshall was a Supreme Court justice for 24 years. What do Supreme Court justices do? Choices: [(a) They punish criminals., (b) They decide whether laws agree with the Constitution., (c) They write and pass new laws., (d) They make peace treaties with other countries.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: hanukkah Description: In a game of dreidel, how do you win the whole pot? Choices: [(a) by landing on the letter gimel, (b) by spinning your dreidel in a perfect circle, (c) by spinning your dreidel longer than anyone else's, (d) by knocking over everyone else's dreidels] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: bill-gates Description: Use this paragraph to answer the question below. Bill Gates grew up in a family that liked to have contests. When they played tennis or went swimming, there was always a contest and a winner. Bill Gates always wanted to win. He hated losing at anything. Complete the sentences. Growing up, Bill Gates was always competitive. That meant he ____. Choices: [(a) was always well behaved, (b) hated sports, (c) tried to be the best] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: purpose-of-government Description: Which is an example of a law? Choices: [(a) You should get a new toothbrush every six months., (b) You may not drive above the speed limit., (c) You must clean your room before dinner., (d) You should eat more fruits and vegetables.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: rosh-hashanah Description: Rosh Hashanah is the beginning of a ten-day religious period. The period ends with which holiday? Choices: [(a) Hanukkah, (b) Passover, (c) Yom Kippur, (d) Purim] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: davy-crockett Description: When Davy Crockett was 12 years old, his family needed help making money. Davy Crockett got a job to help out. What sort of work did he do? Choices: [(a) He worked in a factory in Pennsylvania., (b) He helped build ships in Boston., (c) He helped move cows from Tennessee to Virginia., (d) He worked in a bank in New York City.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-ancient-silk-road-geography-and-transportation Description: Although most merchants traded in shorter sections of the Silk Road, some merchants occasionally traveled to new regions. These merchants could learn about different parts of the Silk Road from guidebooks. The passage below comes from a guidebook for merchants written in the first century CE. Scholars think it was written by an Egyptian merchant who traveled in the Red Sea and Indian Ocean. Read the passage from the guidebook. Then follow the instructions below. Now the whole country of India has very many rivers, and very great ebb and flow with the tides . . . entrance and departure of vessels is very dangerous to those who are inexperienced or who come to this market town for the first time. ... Source: Periplus of the Red Sea This guidebook helped merchants learn _____. It could also help them _____. Choices: [(a) about the geography of a new place . . . avoid dangerous areas, (b) to build boats . . . learn how to swim, (c) to speak new languages . . . find where markets were located] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: slavery-in-the-south Description: For more than 300 years, people were enslaved in Africa and then brought to North and South America, where they were sold. But in the early 1800s, this changed. Complete the text. In 1807, Great Britain made it illegal to buy and sell enslaved people across the Atlantic Ocean using British ships. The United States did not ban slavery, but it did ban importing any new enslaved people into the country. So, by 1860, most enslaved people in the United States _____. Choices: [(a) had been born there, (b) came from Great Britain, (c) had been freed] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-abolitionists Description: One of the most vivid descriptions of life aboard a slave ship comes from a book written by Olaudah Equiano (oh-lah-OO-dah eh-kwee-AH-no). In the following passage, Equiano describes his experiences on a slave ship bound for the Americas. Read the passage. Then complete the sentence below. I was soon put down under the decks, and there I received such a salutation in my nostrils as I had never experienced in my life. . . . I became so sick and so low that I was not able to eat. . . . But soon, to my grief, two of the white men offered me [food]; and, on my refusing to eat, one of them held me fast by the hand . . . and tied my feet, while the other flogged me severely. . . . I would have jumped over the side, but I could not; and, besides, the crew used to watch us very closely . . . lest we should leap into the water. ... lest we should; in case we would Complete the sentence. Equiano published his book in 1789 in Great Britain. Most of his readers were white Europeans. Equiano most likely wrote his book to persuade ____ people to _____. Choices: [(a) British . . . end the slave trade, (b) Native American . . . join the slave trade, (c) African . . . fight against slavery, (d) European . . . purchase more enslaved people] Answer index: 0</p>

Table 20: Question examples for each skill (part 7).

<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: new-england-colonies-economy-and-interactions-with-native-americans Description: Colonists traded with Native American groups. But colonists also fought Native American groups for land and resources. For example, in the Pequot War (1636–1638), New England colonists fought the Pequot people for control of the valuable farmland and trading routes along the Connecticut River. The adapted passage below was written by a New England colonist who fought in the Pequot War. In this passage, the colonist describes how an army of New England colonists and Native American allies attacked the most important Pequot town. Many Pequot were burnt when we set fire to the town, men, women, and children, others forced out which our soldiers killed; down fell men, women, and children. Those that escaped us, fell into the hands of [the Native Americans fighting on the side of the colonists], that were behind us. There were about four hundred Pequot in this town, and not above five of them escaped out of our hands. Captain John Underhill, <i>Newes from America</i>, 1638. This passage describes a key event of the Pequot War. According to the passage, what happened during this event? Choices: [(a) The Pequot defeated the army of colonists and their allies., (b) The Pequot and the colonists agreed to share the Connecticut River., (c) The colonists and their allies killed or captured most of the Pequot., (d) The colonists captured the Pequot warriors but did not harm the other Pequot.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: state-and-local-government Description: Sometimes it is not clear what powers a state government has. The passage below describes a conflict between a state government and the federal government over schools that were segregated, or divided, by race. Read the passage. Then answer the question below. Before 1954, many states segregated public schools based on race. In these states, African American students and white students were not allowed to go to the same schools. Opponents and supporters of segregation disagreed about whether the state government or the national government had the power to decide whether schools should be segregated: ... In the case <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> (1954), the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that segregated schools violated the rights of American citizens under federal law. The court ordered states to stop segregating schools. When the state government of Arkansas refused to obey the Supreme Court, the president of the United States sent soldiers to enforce the court's decision. Based on the passage, which part of government decides whether the Constitution allows a state government to do something? Choices: [(a) the Supreme Court, (b) the president, (c) state governments, (d) Congress] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: world-war-i-the-great-war Description: The passage below describes how World War I started with a single incident, but spread quickly into a large-scale war. Read the passage. Then answer the question. In the early 1900s, countries in Europe were part of alliances, or agreements to protect each other if they were attacked. There were two rival alliance groups: ... In 1914, a Serbian nationalist assassinated a top official from Austria-Hungary. Austria-Hungary responded by declaring war on Serbia, sparking a chain reaction that forced allies to declare war. Although Serbia wasn't an official member of an alliance, it had strong ties to Russia. So, Russia immediately stepped in to defend Serbia. Then, Germany supported its ally Austria-Hungary by declaring war on Russia. Next, France joined the war to uphold alliance agreements with Russia. This made Great Britain join with the Allied powers to defend both France and Russia. How did the alliance system in Europe lead to World War I? Choices: [(a) Once two countries were at war, the other countries were able to step aside., (b) When a country outside the alliance system declared war, all the others joined to fight the outside power., (c) When one country declared war, many other countries had to join in to defend their allies., (d) When Russia stepped in to defend Serbia, Germany also had to defend Serbia.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: causes-of-the-civil-war-dred-scott-to-secession Description: The Supreme Court's decision in the Dred Scott case outraged many Americans, especially in the North. They thought that slaveholders were gaining too much power. In 1858, an Illinois Republican named Abraham Lincoln gave a speech about the role of slavery in the United States. Read the passage from Lincoln's House Divided speech. Then answer the question below. A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently, half slave, and half free. Either the opponents of slavery will [stop] the further spread of it, and put it in course of [extinction], or its [supporters] will push it forward till it shall become alike lawful in all the states, old, as well as new. In his speech, Lincoln uses the metaphor of a "house divided against itself." According to Lincoln, which of the following was like a house divided against itself? Choices: [(a) the relationship between Mexico and the U.S., (b) the Republican party, (c) the Illinois legislature, (d) the United States government] Answer index: 3</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-marshall-court Description: The Supreme Court's job is to interpret and apply the laws of the United States, including the Constitution. When a case reaches the Supreme Court, the justices hear arguments on both sides of the case and then make a decision. With its decision, the Court is often deciding what the Constitution means. Under the leadership of John Marshall, the Supreme Court made many decisions that set important precedents. The word "precedent" comes from the word "precede," which means "to come before." Based on this information, which of the following is the best example of a "precedent" in law? Choices: [(a) the closing argument by a defense lawyer in a criminal trial, (b) an earlier rule set by a Supreme Court decision for later courts to follow, (c) a speech given by the chief justice of the Supreme Court] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: source-analysis-the-declaration-of-independence Description: The Declaration of Independence is one of the most famous documents in United States history. A declaration of independence is a document created by the people of one country to say they are no longer part of another country. Which of the following is an example of a declaration of independence? Choices: [(a) a document describing the major laws of the federal government, (b) a document saying that the United States had won World War II, (c) a document declaring that the United States would no longer allow slavery, (d) a document stating that the United States was no longer part of the British Empire] Answer index: 3</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: portuguese-and-spanish-expeditions-part-ii Description: While the Portuguese were working their way around the coast of Africa, other European countries, such as Spain, also wanted to trade in the Indian Ocean. But Portugal already controlled sea trade along the West African coast. In fact, the rulers of Spain had signed a treaty agreeing not to trade there. Imagine you are the ruler of Spain. You are determined to trade in the Indian Ocean, but the Portuguese are blocking you from sending expeditions around Africa. What would be the best solution to this problem? Choices: [(a) give up and focus instead on trade in Europe, (b) look for other routes to the Indian Ocean, (c) break the treaty and start an expensive war] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-legislative-branch Description: The majority party in each chamber of Congress has an advantage. What is one reason why? Choices: [(a) The majority party elects the president every four years., (b) Only representatives and senators from the majority party can vote on bills., (c) The president usually agrees with the majority party., (d) Members of Congress usually vote the same way as the rest of their party.] Answer index: 3</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-first-party-system-federalists-and-democratic-republicans Description: Political parties are groups that support different political positions. Today they are a regular part of political life in the United States, but they have not always existed. Parties first formed in the 1790s, after George Washington was elected president. Washington wrote about political parties in 1796. Read Washington's words. Then complete the sentence below. Let me warn you, in the most solemn manner, against the baneful effects of [parties]. ... baneful.harmful, destructive Complete the sentence. After seeing disagreements among Americans increase while he was president, Washington felt that political parties were ___ for the United States. Choices: [(a) dangerous, (b) necessary, (c) helpful] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-constitution-interpretation Description: Sometimes, interpretations of the Constitution can differ or can change over time. One part of the Constitution that judges have often needed to interpret is the Fourteenth Amendment. The Fourteenth Amendment was added in 1868, after the Civil War ended. Read the text of a section of the amendment called the Equal Protection Clause. Then answer the question below. No State shall . . . deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. jurisdiction:territory The Equal Protection Clause was written to make certain laws unconstitutional. Which of the following laws was the Equal Protection Clause most likely written to ban? Choices: [(a) a national law to build a network of railroads from coast to coast, (b) state laws that allowed both men and women to vote in elections, (c) a national law creating universities to teach farming skills, (d) state laws that took away rights from African American people] Answer index: 3</p>

Table 21: Question examples for each skill (part 8).

<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-executive-branch Description: Read Section 1 of Article II of the United States Constitution. Then answer the question. The executive power shall be vested in a president of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the term of four years, and, together with the vice president, chosen for the same term, be elected. ... vested in: given to Complete the sentence. According to the Constitution, the president has the power to ____. Choices: [(a) carry out laws, (b) decide how long a term of office is, (c) renovate the White House, (d) run elections] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-revolutionary-war-conclusion-and-aftermath Description: As the war continued, many Patriots lashed out at Loyalists, or those who remained loyal to Great Britain during the Revolutionary War. Read the passage from an editorial appearing in the Pennsylvania Packet, one of the first daily newspapers in America. Then answer the question below. Send [the Loyalists] where they may enjoy their beloved slavery to perfection—send them to the island of Britain; there let them drink the cup of slavery and eat the bread of bitterness all the days of their existence. . . . Never let them return to this happy land—never let them taste the sweets of that independence which they strove to prevent. Banishment, perpetual banishment, should be their lot. What is the main argument in the passage? Choices: [(a) Patriots should take away Loyalists' right to vote., (b) Loyalists should be banished to Britain., (c) Loyalists should be enslaved., (d) Patriots should convince Loyalists of the value of independence.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-articles-of-confederation Description: The Articles of Confederation created an official central government for the United States. The new central government replaced the Continental Congress and was called the Confederation Congress. Unlike the United States government today, the central government under the Articles of Confederation only had one branch. The Confederation Congress, a group of representatives from each state, was completely responsible for governing. There was no president or court system. The following passage from the Articles of Confederation explains the representation of each state within the Confederation Congress. Read the passage. Then complete the sentence below. No state shall be represented in Congress by less than two, nor more than seven members. . . . While voting in the United States in Congress assembled, each state shall have one vote. Complete the sentence. Under the Articles of Confederation, each state could have ____ number of representatives and ____ number of votes. Choices: [(a) the same...the same, (b) the same...a different, (c) a different...a different, (d) a different...the same] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-judicial-branch Description: The Supreme Court is made up of a maximum of nine justices, or judges. How do Supreme Court justices decide how to rule in a case? Choices: [(a) Each justice takes a side, and the side with more justices wins., (b) All of the justices must agree., (c) They appoint a jury of citizens and follow its recommendation., (d) A smaller group of one to three justices decides each case.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: radical-reconstruction Description: The passage below comes from a letter that a Freedmen's Bureau agent sent to a man in North Carolina. Read the letter. Then answer the question below. January 14th, 1866 ... William Fox This letter describes one of the duties of the Freedmen's Bureau. Which of those duties does it describe? Choices: [(a) helping African American people start schools, (b) investigating, or looking into, violence against freed people, (c) bringing together African American families that had been separated by slavery, (d) making sure employers treated freed people fairly] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: antebellum-reform-movements Description: Many people turned to religion to help deal with problems they saw in society. Throughout U.S. history, the majority of Americans have been Christians. But religious enthusiasm was especially high during a period called the Second Great Awakening, from about the 1790s to the 1840s. During this period, ministers traveled the country preaching new religious ideas. Some of the religious ideas of the Second Great Awakening were expressed in hymns, or religious songs. The passage below comes from "Amazing Grace," a hymn that was popular at the time. Read the first few lines from the hymn. Then answer the question below. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound ... wretch: a bad, unhappy person Which of these statements best summarizes the main idea of these lines? Choices: [(a) God does not pay attention to people's lives., (b) With God's help, people can improve their lives., (c) A leopard can't change its spots, and people can't change either., (d) People should get used to the fact that life isn't always fair.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: washingtons-presidency-part-i Description: Washington wrote a letter describing the suit that he planned to wear to his inauguration. At the time, many Americans wore clothes made of cloth from Great Britain. But Washington's inauguration suit was not made of British cloth. Read the passage from Washington's letter. Then complete the text below. There are cloth factories in Connecticut, and I have [written to a friend asking him] . . . to procure me . . . Hartford fabric, to make a suit of clothes . . . I hope it will [soon] be unfashionable for a gentleman to appear in any other dress. ... Hartford: the capital of the state of Connecticut Complete the text. Washington expressed the hope that people would only want to wear clothes that were ____. Choices: [(a) elegant and fashionable, (b) made from cloth produced in the United States, (c) unfashionable, (d) made from cloth produced in Great Britain] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-scientific-revolution Description: The Scientific Revolution was an important period in European history. Read the following description of the Scientific Revolution. Then answer the question below. The Scientific Revolution was a time when European scholars made many discoveries and advances in science and mathematics. Many historians have argued that the Scientific Revolution was also a time when people began to study and understand the world in a new way. Rather than using old ideas about science and nature, during the Scientific Revolution scholars began investigating the natural world for themselves. They developed questions and then performed experiments and gathered evidence in order to answer those questions. Complete the text. Some historians call this time period "the Scientific Revolution" because European scholars made ____ advances in math and science. Scholars also began to gather ____ information about the world instead of just relying on knowledge from other sources. Choices: [(a) few . . . their own, (b) few . . . ancient, (c) many . . . ancient, (d) many . . . their own] Answer index: 3</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: washingtons-presidency-part-ii Description: As soon as he became Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton began to work on a financial plan for the country. The financial plan listed Hamilton's ideas for how to manage the government's money and economy. Many people give Hamilton credit for setting up the country's financial system in a way that helped the United States to succeed over time. In the summary passage below, President Washington describes one reason why setting up a financial plan for the country was so important in the 1790s. Read the passage. Then answer the question below. During the Revolutionary War, we, the United States, needed much more money than we had to fight the war. ... debt: money that is borrowed and expected to be paid back Hamilton's financial plan tried to address the problem that Washington described in the passage above. What was the problem that Washington described? Choices: [(a) The United States had extra money after the Revolutionary War., (b) The United States was in deep debt after the Revolutionary War., (c) Great Britain owed the United States a lot of money., (d) The United States still needed to win independence from Great Britain.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: french-and-english-expeditions-part-i Description: In 1494, the Catholic Church approved a treaty that allowed Spain to control most of the land in the Americas. Spain used this treaty to stop other Europeans from trading in the Americas. The passage below describes religious changes in Europe in the mid-1500s. Read the passage. Then answer the question below. When the Catholic Church approved a treaty giving Spain control of most of the land in the Americas, almost everyone in western Europe was Catholic. However, in 1517 many people stopped following the Catholic Church. They became a new type of Christian known as Protestant. Because Protestants did not follow the Catholic Church, they did not believe they had to follow treaties or laws that the Catholic Church had approved. So, Protestant rulers did not believe Spain had the right to control trade with the Americas. Based on the passage, what is one reason why Protestants in Europe did not respect Spain's right to control trade in the Americas? Choices: [(a) Spain's right to control trade came from the Catholic Church, and Protestants did not follow the Catholic Church., (b) Spain's right to control trade was not based on religion, and Protestants only followed religious laws., (c) Protestants believed that the Catholic pope wanted Protestants to control trade instead of Catholics.] Answer index: 0</p>

Table 22: Question examples for each skill (part 9).

<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: causes-of-the-american-revolution-introduction-to-mercantilism-and-the-navigation-acts Description: To increase Great Britain's wealth, Parliament passed laws that gave each part of the British Empire a different economic role: Colonists would send raw materials to people in Great Britain. Raw materials, such as raw iron and wool, are directly from nature. People in Great Britain would turn the raw materials into manufactured goods, or finished products, such as fabric and tools. British merchants could sell these manufactured goods back to the colonies or to other countries. Complete the text. Parliament wanted the country to earn more money from selling exports than it spent buying imports. The raw materials that Great Britain imported from the colonies were ___ the manufactured goods that Great Britain exported for colonists to purchase. Parliament's policies were part of what created the system of Triangular Trade. Choices: [(a) more valuable than, (b) as valuable as, (c) less valuable than] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-revolutionary-war-preparing-for-war Description: After 1763, the British Parliament began to tax the Thirteen Colonies more heavily to help pay off debt from the French and Indian War. Parliament also restricted colonial trade. Many colonists resented these new taxes and restrictions. After the passage of the Stamp Act in 1765, which required Americans to pay a tax on all paper they used, an American colonist drew a cartoon with this caption: The moral is, that the colonies may be ruined, but that Britain would thereby be maimed. maimed:permanently wounded What is the author most likely arguing in the caption? Choices: [(a) The colonies are not a part of the British Empire., (b) Great Britain is harming itself by taxing the colonies., (c) Great Britain's taxation policies are good for the colonies., (d) The colonies will be better off if they declare independence from Great Britain.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: u-s-mexican-war Description: By the 1840s, belief in Manifest Destiny had become quite popular in the United States. So, support for expanding the territory of the U.S. was an important issue in the 1844 presidential election. This election was won by James K. Polk, the candidate of the Democratic Party. Read the following passage adapted from the 1844 Democratic Party platform, or list of the party's goals. Then complete the sentence below. Our title to the whole of the Territory of Oregon is clear and unquestionable, and the annexation of Texas to the United States at the earliest moment possible is important to American progress. ... annexation: addition Complete the sentence. According to the platform, the Democratic Party ___ Manifest Destiny. Choices: [(a) supported, (b) opposed, (c) neither supported nor opposed] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-constitution-amendments Description: When the Constitution was written, many Americans were afraid that it made the federal government too powerful. So, ten amendments were added to the Constitution to describe and protect the rights of individual people. These first ten amendments are called the Bill of Rights. The following passage is from a letter written by Thomas Jefferson to James Madison in 1787, before the Bill of Rights had been approved. Read the passage. Then answer the question below. A bill of rights is what the people are entitled to . . . and [it is] what no just government should refuse [to write down]. ... just: fair Based on the passage, what was Jefferson's attitude toward a bill of rights? Choices: [(a) Governments should protect people's rights, but those rights don't need to be written down., (b) Writing down a bill of rights doesn't do anything, because governments can just ignore it., (c) People deserve to have a bill of rights that describes and protects their individual rights.] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-revolutionary-war-struggle-for-independence Description: As the Continental Army fought the British, the Second Continental Congress sent an Olive Branch Petition to King George III in July 1775. The petition stated that the colonies would stop fighting with Great Britain under certain conditions. Which of the following was one of those conditions? Choices: [(a) if a new colony was established on the western frontier, (b) if Great Britain repealed certain laws and taxes, (c) if the colonies could have their own king and Parliament, (d) if King George III stepped down and a new king was named] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-end-of-reconstruction-and-the-rise-of-jim-crow Description: Some white Southerners believed deeply that they should be shown more respect than African American people. They did not like the Republicans' plans to protect African American people's rights. Sometimes their anger at the changes to Southern society turned violent. The passage below comes from an investigation into the murder of an African American man named Johnson Stuart. The man's brother is describing what happened before the murder. Read the passage. Then answer the question below. Question—Did you ever hear of any threats being made against him before he was killed? . . . State of South Carolina, Evidence taken by the Committee of Investigation of the Third Congressional District, 1870. According to this passage, why did some white Southerners want to kill Johnson Stuart? Choices: [(a) They thought he disrespected white people by treating all the voters the same., (b) They thought he was cheating by paying people to vote for him for sheriff., (c) They thought he had stolen money and supplies from the sheriff's office in the courthouse., (d) They thought he was violating the Constitution by not allowing African Americans to vote.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: pre-contact-native-peoples-introduction Description: For many years, most archaeologists agreed that the first humans who came to North America walked across the land bridge around 12,000 years ago. However, new evidence has been discovered that makes some archaeologists believe people may have traveled in a different way. The text below describes two pieces of evidence that archaeologists use to support a different theory of migration to North America. Look at the text. Then complete the sentence below. Hunter-gatherers lived in the islands of Japan 20,000 years ago. They used resources from the ocean to survive. People on the coast of North America used small boats to travel along the coast more than 10,000 years ago. The text below describes a new theory about how humans arrived in North America. Use the evidence above to complete the text. According to the new theory, the first humans may have traveled from Asia to North America ___. They may have ___ along the coast of the land bridge. Choices: [(a) 100,000 years ago . . . walked, (b) using small boats . . . sailed] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-reformation Description: Read two of Martin Luther's statements criticizing the Catholic Church. Then answer the question below. It is certain that when money clinks in the [Catholic Church's] money chest, greed . . . can be increased. ... William R. Russell, translator, The Ninety-Five Theses and Other Writings. Copyright 2017 by Penguin Classics. Based on the statements, what was one reason why many people were unhappy with the Catholic Church? Choices: [(a) They thought that the Catholic Church had become too big., (b) They felt their religious community was too small., (c) They believed the Catholic Church should collect more money., (d) They thought the Catholic Church was too rich and greedy.] Answer index: 3</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: rights-and-responsibilities-of-active-citizenship Description: American presidents often speak about the rights, duties, and responsibilities of American citizens. Read the quotations from two former presidents. Then answer the question below. Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country. ... Ronald Reagan, Veterans Day Proclamation, October 26, 1981 Based on the quotations above, which of the following statements would both presidents agree with? Choices: [(a) The country should not expect citizens to do things for their communities., (b) Citizens should expect the government to do everything for them., (c) Active and engaged citizens are an important part of American democracy.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-age-of-exploration-origins Description: In the 1400s, Europe was made up of many independent states. These states often competed with each other for resources, including imported goods from Africa and Asia. Imagine you are a European ruler in the 1400s. What could you do as a ruler to gain a competitive advantage, or an upper hand, over other European states? Choices: [(a) try to find new trade routes to Africa and Asia, (b) ban any goods that came from Africa or Asia, (c) rely on other European states to sell goods from Africa and Asia to you] Answer index: 0</p>

Table 23: Question examples for each skill (part 10).

<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: industrialization-in-the-gilded-age Description: Industrialization brought dramatic changes to Americans' daily lives. Read a modern scholar's description of those changes. Then answer the question below. Within a few decades, urban American homes became networked. . . . Instead of relying on candles and [fuel] carried into the home, each home was connected to the electricity network that provided electric light . . . Instead of relying on . . . outhouses and cesspools, each home was gradually connected to two more networks, one bringing in a supply of clean running water and the other taking waste out into sewers. Houses of the rich after 1880 and of the working class after 1910 were increasingly supplied with central heating. ... Robert J. Gordon, <i>The Rise and Fall of American Growth</i>, Princeton University Press, 2016. What is the main idea of the passage? Choices: [(a) As the U.S. industrialized, fewer homes had electricity and central heating., (b) Industrialization gave many Americans much more comfortable lives., (c) Electric lighting and sewers made homes dirtier and more dangerous., (d) Factories became very modern, but regular people's houses did not change.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: causes-of-the-american-revolution-politics-and-society Description: Andrew Burnaby, an English minister, traveled around the Thirteen Colonies during the French and Indian War. Based on his observations, Burnaby argued that America would never be independent of Great Britain. Read Burnaby's argument. Then answer the question below. The difference of character, of manners, of religion, of interest, of the different colonies [is so great that if they were] left to themselves there would soon be a civil war. Why did Burnaby think that America would never be a nation independent from Great Britain? Choices: [(a) The colonies were united in their support of Great Britain., (b) Colonial businesses needed British customers., (c) There were too many differences between the colonies., (d) The colonies signed a pledge to Great Britain after the French and Indian War.] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: new-england-colonies-founding-and-government Description: Members of a religious group called the Puritans founded the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Unlike the Pilgrims, the Puritans did not want to leave the Church of England. Instead, they wanted to change the Church of England according to their religious beliefs. The first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony was a Puritan named John Winthrop. The passage below comes from a speech that Winthrop gave to the Puritans on their voyage to New England. Read the passage. Then answer the question below. For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us; so that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work . . . [and] cause him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be made a story and a byword through the world. ... byword:example According to Winthrop, why was it important for the Puritans to behave as they believed God would want them to? Choices: [(a) because France might attack the colony if it was weak, (b) because the colonists were not allowed to go back to England, (c) because the whole world was watching., (d) because the colonists could become wealthy] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-constitutional-convention Description: Before the states adopted the Constitution, the powers of the central government were described in the Articles of Confederation. The Articles of Confederation were written quickly and accepted by the states in the middle of the Revolutionary War. The committee that wrote the Articles created a central government that could organize the war. However, the committee did not trust an overly powerful government, so they did not give the government the power to enforce, or make people follow, the law. Overall, they gave the central government very few powers. Under the Articles of Confederation, which of the following powers did the central government have? Choices: [(a) forcing states to contribute money through taxes, (b) forcing states to provide troops, (c) enforcing laws, (d) negotiating treaties with other countries] Answer index: 3</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-civil-war-the-conclusion-of-the-war Description: In late 1864, a Union army under the command of General William Tecumseh Sherman marched through the state of Georgia. The passage below comes from a letter that Sherman wrote to the War Department about his march. Read the passage. Then answer the question below. We are not only fighting hostile armies, but a hostile people, and must make old and young, rich and poor, feel the hard hand of war, as well as their organized armies. I know that this recent movement of mine through Georgia has had a wonderful effect in this respect. ... people:the civilians, or people not in the military, of the Confederacy What was Sherman arguing in this passage? Choices: [(a) Most white people in the Confederacy had always supported the Union., (b) The war should only be fought against Confederate soldiers, not civilians., (c) The Union army should make life hard for Confederate civilians., (d) Sherman's march through Georgia had been a failure for the Union army.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: trade-and-specialization Description: Adam Smith was an important thinker from the 1700s whose ideas about trade influenced many people. The passage below comes from one of his famous books. Read the passage. Then answer the question below. It is a [rule] of every [wise] master of a family, never to attempt to make at home what it will cost him more to make than to buy. The tailor does not attempt to make his own shoes, but buys them [from] the shoemaker. The shoemaker does not attempt to make his own clothes but employs a tailor. ... Adam Smith, <i>The Wealth of Nations</i> According to Adam Smith, how do people benefit from specialization and trade? Choices: [(a) People make clothes and shoes at home and listen to the master of the family., (b) People spend all of their money to buy things they need., (c) People buy things they want or need for less than it would cost to make things themselves., (d) People make everything they need at home to save as much money as possible.] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-civil-war-gettysburg-to-the-election-of-1864 Description: The goal of the Union blockade was to stop the Confederacy from trading with other countries. Even before the war, Northerners and Southerners predicted what would happen if the South's trade was blocked. The passage below comes from an 1858 speech by the Southern senator James Henry Hammond. Read the passage. Then answer the question below. Without firing a gun, without drawing a sword, should [the North] make war on us, we could bring the whole world to our feet. . . . What would happen if no cotton was furnished for three years? . . . England would topple headlong and carry the whole civilized world with her, to save the South. No, you dare not to make war on cotton. No power on the earth dares to make war upon it. Cotton is king. ... England:the United Kingdom According to Hammond, what made the South powerful? Choices: [(a) The South controlled the best harbors in North America., (b) The South had a large enslaved population., (c) The South controlled the world's cotton supply., (d) The South had given the United Kingdom a large loan.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-crusades Description: Historians do not have a copy of Pope Urban's 1095 speech. However, some of the people who heard his speech wrote down what they remembered. Read part of the speech that one person remembered hearing. Then answer the question below. All who die [on their way to Jerusalem], whether by land or by sea, or in battle . . . shall have immediate remission of sins. ... Jacques Bongars, <i>Gesta Dei per Francos</i>, trans in Oliver J. Thatcher and Edgar Holmes McNeal, eds., <i>A Source Book for Medieval History</i>. Copyright 1905 by Scribners. According to the speech, what did Pope Urban say would happen to people who died while traveling to Jerusalem on a crusade? Choices: [(a) Their land would be taken by the government., (b) All of their bad actions would be forgiven., (c) They would be remembered forever., (d) Their families would be given money.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: medieval-japan Description: Between the years 700 and 1100 CE, several families became increasingly wealthy and powerful. Read the passage about how these families became powerful. Then answer the question below. In the capital city, Kyoto, some wealthy families would arrange for their daughters to marry sons from the royal family. Marriages allowed these wealthy families to influence some of the emperor's decisions. These same families often controlled large amounts of land. Around the year 1100, almost half the land in Japan was controlled by wealthy families! In order to protect their land and wealth, these families often hired their own armies. Eventually, these armies became larger and more powerful than the emperor's own troops. Based on the passage, how had the status of powerful families changed in Japan by the year 1100? Choices: [(a) By the year 1100, the emperor was no longer the most powerful person in Japan. As a result, he was not able to control the powerful families., (b) Powerful families regularly married their daughters to members of the royal family. By the year 1100, these marriages had helped the emperor become even more powerful., (c) By 1100, most powerful families had become less wealthy. As a result, powerful families were no longer able to pay their private armies.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-songhai-empire Description: Sunni Ali Ber and his army conquered many territories to build the Songhai Empire. But not everyone in the new empire was happy under his rule. For example, many Muslims, or followers of the religion of Islam, were unhappy. Read the passage by a Muslim scholar who lived in the Songhai Empire during the reign of Sunni Ali. Then answer the question below. This villain,—I mean, [Sunni Ali],—was a prince, who was obeyed and respected. He was feared by his subjects because of his cruelty. . . . The ferocity of [Sunni] Ali towards Muslims and his cruelty . . . in matters of religion, made the hearts of the people overflow with sadness and worry. ... Christopher Wise, translator, <i>Ta'rikh al fattash</i>. Copyright 2011 by Africa World Press. According to the author, why were Muslims unhappy with Sunni Ali? Choices: [(a) He was a prince., (b) He was a devoted Muslim., (c) He was cruel to Muslims., (d) He was greedy.] Answer index: 2</p>

Table 24: Question examples for each skill (part 11).

<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: origins-of-hinduism Description: Many historians argue that Hinduism started to develop when Indus Valley and Aryan cultures mixed. Look at the following information about some common Hindu beliefs and religious practices, or actions, that developed over time. Then use the information to answer the question below. Some Hindus believe that there are hundreds of different gods, but some think there is just one god who has many different characteristics. ... Hindus in different areas often celebrate different holidays and festivals. Based on the information above, which of the following statements is true? Choices: [(a) There are many different ways of practicing Hinduism., (b) There is only one main way of practicing Hinduism.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: origins-of-buddhism Description: Historians agree that Buddhism began with the teachings of Siddhartha Gautama (si-DAR-tuh GOW-tuh-muh). During his life, Siddhartha became a great teacher and was given the title "buddha" (BOO-duh). Read about some common Buddhist beliefs. Then answer the question below. There were buddhas who lived before Siddhartha, and there will be buddhas who come after him. ... Siddhartha is often called "the Buddha," instead of just "buddha," because he is the buddha of this age. What does it mean to say that Siddhartha is "the buddha of this age"? Choices: [(a) He was the buddha who lived most recently., (b) He was not very old when he became a buddha., (c) He was less important than future buddhas., (d) He was the first buddha who ever lived.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-ghana-empire Description: Historians are not sure who founded the ancient Kingdom of Ghana. However, legends about Ghana's first king have been passed down by griots, or people who tell stories about West African history. Read a story that is told by griots. Then complete the text below. There were two brothers named Dyabe and Khine, and their father was the leader of their tribe. At first, their father wanted Khine to be the next leader. But Dyabe showed he was more clever than Khine, and their father changed his mind. Khine grew jealous and tried to have Dyabe killed, so Dyabe fled to the wilderness to save himself. Out in the wilderness, Dyabe met the leaders of four different armies. He convinced these army leaders to make him their ruler. Once he had the support of four armies, Dyabe decided to build a kingdom. But first, he needed to find a capital city for his kingdom. Dyabe traveled to a city that was guarded by the snake-god Bida. Bida agreed to let Dyabe use the city as his capital in return for a yearly sacrifice. So, Dyabe built the capital and created the Kingdom of Ghana. Complete the text. According to this story, the Kingdom of Ghana was founded by a man named _____. He created the kingdom after making a deal with _____. Choices: [(a) Dyabe . . . Khine, (b) Khine . . . the snake-god Bida, (c) Dyabe . . . the snake-god Bida, (d) Khine . . . Dyabe] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-middle-ages-first-1100 Description: As kingdoms in Western Europe became larger, kings gained more wealth and power. Some kings began to take advantage of this power and abused the people in their kingdoms. In some parts of Europe, people responded to this behavior by trying to limit the power of kings. Read the passage about one king who abused his power. Then complete the sentence below. King John ruled England from 1199 to 1216 CE. In 1215, a group of lords demanded that King John end an unfair tax that was against the law. King John refused to end the tax, so the lords captured the city of London, where King John ruled. After capturing the city, the lords forced King John to sign an agreement that would limit his power as the king. This agreement became known as the Magna Carta, or Great Charter. The Magna Carta was an agreement that _____ in England. Choices: [(a) began a long and expensive war, (b) overthrew and killed the king, (c) increased taxes on the lords, (d) controlled the power of King John] Answer index: 3</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: feudal-europe Description: By the early Middle Ages, many different Western European landowners had started organizing society in a new way. Historians call this new way of organizing society feudalism. Read the passage about how feudalism began. Then complete the text. After the fall of the Roman Empire, the Roman government no longer controlled Western Europe. So, individuals fought each other for control of land and the people living on it. The winners gained wealth and power, and people living on the land were forced to work for them. Some new landowners became powerful and started calling themselves kings, but they couldn't manage all their land on their own. So, they divided their land up and gave small sections to loyal followers. These loyal followers were called lords, and they helped to control the land and people for the king. Using the information in the passage, complete the text. Feudalism is a system where _____. Choices: [(a) people voted to elect leaders and decide who would own the land, (b) land and people were controlled by lords who were loyal to a king, (c) every member of society was given an equal amount of land to farm by their leader] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: classical-athens-government-and-culture Description: Not all decisions in classical Athens were made by all the citizens. Instead, a full-time council of citizens made many of the everyday political decisions in the city. Here is a list of some facts about the Athenian council: This Athenian council was made up of 500 citizens. ... A councilman could only serve for one year at a time. Which of the following statements might come from an Athenian complaining about these rules? Choices: [(a) I think that because the selection is random, any foolish person can become a councilman., (b) Last time I was on the council, I was impressed with how many people had good ideas., (c) I'm glad that 500 people share power, since it means no single person can take over the city.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: caesar-and-the-end-of-the-roman-republic Description: Pompey agreed to help the Senate and try to prevent Caesar from becoming more powerful. Read the passage. Then answer the question below. In January of 49 BCE, Caesar was with his army far away from Rome. Pompey wrote to Caesar and demanded that Caesar give up his army and return to Rome. Caesar faced an important choice. On the one hand, he could obey Pompey and give up his army. But he knew the Senate didn't like him, and he worried that he would be arrested. On the other hand, he could refuse to give up his army. But then the Senate would probably think that Caesar wanted to start a war. After thinking about it for a long time, Caesar chose the second option. He decided to attack Pompey and the Senate before they could raise an army to stop him. Based on the passage above, how did Caesar respond to Pompey's demands? Choices: [(a) He disobeyed Pompey but offered to cooperate with the Senate., (b) He disobeyed Pompey and started a war against Pompey and the Senate., (c) He decided to give up his army and return to Rome to face punishment.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: roman-government-monarchy-to-republic Description: According to present-day historians, the Roman Republic lasted from 509 BCE to about 27 BCE. The word republic comes from the ancient Roman term res publica. Look at the meaning of the term res publica. Then answer the question below. res publica: a community committed to following the same rules and protecting each other's things and families for the good of all Based on the meaning above, which of the following statements describe something similar to what Romans meant by res publica? Choices: [(a) a group of friends that do whatever they want, whenever they want, (b) a class project group where everyone follows the same guidelines and benefits equally from working together, (c) a soccer team where bad players have to do what the coach says, but the best players don't] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: french-and-english-expeditions-part-2 Description: After John Cabot's expedition, the English government did not sponsor another expedition to the Americas for more than 50 years. Then, in the mid-1500s, the English government began sending expeditions again. Read the passage about the events in England that created new interest in expeditions. Then answer the question below. In the middle of the 1500s, England's main source of wealth was trading English cloth in foreign markets. Thousands of people in England made their livings by producing or selling cloth, and the English government made money by taxing the sale of cloth. But in 1551, some foreign powers stopped allowing people to purchase English cloth. Many English people who worked in the cloth industry lost their jobs, and the government could not raise as much money. These conditions created a national crisis. The Queen of England, Elizabeth I, needed to find new sources of wealth to address the crisis. Queen Elizabeth thought that sending expeditions to the Americas might be one way to help. Based on the passage, why did Queen Elizabeth I decide to begin sending expeditions to the Americas? Choices: [(a) She wanted to stop Spain from purchasing English cloth., (b) She needed to find a new way to make money for England after the cloth crisis., (c) She was curious to learn more about what the Americas looked like.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: comparing-athens-and-sparta-part Description: Although city-states such as Athens could trade for food, Sparta was surrounded by mountains that made trade difficult. So, the Spartans relied on agriculture. The ancient Greek historian Pausanias described the role of helots, or enslaved people, in Spartan agriculture. Read the passage. Then complete the text below. The helots had to bring half of all the crops they grew to the Spartans. Helots who disobeyed were severely punished. The poet Tyrtaeus compared the helots to donkeys exhausted by a heavy load, under painful duty to bring their Spartan masters half of the crops from the land they ploughed and cared for. Adapted from Pausanias, Description of Greece, translated by W.H.S. Jones and H.A. Ormerod. Complete the text. The helots were enslaved people in Sparta. The Spartans relied on the helots _____. Choices: [(a) to educate their children, (b) to farm their land and raise crops, (c) to trade what was farmed, (d) to train their children to farm] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: thomas-edison Description: Several inventors worked on lightbulbs before Thomas Edison did. How were Thomas Edison's lightbulbs different? Choices: [(a) His lightbulbs were free., (b) His lightbulbs were made from all recycled materials., (c) His lightbulbs could last for several weeks or months., (d) His lightbulbs came in different colors.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-revolutionary-war-turning-the-tide-of-war Description: Both the Continental Army and people on the homefront had trouble paying for the things that they needed during the war. Why? Choices: [(a) Inflation caused prices to rise., (b) The Continental Congress stopped printing Continentals., (c) The British took gold reserves from the Thirteen Colonies., (d) Most of the money was spent on military supplies.] Answer index: 0</p>

Table 25: Question examples for each skill (part 12).

<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: foundations-of-maya-civilization Description: Complete the text. Archaeologists believe that the ancestors of the Maya first arrived in Central America more than 12,000 years ago. At first, these people were ___ and traveled long distances to find food. But over time, they learned to grow crops instead. By at least 1500 BCE, they began to settle in permanent ___. This was the beginning of the Maya civilization. Choices: [(a) explorers . . . cities, (b) farmers . . . palaces, (c) hunter-gatherers . . . villages] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: classical-athens-geography-and-society Description: Complete the text. For most of its history, ancient Athens ruled itself and was not part of a larger country. In other words, Athens was a ____. Choices: [(a) region, (b) city-state, (c) kingdom] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: the-mongol-empire Description: The founder of the Mongol Empire was a man named Temujin. He was born in Mongolia in the 1100s. The passage below comes from a Mongolian history text. In the passage, an older person is telling Temujin what Mongolia was like before he was born. Read the passage. Then answer the question below. Before you were born, the stars turned in the heavens. Everyone was fighting. Instead of sleeping, they robbed each other of their possessions. . . . Instead of resting, they fought each other. In such a world one did not live as one wished, but rather in constant conflict. There was no rest, only battle. There was no affection, only mutual slaughter. ... Adapted from The Secret History of the Mongols, paragraph 254 Based on the passage, which choice best summarizes what Mongolian society was like in the 1100s? Choices: [(a) Mongolian society was peaceful, but foreign invaders often attacked Mongolia. As a result, Mongols were often forced to fight, and many Mongols died., (b) People in Mongolia often fought wars with China, their neighbor. As a result, people often went to China to fight., (c) People in Mongolia were fighting with one another and stealing each others' goods. As a result, people could not live peaceful lives.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Social Studies Skill: foundations-of-aztec-civilization Description: Today, the part of Central America where the Aztec Empire existed is known as Mesoamerica. There are two ways of defining a region like Mesoamerica: using a geographic definition, which focuses on an area of land and its features, such as mountain ranges and bodies of water using a cultural definition, which focuses on the customs and practices that people living there share Which of the following statements uses a geographic definition of Mesoamerica? Choices: [(a) Mesoamerica is a place where people used a 260-day calendar., (b) Mesoamerica is a place in Central America where people built religious temples in the form of pyramids., (c) Mesoamerica is a region of Central America that includes the Valley of Mexico and the Yucatan Peninsula.] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-uppercase-letter-that-matches-c-k-o-p-s-u-v-w-x-z Description: Pick the uppercase letter that matches. k Choices: [(a) T, (b) R, (c) K] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-lowercase-letter-that-matches-c-k-o-p-s-u-v-w-x-z Description: Pick the lowercase letter that matches. C Choices: [(a) c, (b) v, (c) o] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-uppercase-letter-that-matches-a-b-d-e-g-h-n-q-r Description: Pick the uppercase letter that matches. a Choices: [(a) N, (b) A] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-lowercase-letter-that-matches-a-b-d-e-g-h-n-q-r Description: Pick the lowercase letter that matches. A Choices: [(a) u, (b) a, (c) n] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-lowercase-letter-that-matches-f-i-j-l-m-t-y Description: Pick the lowercase letter that matches. L Choices: [(a) l, (b) k, (c) m] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-uppercase-letter-that-matches-f-i-j-l-m-t-y Description: Pick the uppercase letter that matches. m Choices: [(a) H, (b) J, (c) M] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: distinguish-characters-points-of-view Description: The following texts both describe a school bus ride on the first day of school. This text is told from the point of view of Jeffrey, a student going to a new school: ... I felt ready for my first shift as a school bus driver. I turned the long bus at each corner with ease. My cheerful mood made the students smile. I was proud of myself as the bus approached the brick school building. My first trip had gone well! How is Ms. Romero's point of view different from Jeffrey's? Choices: [(a) Ms. Romero describes feeling uneasy about a new experience., (b) Ms. Romero expresses a feeling of pride about the first day of school.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: determine-the-meanings-of-words-with-greek-and-latin-roots Description: What does the word autopilot mean? Choices: [(a) a tool that pilots use when they want to make the airplane fly faster, (b) a device that flies an airplane on its own, without a pilot, (c) a map or drawing that shows an airplane's route] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: describe-the-difference-between-related-words Description: What is the difference between being vicious and being mean? Choices: [(a) being vicious is worse, (b) being mean shows more anger] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: which-word-does-not-rhyme Description: Which word does not rhyme? Choices: [(a) pack, (b) pick, (c) sick] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: complete-the-sentence-with-the-correct-sight-word Description: Complete the sentence. ___ pig is big. Choices: [(a) That, (b) Went] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: to-have-use-the-correct-form Description: Complete the sentence. Mrs. Barton's rug ___ blue flowers on it. Choices: [(a) has, (b) have] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: complete-the-sentence-with-a-two-syllable-word Description: Which word makes more sense in the sentence? We ride in the ____ Choices: [(a) wagon, (b) robin] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: complete-the-sentence-with-a-three-letter-consonant-blend-word Description: Which word makes more sense in the sentence? Look, that big fish is swimming up the ____ Choices: [(a) stream, (b) strict] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-subordinating-conjunctions Description: Complete the sentence with the better conjunction. ___ Joseph arrives soon, we won't get to the movie on time. Choices: [(a) Unless, (b) After] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-the-correct-homophone Description: Complete the sentence with the correct homophone. Given that there were more than one hundred guests at the wedding, how many ___ do you think Martina and Cooper have received? Choices: [(a) presence, (b) presents] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots Description: The word millimeter contains the root mille. What does the root mille mean? Choices: [(a) measure, (b) one hundred, (c) one thousand] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analogies Description: Complete the analogy. Ohio is to United States as Earth is to Choices: [(a) moon, (b) solar system] Answer index: 1</p>

Table 26: Question examples for each skill (part 13).

<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment Description: Is this a complete sentence? Monica speaks four languages. Choices: [(a) Monica speaks four languages.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-it-a-phrase-or-a-clause Description: Is the group of words in bold a phrase or a clause? *Emily's suitcase was too large to fit in the overhead bin**, so unfortunately she had to check it. Choices: [(a) phrase, (b) clause] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-between-subject-and-object-pronouns Description: Select the correct pronoun to complete the sentence. "Thanks to your efforts, ___ have emerged as leaders in the energy industry," Mr. Bullock announced at the company meeting. Choices: [(a) us, (b) we] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-the-sentence-simple-compound-complex-or-compound-complex Description: Which type of sentence is this? Henry always approaches difficult tasks enthusiastically, and he frequently motivates others with his energy and fervor. Choices: [(a) simple, (b) compound, (c) complex, (d) compound-complex] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analogies-challenge Description: Complete the analogy. teacher is to instructor as doctor is to Choices: [(a) profession, (b) physician, (c) medicine] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-time-order-words Description: Complete the text with the better word. , Jerry jogs for a mile. Then, he rests for ten minutes. Choices: [(a) First, (b) Finally] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-reasons-to-support-an-opinion Description: Read the opinion below. Swamps should be protected and valued. Select the reason that best supports this opinion. Choices: [(a) Swamps do an excellent job of cleaning an area's water supply., (b) Many dangerous creatures, such as alligators and poisonous snakes, live in swamps.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-run-on Description: Which is a **run-on sentence**? Choices: [(a) The heart is a symbol of love., (b) She went to the tailor, he sewed her pants.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: read-about-famous-people Description: Review the text. title: Becoming Amazing ... Copeland's success made her a role model for others, too. She was on the cover of Time magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential People" in 2015. She wrote a best-selling book about her life, called Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina. She also wrote a children's book, Firebird, in which she tells others like herself that they, too, can become amazing. Which is the best summary of the text? Choices: [(a) Misty Copeland beat many challenges to become a famous ballet dancer. She started later than most dancers and suffered broken bones. But with the help of a coach and a ballet teacher, she became the first African American principal dancer for ABT. She also became an author and role model., (b) Misty Copeland never stopped working to become a famous ballet dancer. She started training very young and became an amazing dancer by age thirteen. After becoming the first African American woman dancer for ABT, she injured herself badly, so she became a model and an author instead., (c) Misty Copeland started dancing at age thirteen, much later than most ballet dancers. She was encouraged by her middle-school drill team coach and a ballet teacher at the Boys & Girls Club. With a lot of hard work, she became a professional dancer with ABT at the age of eighteen.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-synonym Description: Which word is a synonym of **bag**? Choices: [(a) sack, (b) contain] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-story-elements Description: Review the story. title: Contest on Mars Colony ... He could see the kids taking deep breaths of the forest air. Whether or not he won, their smiles were prize enough for him. What is the **solution** to the problem in the story? Choices: [(a) Axel comes up with a high-tech app idea., (b) Zane invents a new alarm that will play beautiful music instead of buzzing., (c) Axel realizes he can improve the Colony by growing a forest., (d) Axel's father decides they'll move back to Earth.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-academic-vocabulary-in-context Description: Look at the word **residence** in the passage below. In many homes, basements are used for ordinary activities, such as washing clothes. The U.S. president's basement is much more interesting. In the White House, the president's **residence**, the basement contains a woodshop and a dentist's office. And when the president's family wants to have some fun, they can go bowling in their own basement bowling alley! What is the meaning of **residence** as used in the passage? Choices: [(a) a place where someone lives, (b) a place where parties are held, (c) a place that people like to visit] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-adjectives-to-compare Description: Complete the sentence with the correct form of the adjective. The traffic on Main Street is much ___ than the traffic on the highway. Choices: [(a) slower, (b) slowest] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: select-the-words-that-dont-belong Description: Select the place that "doesn't" belong. Choices: [(a) library, (b) meadow, (c) forest, (d) field] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: capitalizing-titles Description: Which correctly shows the title of a poem? Choices: [(a) "The Mountain and the Squirrel", (b) "the Mountain and the Squirrel"] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: read-historical-fiction Description: Read the story. title: Strangers on My Shore ... Many changes have come in the 250 years that have passed since that day. Now, big cities dot my landscape, and two-legged creatures fly from around the world to visit me. Though many now call me New Zealand, I am still the same island, shimmering green under the clouds. After all these years, my waters and my mountains remain, and my bays and rivers endure. Based on paragraphs 1 through 3, how does the fact that the narrator is an island rather than a person affect this telling of New Zealand's history? Choices: [(a) It allows the narrator to compare the landforms in New Zealand to other places in the Pacific., (b) It allows the story to start long before the arrival of humans, with the formation of the land., (c) It allows the story to focus only on the geography of New Zealand, not the people who live there., (d) It allows the narrator to refer to the island by the present-day name of "New Zealand." Answer index: 1</p>

Table 27: Question examples for each skill (part 14).

<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: revise-the-sentence-using-a-stronger-verb Description: Read the sentence. After a difficult climb, Madelyn **went** back down the hill. Now, revise the sentence to show that Madelyn was **clumsy**. After a difficult climb, Madelyn ___ back down the hill. Choices: [(a) floated, (b) stumbled, (c) plunged] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-the-correct-subject-or-verb Description: Complete the sentence with the best **verb**. Both of us ___ the banjo, but Jenna also plays the flute. Choices: [(a) plays, (b) play] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-between-personal-and-reflexive-pronouns Description: Select the best pronoun to complete the sentence. Will you please give ___ directions to the Lanberry Community Center? Choices: [(a) me, (b) myself] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-between-subject-and-object-personal-pronouns Description: Select the correct pronoun to complete the sentence. When Tara is upset, she always confides in ____. Choices: [(a) he, (b) him] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-best-concluding-sentence Description: Read the paragraph. Then, add the better concluding sentence. Over the course of his career, Mel Blanc provided the voices for hundreds of cartoon characters. One of his most famous characters was Bugs Bunny. Bugs Bunny was a charming yet fearless rabbit who was famous for saying "What's up, Doc?" Blanc described his process for how he came up with Bugs Bunny's voice. First, he looked at sketches, or rough drawings, of the character. Then, he looked at a set of pictures called a storyboard. The storyboard showed how Bugs Bunny would behave in a cartoon. The cartoon's creators told Blanc that Bugs Bunny's character was a "tough little stinker." Blanc thought about all the tough-sounding accents he had heard. After some experimenting, Blanc finally brought Bugs Bunny's voice to life. ____ Choices: [(a) Similarly, Blanc is known for creating sound effects., (b) This process clearly worked, because Bugs Bunny became one of Blanc's most recognized characters.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: create-compound-sentences Description: Form a compound sentence. Sarah ___ at the rink. Choices: [(a) doesn't play ice hockey, but she figure skates. (b) Montoya, famous for her graceful jumps, can be seen] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-the-narrative-point-of-view Description: Which point of view does the narrator use in the passage? A few days after this I had to go out with Ginger in the carriage. I wondered how we should get on together; but except laying her ears back when I was led up to her, she behaved very well. From Anna Sewell, Black Beauty. Copyright 1999 by Dover Publications Choices: [(a) first person, (b) second person, (c) third person] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-the-word-an-adjective-or-adverb Description: Is the word in bold an adjective or an adverb? Zoe tried on a **violet** gown with cap sleeves. Choices: [(a) adjective, (b) adverb] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-it-a-complete-sentence-a-fragment-or-a-run-on Description: Which is a **run-on sentence**? Choices: [(a) I mopped the floor, Mom washed all the dishes., (b) The girls and boys swung on the swings.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-actions-and-dialogue-to-understand-characters Description: Read the sentences. Jaylen asked that the math award be given to his whole team instead of just him. "I couldn't have done it without them," he said. Based on these sentences, what is Jaylen probably like? Choices: [(a) humble, (b) snobby] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-adverbs-to-compare Description: Complete the sentence with the correct form of the adverb. Wesley can sing the ___ of the three soloists. Choices: [(a) lower, (b) lowest] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: which-definition-matches-the-sentence Description: What does **bloom** mean in this sentence? Mr. Herman said, "I think Brandon will bloom into a successful and confident young man." Choices: [(a) **bloom** "verb" to grow, (b) **bloom** "noun" a blossom] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-the-sentence-in-the-past-present-or-future-tense Description: Which tense does the sentence use? Erica parked her scooter in front of the store. Choices: [(a) past tense, (b) present tense, (c) future tense] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: formatting-and-capitalizing-titles Description: Which sentence is correct? Choices: [(a) Almost everyone watched the TV show "Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends", (b) Almost everyone watched the TV show "Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends".] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-antonym Description: Which word is an antonym of **succeed**? Choices: [(a) fail, (b) victory] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-best-topic-sentence Description: Read the paragraph. Then, add the better topic sentence. ___ In slacklining, people build strength and balance as they practice walking across a narrow, stretchy strip of fabric. As in tightrope walking, it takes a lot of practice to stay steady on this line. When slackliners feel confident enough, they may test their balance by slacklining higher up. Some even perform tricks on a slackline. Choices: [(a) Some people practice yoga poses on slacklines., (b) Slacklining is a sport that uses balance and strength.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: read-poetry Description: Review the poem. My Model Car The hours piled on, As I sprawled out on my carpet, Tinkering with tweezers, Fiddling with rubber bands, Trying to make my model car come to life. Finally, eyes bleary, I went for a walk, Leaving the car parts behind. I took in the details of the neighborhood, The trills and chirps of birds in the trees, The thick, smoky smell of a grill Fired up in my neighbor's yard. I came back and opened my door, Hoping the car had assembled itself. No, but— I suddenly saw the parts with new eyes, My mind clear and ready. My tools bent and twisted the pieces Like they'd always known what to do. What is the main theme of the poem? Choices: [(a) It's important to ask for help with a project when you need it., (b) Taking a break from a task can help you approach it in a new way., (c) Make sure you understand all the steps of your task before you start.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: show-character-emotions-and-traits Description: You are writing a story about Devon, who hears some bad news. Choose the best description to show that Devon is **disappointed**. Choices: [(a) Devon swallowed hard and tried to force herself to smile., (b) "Okay," Devon said, continuing to chop carrots.] Answer index: 0</p>

Table 28: Question examples for each skill (part 15).

<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-text-structures Description: Read the text. Although there are many kinds of writing, most people divide texts into two different types: fiction and nonfiction. Fiction means stories that are made up. "Charlotte's Web" is fiction because, of course, spiders and pigs don't really talk. Nonfiction, however, gives you facts about the real world. You can find nonfiction books about history, science, real people, animals, and many other topics. Nonfiction also includes newspapers and textbooks, while fiction includes stories, plays, and novels. Reading both fiction and nonfiction can be fun and educational. Which text structure does the text use? Choices: [(a) cause-effect, (b) compare-contrast] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: which-sentence-matches-the-definition Description: Which sentence uses this meaning of concrete? concrete "adjective" specific and real Choices: [(a) His fingerprints were concrete proof that he had opened the safe., (b) We can't walk on the sidewalk because the concrete is still drying.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-1 Description: What is the meaning of on the tip of one's tongue? I can't quite remember the name of that magician we saw perform in Las Vegas, but it is on the tip of my tongue. Choices: [(a) almost remembered, (b) a certainty] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-guide-words Description: Which word would you find on a dictionary page with the following guide words? skate . squire Choices: [(a) spare, (b) station] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-context-to-identify-the-meaning-of-a-word Description: Read the passage and then answer the question. The Great Pyramid of Giza is the largest of the ancient Egyptian pyramids. When completed around 2560 BCE, it stood 481 feet high, as tall as a modern 44-story building. The Great Pyramid was the world's tallest building for more than three thousand years. More than two million huge stone blocks were used to construct it. The builders of the pyramid positioned it meticulously so that it perfectly faces true north. Scientists aren't sure how the ancient Egyptians knew how to place the base. Experts also disagree about how those huge blocks were moved into place. They don't even fully understand the design of the inside of the pyramid. More work must be done to solve these mysteries. What is the meaning of meticulously as used in the passage? Choices: [(a) with many people pushing, (b) in a great hurry, (c) happily, without any hesitation, (d) carefully, with attention to detail] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: punctuating-dialogue Description: Which sentence is correct? Choices: [(a) "Please hire a carpenter to finish our basement", Mrs. Huffman urged., (b) "Please hire a carpenter to finish our basement," Mrs. Huffman urged.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: determine-the-meanings-of-similes-and-metaphors Description: What is the meaning of the simile? Linda's typing was like a tap dancer performing onstage. Choices: [(a) Linda made rapid tapping noises., (b) Linda made her performance on the stage.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-key-details-to-determine-the-main-idea Description: Look at these details from a paragraph about the same topic: By taking music lessons, students learn to read sheet music. ... Through music lessons, students can learn about music from other countries. Choose the main, or central, idea that ties all the details together. Choices: [(a) Music lessons introduce students to many types of music., (b) Music lessons teach more than just how to play an instrument., (c) Piano lessons are one of the most popular types of music lesson.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-between-adjectives-and-adverbs Description: Choose the word that best describes the adjective in bold. As a wedding gift, Elena gave the couple a quilt that was sewn by hand. Choices: [(a) full, (b) fully] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: read-realistic-fiction Description: Read the story. title: The Artist's Secret ... Destiny smiled. Then she reached for her palette, so she could start on C. Based on paragraphs 1 and 2, how does Destiny probably feel about the art project at the beginning of the story? Choices: [(a) She cares about it turning out just right., (b) She wants to finish it as quickly as possible., (c) She views it as a competition that she is winning., (d) She is annoyed about having to mix paint colors.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-the-meanings-of-words-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots Description: A biography is a written account of someone's life. What does the root graph mean? Choices: [(a) look at or observe, (b) write or draw, (c) measure] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-coordinating-conjunctions Description: Complete the sentence with the best conjunction. Pam wants to dye her hair purple red. Choices: [(a) or, (b) but] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-similes-and-metaphors Description: Does the sentence use a simile or a metaphor? Mrs. Boyer is kind, and her heart is gold. Choices: [(a) simile, (b) metaphor] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-greek-and-latin-roots-as-clues-to-the-meanings-of-words Description: The root vis means "see or look at". What does the word visual mean? Choices: [(a) relating to hearing or sound, (b) relating to seeing or sight, (c) relating to flavor or taste] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: interpret-the-meaning-of-an-allusion-from-its-source Description: Read the source of the allusion. In the fairy tale, Cinderella is a poor young woman who is treated badly. However, she later marries a prince and becomes a loved and respected princess. What is the meaning of the allusion in the sentence below? Choices: [(a) an amazing improvement, (b) a journey without troubles] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: positive-and-negative-connotation Description: Which phrase has a more negative connotation? Choices: [(a) a warm room, (b) a stuffy room] Answer index: 1</p>

Table 29: Question examples for each skill (part 16).

<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: draw-inferences-from-a-text Description: Read the text. Kari looked under the table. Then she searched the whole room. "You have got to be kidding!" Kari shouted. Grumbling, Kari tore the puzzle apart and put it back in the box. On the top of the box, she crossed out 1000 and wrote 999 above it. Based on the text, which sentence is more likely to be true? Choices: [(a) Kari doesn't like building puzzles., (b) Kari's puzzle is missing a piece.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-the-sentence-simple-or-compound Description: Which is a **compound sentence**? Choices: [(a) Jayden grew too many pumpkins, so he sold the extras at the market., (b) British general John Burgoyne surrendered to American forces at the Battle of Saratoga.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-elements-of-poetry Description: Choose the poem that uses **end rhyme**. Choices: [(a) I break a staff. I break the tough branch. I know no light in the woods. I have lost pace with the winds., (b) Sign of a nation, great and strong Toward her people from foreign wrong: Pride and glory and honor,—all Live in the colors to stand or fall.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: read-about-business-and-technology Description: Review the text. title: Where Are You? ... GPS has also become very useful in the field of science. Scientists have figured out ways to use GPS for monitoring earthquakes and volcanoes. GPS can also be used to measure water levels and snowfall. While working with wild animals, some animal researchers also use GPS devices. These scientists can attach small devices onto animals to track the animals' movements and gather important data about them. Who knows how GPS will help us next? Which is the best summary of the text? Choices: [(a) GPS receivers help people find their way. They work by sending radio signals to satellites in space. Drivers, people enjoying outdoor sports, and emergency workers all use GPS. GPS can also be used for other purposes, like for tracking animals and for science research., (b) "GPS" stands for Global Positioning System. GPS works anywhere on Earth, except deep in caves and underwater. People use GPS every day to drive and play sports. They also use GPS to find lost pets., (c) GPS devices have become very important in our world. People use them for driving and outdoor sports. Scientists use them to monitor earthquakes, volcanoes, and the phases of the moon. GPS can also be used to remind people to walk their pets.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: read-about-history Description: Read the text. title: A Whale of a Record ... It might seem incredible that just one album could help save the lives of so many whales. But remember that Songs of the Humpback Whale was no ordinary record. This one-of-a-kind album revealed secrets about whales that had long been hidden beneath the waves. It allowed these amazing and mysterious creatures to finally share their songs with the human world. What is the text about? Choices: [(a) It is about how musicians recorded an album to encourage people to ban deep-sea whaling., (b) It is about how whales learned to use sounds to communicate after biologists played them recordings., (c) It is about how people changed their mind about recordings of nature after hearing an album of whale songs., (d) It is about how an album of whale recordings helped increase protection for whales around the world.] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-plurals-singular-possessives-and-plural-possessives Description: What is the word in bold? Are there any **statues** in your town? Choices: [(a) a singular possessive noun, (b) a plural noun] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-the-effects-of-figures-of-speech-on-meaning-and-tone Description: Read the text. The figure of speech is shown in bold. Then I knew that even though **nobody in the world** figured that old car had any good purpose, Ob knew there was some real reason to let it sit. And when May died, he figured out what it was. I never saw two people love each other so much. From Cynthia Rylant, Missing May. Copyright 1992 by Cynthia Rylant What does this example of **hyperbole** tell you? Choices: [(a) It suggests that very few people thought the car had a purpose., (b) It suggests that the car travels around the world.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: determine-the-meanings-of-greek-and-latin-roots Description: What does the root **tract** mean? Choices: [(a) bend or curve, (b) pull or drag, (c) far away] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-it-a-telling-sentence-or-an-asking-sentence Description: What kind of sentence is this? My father reads to me. Choices: [(a) telling sentence, (b) asking sentence] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: find-the-vowel-in-the-word Description: Find the vowel. Choices: [(a) o, (b) n] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: complete-the-sentence-with-the-correct-short-vowel-word Description: Which word makes the most sense in the sentence? The bug is on his _____. Choices: [(a) nap, (b) leg] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: complete-the-rhyme Description: Complete the rhyme. The men sit in the _____. Choices: [(a) den, (b) back] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: capitalize-the-first-letter-of-a-sentence Description: Complete the sentence with an uppercase letter. _____ans can go fast. Choices: [(a) V, (b) v] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: who-what-when-where-or-why Description: Pick the right question word. _____ did your mom go? Choices: [(a) Who, (b) Where] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: what-am-i Description: Answer the riddle. I am small. ... What am I? Choices: [(a) a baby, (b) a box] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: read-questions-with-short-vowel-words Description: Answer the question. Can a wig jog? Choices: [(a) yes, (b) no] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-uppercase-letter-that-matches-review Description: Pick the uppercase letter that matches. x Choices: [(a) X, (b) W] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: find-the-action-verb Description: Find the verb. A verb shows an action. Choices: [(a) tree, (b) grow] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-lowercase-letter-that-matches-review Description: Pick the lowercase letter that matches. v Choices: [(a) n, (b) v] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: find-the-complete-sentence Description: Find the complete sentence. Choices: [(a) car, (b) We ate the cake.] Answer index: 1</p>

Table 30: Question examples for each skill (part 17).

<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: which-word-is-not-like-the-others Description: Which word is not like the others? Choices: [(a) big, (b) tall, (c) little, (d) nice] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: complete-the-sentence-with-the-correct-sight-word-sets-1-2-3 Description: Complete the sentence. I did not want to trick ____. Choices: [(a) has, (b) as, (c) them] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: complete-the-sentence-with-the-correct-sight-word-sets-4-5-6-7 Description: Complete the sentence. I ate a hot dog ____ went to bed. Choices: [(a) four, (b) more, (c) then] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-the-correct-modal-verb Description: Select the modal verb that best completes the sentence. The coach ____ let Mark join the team if it weren't so late in the season. Choices: [(a) would, (b) will] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-the-perfect-verb-tenses Description: Complete the sentence with the correct helping verb or verbs. When I walked by Sophia's desk, I saw that she ____ fallen asleep! Choices: [(a) had, (b) will have] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: determine-the-meaning-of-idioms-from-context-set-2 Description: What is the meaning of "get one's feet wet"? Mrs. Tyler is a professional singer who "got her feet wet" by singing in the school choir as a kid. Choices: [(a) to get soaked or messy, (b) to start learning something] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-between-the-past-tense-and-past-participle Description: Complete the sentence with the correct form of the verb. I swept up crumbs from the cookie Barry had ____. Choices: [(a) eaten, (b) ate] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-the-meaning-of-idioms-and-adages-set-2 Description: What is the meaning of "if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen"? Choices: [(a) follow the customs of the place where you are, (b) don't take on a job or task if it's too much for you] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-the-sentence-declarative-interrogative-imperative-or-exclamatory Description: What kind of sentence is this? Nora is reading a magazine about skateboarding. Choices: [(a) interrogative, (b) declarative] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-the-progressive-verb-tenses Description: Complete the sentence with the correct helping verb or verbs. "We ____ eating dinner at seven o'clock, so don't be late," Mrs. Christensen said. Choices: [(a) were, (b) will be] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: what-does-the-modal-verb-show Description: What does the modal verb show? Select the best answer choice. Bernie and Gary "will" visit Yosemite National Park next summer. Choices: [(a) a request for permission, (b) future action] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-the-meaning-of-idioms-and-adages-set-1 Description: What is the meaning of "cut corners"? Choices: [(a) to accidentally take the edges off something, (b) to take shortcuts when working] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-the-synonyms Description: Look at this thesaurus entry: "abstain" ... Synonyms: deny, forgo, give up, quit, refrain Which is something you "abstain" from? Choices: [(a) something you almost always do, (b) something you choose not to do] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: words-with-sub Description: Which might be a "subtopic" within a discussion of the Revolutionary War? Choices: [(a) the Declaration of Independence, (b) U.S. history] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: words-with-pre Description: What helps "prevent" a cold? Choices: [(a) washing your hands frequently, (b) taking cold medicine] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: words-with-less Description: Why might you make a "careless" mistake in your work? Choices: [(a) because you aren't paying attention, (b) because you don't understand something] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: words-with-un-dis-in-im-and-non Description: Which is an "infrequent" visitor? Choices: [(a) one you often see, (b) one you rarely see] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: words-with-re Description: Why might you "reattempt" a challenge? Choices: [(a) because you didn't succeed the first time, (b) because it's a new one] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-the-correct-pair-of-correlative-conjunctions Description: Complete the sentence with the correct correlative conjunctions. Kurt's horse is in ____ the barn ____ the pasture right now. Choices: [(a) not only . . . but also, (b) either . . . or] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: words-with-ful Description: How would you feel after a "restful" day? Choices: [(a) recharged, (b) exhausted] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: compound-subjects-and-objects-with-personal-pronouns Description: Select the correct pronoun to complete the sentence. At the garage sale, ____ and Warren hoped to find some good books. Choices: [(a) she, (b) her] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: determine-the-themes-of-short-stories Description: Read the following story. Paolo walked out on the dock and looked down into the water. "I only like to swim in pools. I'm not swimming in there," he said. "Well, I'm going to," his mom said. "There's not much else to do here!" Paolo's little sister, Celia, was standing next to him. "If Paolo's not going in, I'm not swimming in there either," Celia said. Paolo's mom looked at Paolo with a raised eyebrow. "That's fine," she said. "You two don't have to swim. But remember, there's no internet here and no TV." Paolo marched back to the cabin and sat in a lawn chair. He crossed his arms and frowned. "This is going to be an awful vacation", he thought. No Wi-Fi, nothing to do. Celia followed him, sitting in a chair and crossing her arms, too. "I'm bored!" Celia said. Meanwhile, their mom had gone into the cabin to change. Soon she emerged, carrying an armful of goggles and towels. "I'm going for a dip. Are you "sure" you don't want to go?" she asked. Celia glanced at Paolo. "I'm sure," said Paolo. "No way!" added Celia. Paolo sat in the chair and stared across the lake. Celia did too, but soon she grew restless. She got up, walked up and down the dock, and finally sat down, watching her mom. Seeing this, Paolo felt bad. He went inside and put on his bathing suit. Then he walked out to the dock where Celia was sitting. When their mom swam up to them, Paolo apologized. "I'll swim with you, Mom. I'm sorry I was crabby. The water actually looks nice," he said. Celia looked at Paolo. Then she ran to the cabin to change into her swimsuit, too. Which of the following best describes the main theme or lesson of the story? Choices: [(a) Set a good example for people who look up to you., (b) People today take technology for granted.] Answer index: 0</p>

Table 31: Question examples for each skill (part 18).

<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: words-with-able-and-ible Description: Which item is not a collectible?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) an ordinary spiral notebook, (b) a rare comic book]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-the-correct-frequently-confused-word Description: Complete the text with the correct word. Rhianna made a wire sculpture of a tree for her art project. She used steel wool to make ___ leaves.</p> <p>Choices: [(a) its, (b) it's]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: words-with-mis Description: Which type of behavior shouldn't cause mistrust?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) suspicious behavior, (b) honest behavior]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: which-sentence-is-more-formal Description: Which sentence is more formal? Choices: [(a) Visitors are advised that admission to the aircraft museum has been raised by two dollars., (b) FYI, admission to the aircraft museum has been raised by two dollars.]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-the-sentence-simple-compound-or-complex Description: Which is a simple sentence?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) Although I would rather visit Italy, I'm excited about going to Panama this summer., (b) The thermometer and the cough syrup are in the medicine cabinet next to the cotton balls.]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-topic-sentences-for-expository-paragraphs Description: Read the paragraph. Then, add the better topic sentence. ___ In fact, more than half of the planet is covered just by oceans. Earth also has many lakes, rivers, and swamps full of freshwater. But there's even more freshwater that is frozen in glaciers and icecaps. Add to that all of the water that's underground or in the air, and you've got one wet planet!</p> <p>Choices: [(a) Most of the Earth is covered in water., (b) The highest point on Earth is Mount Everest.]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-the-sentence-a-statement-question-command-or-exclamation Description: What kind of sentence is this? Bobby gave me the best present!</p> <p>Choices: [(a) an exclamation, (b) a statement]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: does-the-adjective-tell-you-what-kind-or-how-many Description: Look at the adjective in bold. Does it tell you "what kind" or "how many"? Maria will need seven stamps.</p> <p>Choices: [(a) what kind, (b) how many]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: determine-the-meanings-of-similes Description: What is the meaning of the simile? Just as a soft breeze rocks the trees, Mrs. Middleton rocked the baby to sleep.</p> <p>Choices: [(a) Mrs. Middleton rocked the baby outside., (b) Mrs. Middleton rocked the baby gently.]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-the-noun-singular-or-plural Description: Is the noun in bold singular or plural? Lamar shouted when his foot touched the hot water.</p> <p>Choices: [(a) singular, (b) plural]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-the-correct-article-a-or-an Description: Complete the sentence with the best article. Mrs. Casey keeps the tools in ___ shed.</p> <p>Choices: [(a) an, (b) a]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: determine-the-themes-of-myths-fables-and-folktales Description: Read the following fable by Aesop. A fox one day spotted a beautiful bunch of ripe grapes hanging from a vine. The grapes seemed ready to burst with juice. The fox's mouth watered, and he gazed longingly at them. The bunch hung up high, far out of the fox's reach. He tried to jump and grab it. The first time he jumped, he was still far away. So he walked off a short distance and took a running leap. But he fell short once more. Again and again he tried, but he simply could not reach the grapes. After a long time, he sat down and looked at the grapes in anger. "What a fool I am," he said. "I am wearing myself out, and for what? This is just a bunch of terrible, sour grapes." And away he walked with his nose in the air. What is the main theme or lesson of the fable?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) Sometimes fruit is sour, not sweet., (b) People pretend they don't want things they can't have.]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: to-be-use-the-correct-form Description: Complete the sentence with the correct present tense form of to be. They ___ upstairs in Sofia's bedroom.</p> <p>Choices: [(a) are, (b) am]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: read-about-famous-places Description: Review the third paragraph. The Golden Gate Bridge is one of the most famous bridges in the world. Its tall frame, two large towers, and orange color make the bridge easy to recognize. Yet as the Golden Gate Bridge was being built, people disagreed about what the bridge should look like. People were worried that San Francisco's thick fog would make the bridge hard to see. The U.S. Navy wanted the bridge to stand out so ships and airplanes wouldn't collide with it. They wanted the bridge to have wide black and yellow stripes, like a bumblebee! Irving Morrow was one of the bridge designers. He did not like the idea of a striped bridge. Morrow did not want a plain black or gray bridge either, though. He thought a dark bridge would make the Golden Gate seem smaller than it was. When the bridge's parts were delivered to San Francisco, they had an orange color. The bridge workers were supposed to paint a new color over the orange. But Morrow was still unsure of what color that would be. He looked at the orange bridge parts and decided that the color would be perfect! Morrow thought the orange would stand out well against the ocean and the sky. Finally, the difficult decision had been made. A red-orange Golden Gate Bridge was bright enough for ships and planes to see. The color made the bridge appear grand and tall. Over the years, fresh paint has been needed. But the color remains the same orange that was supposed to be painted over many years ago. Based on the text, why did Irving Morrow think orange would be a good color for the Golden Gate Bridge?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) The parts were already orange, so no extra work would be needed., (b) The color would make the bridge stand out from the sky and ocean., (c) Using orange paint on orange parts would be cheaper.]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: does-the-adverb-tell-you-how-when-or-where Description: Look at the adverb in bold. Does it tell you "how" or "where"? Mr. Olson lives upstairs.</p> <p>Choices: [(a) how, (b) where]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: which-word-is-a-noun Description: Is the word in bold a noun? The captain turned the ship around and sailed north.</p> <p>Choices: [(a) yes, (b) no]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>

Table 32: Question examples for each skill (part 19).

<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-the-irregular-past-tense-ii Description: Which sentence is in the past tense? Choices: [(a) Susan **feeds** her bird., (b) Susan **fed** her bird.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: which-sentence-is-in-the-regular-past-tense Description: Which sentence is in the past tense? Choices: [(a) Cassie **acted** happy., (b) We **discover** hidden treasures.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: which-sentence-uses-an-antonym Description: Read the sentence. Select the sentence that uses an antonym in place of the word in bold. Bella's dad has always been **short**. Choices: [(a) Bella's dad has always been **tall**., (b) Bella's dad has always been **shy**.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-action-verbs Description: Complete the sentence with the action verb. Mrs. Carlson ___ nuts into the cookie batter. Choices: [(a) mixes, (b) butter] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: pronoun-verb-agreement Description: Complete the sentence with the best **verb**. He ___ on television. Choices: [(a) appears, (b) appear] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: make-predictions-about-a-story Description: Read this passage from a story. Anna and Andrew had just moved in to their new house. "Let's explore," Anna said. They opened all the closets in the bedrooms. Then they found the door to the attic. Their dad noticed them opening the door. "Go ahead," he said. "It's full of old junk." In the attic, Anna and Andrew saw an old dresser and some boards. Then they noticed a very large metal box. They walked over to look at it more closely. Based on the passage, which is more likely to happen next? Choices: [(a) Anna and Andrew open the metal box., (b) Anna and Andrew open the dresser drawers.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: greetings-and-closings-of-letters Description: Which closing is correct for a letter? Choices: [(a) Thanks, Jim, (b) thanks, Jim] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-base-words-prefixes-and-suffixes Description: What is the base word in **dampness**? Choices: [(a) damp, (b) ness] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: which-sentence-has-the-same-meaning Description: Which sentence has the same meaning? Mrs. Duncan **closed** her bedroom door and went to bed. Choices: [(a) Mrs. Duncan **shut** her bedroom door and went to bed., (b) Mrs. Duncan **painted** her bedroom door and went to bed.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-the-authors-purpose-passages Description: Read the text below. Vote for Bob Mueller for city council. He'll stand up for the needs of our town's hardworking citizens. What is the text's most likely purpose? Choices: [(a) to persuade, (b) to inform, (c) to entertain] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-topic-sentences-for-narrative-paragraphs Description: Read the paragraph. Then, add the better topic sentence. ___ First, my parents took me to the store to buy some seeds. Then, we took the seeds home, and I planted them in my backyard. I watered them every day, and soon the plants started to grow. After several weeks, I started to see little vegetables pop up. By the end of the summer, I had a garden full of green peppers, beans, corn, and carrots. Choices: [(a) Last spring, I planted an amazing vegetable garden., (b) Fresh vegetables are my favorite topping to put on pizza.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-text-that-matches-the-writers-purpose Description: You want to **inform** someone **about blueberries**. "Inform" means "teach someone about something". What should you write? Choices: [(a) Sarah couldn't believe her eyes. On the table were plates full of blueberry pancakes, blueberry muffins, and even blueberry sauces., (b) Order our blueberry pancakes today! They're always hot and delicious., (c) As the blueberry fruit ripens, it turns from green to purple to dark blue.] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-narrative-of-the-life-of-frederick-douglass-part-2 Description: Review the passage. I thought the matter over during the next day, Sunday, and finally resolved upon the third day of September, as the day upon which I would make a second attempt to secure my freedom. I now had three weeks during which to prepare for my journey. ... From Frederick Douglass, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass Look at the text in **bold**. What hidden reality is shown through this text? Choices: [(a) It shows that although Douglass's friends behaved kindly, they secretly envied him., (b) It shows that although the shipyard was calm, Douglass experienced tension at home., (c) It shows that although the city felt peaceful, enslaved people were preparing to rebel., (d) It shows that although Douglass's plan was working, he still had worries and doubts.] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: are-the-modifiers-used-correctly Description: Which sentence is correct? Choices: [(a) **Stuck in traffic**, Hakim grew drowsy and time slowed to a standstill; eventually, he decided to pull over and take a nap., (b) **Stuck in traffic**, time slowed to a standstill and Hakim grew drowsy; eventually, he decided to pull over and take a nap.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: recall-the-source-of-an-allusion Description: What is the source of the allusion in the sentence below? The headline read: "Smart Phones Becoming **Big Brother**." Choices: [(a) literature, (b) a song] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: transitions-with-conjunctive-adverbs Description: Complete the text with the better conjunctive adverb. In China, mountainous areas are being flattened to make more room for new construction; ___ in the United States, mountaintops are being removed so that miners can access coal reserves. Choices: [(a) therefore, (b) likewise] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: determine-the-authors-point-of-view Description: Read the text. When I decided it was time for a new hobby, I signed up for a "Clowning for Fun and Profit" class at my local arts center. I cheerily skipped through the door on the first day of class, but my heart sank as soon as I spotted the instructor, Bobo. Bobo turned out to be a sad-faced clown who refused to speak. It was clear he planned to teach entirely in pantomime. As he silently motioned for me to find my seat, I resigned myself to a bad experience. So imagine my surprise when this crazy class turned out to be invaluable to me! Although I didn't hear a single spoken word for five hours, Bobo somehow managed to express his ideas clearly and in an engaging way. By the end of the first session, he had expertly taught me how to make balloon animals, apply makeup, juggle beanbags, and develop my own personal clown character. As I eagerly await the second session, "All About Unicycles," I will begin clowning around as a volunteer at a local children's hospital. Which sentence best summarizes the author's point of view about the clown class? Choices: [(a) Bobo uses eccentric teaching methods to efficiently teach this course, making him an excellent clowning instructor., (b) Bobo's sad demeanor and poor pantomime skills make it difficult for his students to learn effective clowning techniques.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: compare-two-texts-with-different-genres Description: Read the following text from a diary. This excerpt is about life for Jews in Europe at the beginning of World War II. After May 1940 good times rapidly fled: first the war, then the capitulation, followed by the arrival of the Germans, which is when the sufferings of us Jews really began. Anti-Jewish decrees followed each other in quick succession. Jews must wear a yellow star, Jews must hand in their bicycles, Jews are banned from trams and are forbidden to drive. Jews are only allowed to do their shopping between three and five o'clock and then only in shops which bear the placard "Jewish shop." Jews must be indoors by eight o'clock and cannot even sit in their own gardens after that hour. Jews are forbidden to visit theaters, cinemas, and other places of entertainment. From Anne Frank, "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl". Copyright 1952 by Otto H. Frank Based on this excerpt, what can you conclude about life for Jews in Europe at the beginning of World War II? Choices: [(a) Jewish people could no longer afford to buy theater tickets., (b) Jewish people could not associate with one another., (c) Jewish people had many of their rights taken away.] Answer index: 2</p>

Table 33: Question examples for each skill (part 20).

<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: read-and-understand-informational-passages Description: Review the seventh paragraph. title: Meditating in School ...</p> <p>This is where the need for good, sound research comes in. Past studies showing that mindfulness helps medical patients are not enough. To really determine whether mindfulness helps improve grades, research needs to focus specifically on mindfulness in schools—and what impact, if any, it has. That way, educators can make informed decisions about where to put their resources. Until then, whether mindfulness is included in classroom programming will remain the choice of individual teachers.</p> <p>Based on the text, what still needs to be determined about mindfulness in schools? Choices: [(a) whether meditation affects different students in different ways, (b) how to raise the funds needed to teach meditation in schools, (c) whether mindfulness meditation has a positive impact in a school setting] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-evidence-to-support-a-claim Description: Read the claim below. Gardeners should never use pesticides on their plants. Select the piece of evidence that best supports this claim. Choices: [(a) Organic pesticides tend to cost more than conventional ones, and they may be less effective., (b) Pets and children often play in and around gardens, where they can be exposed to pesticides.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-the-giver-part-1 Description: Reread the following passage from The Giver. In this excerpt, Jonas, the main character, recalls a time when he saw an unidentified aircraft. Frightened was the way [Jonas] had felt a year ago when an unidentified aircraft had overflown the community twice. He had seen it both times. Squinting toward the sky, he had seen the sleek jet, almost a blur at its high speed, go past, and a second later heard the blast of sound that followed. Then one more time, a moment later, from the opposite direction, the same plane. ...</p> <p>From Lois Lowry, The Giver. Copyright 1993 by Lois Lowry Look at the text in bold. How does this paragraph contribute to the meaning or tone of the passage? Choices: [(a) It creates an unsettling tone., (b) It creates a ridiculous tone., (c) It creates a playful tone., (d) It creates a serene tone.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-personification Description: Complete the sentence so that it uses personification. The sorceress peered into the mirror, noticing how the amulet <u> </u> her neck. Choices: [(a) barely clasped around, (b) gently embraced] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-plagiarism Description: Compare the student text with the source. Source: Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano, "A Black Hole Is Not a Hole", page 5. Published by Charlesbridge, 2012: Nothing can out-tug a black hole. No army of tow trucks, no convoy of supersized earth haulers, no fleet of giant rocket engines. Student text: The pull of a black hole is so strong that nothing can pull stronger, not even a "fleet of giant rocket engines" (DeCristofano 5). Is the student text plagiarized? Choices: [(a) No, it is not plagiarized., (b) Yes, because it fails to use quotation marks.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-counterclaims Description: Consider this claim: Poems that rhyme are better than poems that do not rhyme. Now consider how someone might argue against this. Which sentence presents a counter-claim to the above claim? Choices: [(a) "Beowulf" is one of the oldest and longest poems in existence., (b) Poetry that doesn't rhyme allows for more freedom of expression.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: trace-an-argument Description: Read the text. title: Early to Bed and Early to Rise ...</p> <p>Whether you're naturally a night owl or an early bird is mostly based on your body's chronotype, which Merriam-Webster's online dictionary defines as "the internal circadian rhythm or body clock of an individual that influences the cycle of sleep and activity in a 24-hour period." In short, we are born wired one way or the other. However, it is possible to change your habits. And given the benefits of being an early riser, it may be worth the effort. What is the author's main claim or argument? Choices: [(a) There are just as many benefits to being a night owl as an early riser., (b) It's important to change how society perceives night owls., (c) It is better to be an early riser than a night owl.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-active-and-passive-voice Description: Which sentence is in passive voice? Choices: [(a) On April 18, 1906, an earthquake and its fiery aftermath devastated the city of San Francisco., (b) On April 18, 1906, San Francisco was devastated by an earthquake and its fiery aftermath.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-the-pronoun-reflexive-or-intensive Description: Is the pronoun in bold reflexive or intensive? Bryce uses an elaborate system of notes to remind himself of what he has left to do. Choices: [(a) intensive, (b) reflexive] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: interpret-figures-of-speech Description: What does the metaphor in this text suggest? When Bobby lost his job, he was devastated. The only light in the sea of darkness was the prospect of pursuing a new career. Choices: [(a) There was a benefit to Bobby's job loss., (b) Having to pursue a new career was the worst part of Bobby's job loss.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-the-verb-mood Description: Which verb mood is used in the bold part of the sentence? To help maintain your energy and focus throughout the day, eat a healthy breakfast. Choices: [(a) imperative, (b) subjunctive] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: classify-figures-of-speech Description: Which figure of speech is used in this text? The water made a sound like kittens lapping. —Marjorie Kinman Rawlings, "The Yearling" Choices: [(a) metaphor, (b) simile] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-the-outsiders-part-2 Description: Review the passage. Tim Shepard and company were already waiting when we arrived at the vacant lot, along with a gang from Brumly, one of the suburbs. Tim was a lean, catlike eighteen-year-old who looked like the model JD you see in movies and magazines. He had the right curly black hair, smoldering dark eyes, and a long scar from temple to chin where a tramp had belted him with a broken pop bottle. He had a tough, hard look to him, and his nose had been broken twice. Like Dally's, his smile was grim and bitter. He was one of those who enjoy being a hood. The rest of his bunch were the same way. The boys from Brumly, too. Young hoods—who would grow up to be old hoods. I'd never thought about it before, but they'd just get worse as they got older, not better. I looked at Darry. He wasn't going to be any hood when he got old. He was going to get somewhere. Living the way we do would only make him more determined to get somewhere. That's why he's better than the rest of us, I thought. He's going somewhere. And I was going to be like him. I wasn't going to live in a lousy neighborhood all my life. ...</p> <p>From S. E. Hinton, The Outsiders. Copyright 1967 by S. E. Hinton Look at the text in bold. What does this figurative language suggest? Choices: [(a) Tim fights for survival every day., (b) Tim has always been cruel to Ponyboy., (c) Tim often does not have enough to eat., (d) Tim attempts to stay hidden at all costs.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-the-outsiders-part-2 Description: Review the passage. Tim Shepard and company were already waiting when we arrived at the vacant lot, along with a gang from Brumly, one of the suburbs. Tim was a lean, catlike eighteen-year-old who looked like the model JD you see in movies and magazines. He had the right curly black hair, smoldering dark eyes, and a long scar from temple to chin where a tramp had belted him with a broken pop bottle. He had a tough, hard look to him, and his nose had been broken twice. Like Dally's, his smile was grim and bitter. He was one of those who enjoy being a hood. The rest of his bunch were the same way. The boys from Brumly, too. Young hoods—who would grow up to be old hoods. I'd never thought about it before, but they'd just get worse as they got older, not better. I looked at Darry. He wasn't going to be any hood when he got old. He was going to get somewhere. Living the way we do would only make him more determined to get somewhere. That's why he's better than the rest of us, I thought. He's going somewhere. And I was going to be like him. I wasn't going to live in a lousy neighborhood all my life. ...</p> <p>From S. E. Hinton, The Outsiders. Copyright 1967 by S. E. Hinton Look at the text in bold. What does this figurative language suggest? Choices: [(a) Tim fights for survival every day., (b) Tim has always been cruel to Ponyboy., (c) Tim often does not have enough to eat., (d) Tim attempts to stay hidden at all costs.] Answer index: 0</p>

Table 34: Question examples for each skill (part 21).

<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-the-authors-purpose Description: Review the text. Good study habits train your brain for success. Applying effective learning methods will not only improve your grades but, more importantly, increase your long-term knowledge. Cramming at the last minute is ineffective. Instead, try to create a study routine. Schedule specific blocks of time to study every day. Next, find the best environment that helps you concentrate. Some students do better with the silence of a library, while others need the background noise or music of a public space. Now that you have a time and a place, you need a strategy. Look at your tasks and make a list. Setting small, manageable goals for your study session will help you work efficiently. Do the most difficult assignments first, while your mind is fresh. Finally, do not be afraid to take limited breaks to restore your motivation. Which best shows that the author's purpose is "to explain some productive study techniques to readers"?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) The author argues that students need to work in a place with "background noise" in order to study efficiently., (b) The author outlines a series of best practices to follow to improve study habits.]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: is-it-a-direct-object-or-an-indirect-object Description: Is the phrase in bold a direct object or an indirect object? A guard denied **the tourists** entrance to the palace. Choices: [(a) direct object, (b) indirect object]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: decide-whether-ellipses-are-used-appropriately Description: Read this text. On May 25, 1977, "Star Wars" opened in theaters and wowed audiences with groundbreaking special effects. Is this an appropriate use of an ellipsis?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) yes, (b) no, because the text with an ellipsis is no longer grammatically correct]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: compound-subjects-and-objects-with-pronouns Description: Select the correct pronoun to complete the sentence. Mr. Joyce rarely worries about ___ and Farid, because they're both so responsible. Choices: [(a) she, (b) her]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-vague-pronoun-references Description: Which of the following contains a vague pronoun reference? Choices: [(a) Bella and her sister posed for a photograph, but when the flash went off, she blinked., (b) Bella and her sister posed for a photograph, but when the flash went off, Bella blinked.]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: what-does-the-punctuation-suggest Description: What does the following sentence suggest? Ferries depart from Battery Park in New York and Liberty State Park in New Jersey for the museum on Ellis Island, which commemorates the millions of immigrants who entered the United States through Ellis Island. Choices: [(a) There is only one museum on Ellis Island., (b) There is more than one museum on Ellis Island.]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: suggest-appropriate-revisions Description: Read the following text from a student essay. How can the writer best improve his or her **word choice**?</p> <p>I saw a movie called "Blob Invasion". It was really good. It was about a weird guy who was into science. He worked on bugs and small animals. He made a machine that did things to the bugs and the animals. They became big weird things. One day he transformed himself by accident. He became a big blob! He went around doing bad things to the city. In the end, a boy figured out how to change the blob back into a man. I would recommend this movie to everyone who likes fun science movies.</p> <p>Choices: [(a) by reducing repetitive language, (b) by using more specific language]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-the-giver-part-2 Description: Review the passage. "Father? Mother?" Jonas asked tentatively after the evening meal. "I have a question I want to ask you." ... From Lois Lowry, The Giver. Copyright 1993 by Lois Lowry Based on the passage, how does Jonas most likely feel about his family? Choices: [(a) He finds comfort in the regimented order provided by his family., (b) He wonders why his family's beliefs are different from the community's., (c) He feels grateful to have a family that openly discusses tough issues., (d) He is beginning to question his parents and the community.]</p> <p>Answer index: 3</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-thesis-statements Description: Which is a thesis statement? Choices: [(a) School-wide Wi-Fi access is critical to building academic success because it increases communication, allows for more interactive lessons, and expands research opportunities., (b) What effect does having Wi-Fi access in public school classrooms and libraries have on how students perform academically and how well they pay attention in class?]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: classify-logical-fallacies Description: Which logical fallacy is used in the text? In this election, we've seen the highest voter turnout ever recorded. If you have any doubts about Ryan Mueller's qualifications, just look at how many people have come out to vote for him. Choices: [(a) bandwagon fallacy: the assumption that the popular choice is automatically correct, (b) ad hominem: a personal attack against one's opponent]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-the-outsiders-part-1 Description: Read the following passage from "The Outsiders". In this excerpt, Ponyboy, the narrator, and his friend, another greaser named Two-Bit, are walking with two girls from a rival group called the Socs. After the movie was over it suddenly came to us that Cherry and Marcia didn't have a way to get home. Two-Bit gallantly offered to walk them home—the west side of town was only about twenty miles away—but they wanted to call their parents and have them come and get them. Two-Bit finally talked them into letting us drive them home in his car. I think they were still half-scared of us. They were getting over it, though, as we walked to Two-Bit's house to pick up the car. It seemed funny to me that Socs—if these girls were any example—were just like us. They liked the Beatles and thought Elvis Presley was out, and we thought the Beatles were rank and that Elvis was tuff, but that seemed the only difference to me. Of course greasy girls would have acted a lot tougher, but there was a basic sameness. I thought maybe it was money that separated us. ... From S. E. Hinton, The Outsiders. Copyright 1967 by S. E. Hinton Based on the passage, which of the following is most likely true about Ponyboy? Choices: [(a) Ponyboy doesn't want to take the girls home, but he feels obligated to assist them., (b) Cherry is attempting to develop a deep connection with Ponyboy, but he is resistant., (c) Ponyboy wishes he had more money so he could be more like the Socs., (d) This is Ponyboy's first time having an authentic conversation with a member of the Socs.]</p> <p>Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-the-correct-verb-with-compound-subjects Description: Complete the sentence with the best verb. Whenever Skip runs out into the yard, the chickens and the rooster ___ into the coop. Choices: [(a) disappears, (b) disappear]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: distinguish-facts-from-opinions Description: Which sentence states a fact? Choices: [(a) The spinach plant is native to Asia., (b) Spinach tastes worse than any other vegetable.]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-best-transition Description: Choose the transition that compares, or shows similarities. Betty helps her community by raising money for a youth center. ____. Dale makes his neighborhood more beautiful by planting trees. Choices: [(a) Similarly, (b) For example]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>

Table 35: Question examples for each skill (part 22).

<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-narrative-of-the-life-of-frederick-douglass-part-1 Description: Read the following passage from "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass". In this excerpt, Douglass describes some features found on the plantation where he was enslaved as a young child. Colonel Lloyd kept a large and finely cultivated garden, which afforded almost constant employment for four men, besides the chief gardener, Mr. M'Durmond. This garden was probably the greatest attraction of the place. During the summer months, people came from far and near—from Baltimore, Easton, and Annapolis—to see it. It abounded in fruits of almost every description, from the hardy apple of the north to the delicate orange of the south. This garden was not the least source of trouble on the plantation. Its excellent fruit was quite a temptation to the hungry swarms of boys, as well as the older slaves, belonging to the colonel, few of whom had the virtue or the vice to resist it. ... From Frederick Douglass, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass What is this passage mainly about? Choices: [(a) It is about why Douglass enjoyed spending time in the garden and stable on Colonel Lloyd's plantation., (b) It is about how Colonel Lloyd's fancy garden and fine horses created challenges for enslaved people., (c) It is about how Colonel Lloyd paid more attention to his garden than to the horses in his stable., (d) It is about why enslaved people preferred to work in Colonel Lloyd's stable instead of his garden.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-short-stories Description: Read the story. title: Chiarelli's Bakery ... Ms. Chiarelli nodded impatiently. "Come on! If we hurry, we can make cassatelle too." Based on the **fourth paragraph**, what is Aram's attitude about his future career? Choices: [(a) He is confident that he will achieve success., (b) He is sure that he will fail, but he wants to try., (c) He is uncertain how things will turn out.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: determine-the-main-idea-of-a-passage Description: Read the passage. All over the planet, ancient tombs and temples lie hidden from view. So how do archaeologists know where to begin digging? Thanks to satellites, that question is becoming easier to answer. In the pioneering field of satellite archaeology, satellites four hundred miles above Earth can identify structures buried under soil, covered by modern construction, or obscured by forests. For example, mud bricks used by ancient Egyptians are more dense than soil, and the differences are detected by the satellites. Advanced computer programs map buried settlements and distinguish them from water, vegetation, and farmland. Sarah Parcak, a pioneer in the field, says of the technology, "It allows you to literally strip away vegetation and see entire cities beneath the rain forest canopy. This is the unbelievable future of archaeology." What is the main, or central, idea of the passage? Choices: [(a) Archaeologists must determine where ancient structures are buried before they can begin excavating them., (b) Archaeologists are uncovering ancient hidden structures by using satellite imagery.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-parallel-structure Description: Complete the sentence. In his novel Nineteen Eighty-Four, George Orwell describes a dystopian London in the hands of a totalitarian government that is paranoid, watchful, and ____. Choices: [(a) mercilessly oppressive, (b) mercilessly oppresses its citizens] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-dictionary-entries-to-determine-correct-usage Description: Look at this dictionary entry. dictionary word: exasperate dictionary pos: verb dictionary inflections: exasperating, exasperated dictionary entry: 1 to make very angry; to irritate Marie was exasperated by Barbara's constant complaining. dictionary etymology: from Latin (exasperare) Which sentence uses the word **exasperate** correctly? Choices: [(a) Mrs. Hampton realized she was exasperating a bad situation when she failed to pay the parking ticket promptly., (b) Gary's reluctance to do basic household chores exasperated Khalil and Chase.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: trace-an-argument-set-1 Description: Read the text. title: The Connected City ... The bottom line is that online connectivity is a necessity in today's high-tech society. Cities across the country are scrambling to keep up with ever-increasing demands for Wi-Fi by the general public. In fact, an Internet Society survey of more than ten thousand Internet users around the world found that eighty-three percent of the respondents agreed that access to the Internet should be considered a basic human right. Whether viewed as a public service or as a way to boost the local economy, people expect advanced technology on the go. Travelers, business owners, and local residents should be able to rely on the local government to help them stay connected. What is the author's main claim or argument? Choices: [(a) Access to free Wi-Fi throughout a city helps to promote tourism., (b) Free Wi-Fi in cities benefits residents as well as the local economy., (c) Only low-income residents of urban areas should be provided with free Wi-Fi.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: which-text-is-most-formal Description: Which expression of thanks is more formal? Choices: [(a) We're so pleased you could join us on our special day. Thank you again for the wonderful gift., (b) We're super happy that you could be with us on our special day. Thanks again for the awesome gift!] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: trace-an-argument-set-2 Description: Read the text. title: Fact or Fiction? ... Looking beyond the author's own life events, memoir can inform readers about the world in the same way that other nonfiction can. For example, a memoir written by the head chef of a famous restaurant is likely to educate the reader about the inner workings of a professional kitchen. A memoir composed by a cello player in an esteemed orchestra will probably help the reader learn more about music. And a memoir recalling an adolescence during the 1980s may describe pop culture during that time. Memoir has a way of relating facts about anything from an occupation to brief fashion trends, all of it meaningful to the author. What is the author's main claim or argument? Choices: [(a) Memoir is best categorized under the umbrella of literary nonfiction., (b) Memory is too unreliable for memoir to be considered a type of nonfiction., (c) While many memoirs are fact-based, many authors are untrustworthy., (d) The most profitable memoirs are those shown to be the most factual.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-topic-sentence-that-best-captures-the-main-idea Description: Review the details below. Cell phones can be used to cheat on tests by sending answers to friends or by accessing the Internet. ... Texting during class is like passing notes and is a waste of time. Choose the best topic sentence to introduce a paragraph containing these details. Choices: [(a) Cell phones in the classroom can have a negative impact on student learning., (b) There are many legitimate arguments for allowing students to have cell phones in class, even if they are disruptive., (c) Cell phones have become a near constant presence at school and at home.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-sentence-fragments Description: Is there a sentence fragment? Before signing in, you must first register for an account. Unless you're already a member of the site. Choices: [(a) yes, (b) no] Answer index: 0</p>

Table 36: Question examples for each skill (part 23).

<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-context-as-a-clue-to-the-meanings-of-foreign-expressions Description: What is the meaning of the foreign expression in bold? In 2014, giant moths swarmed **en masse** in parts of Southeast Asia. More than eight hundred sightings were reported in Singapore, while thousands disrupted a soccer match at Darul Makmur Stadium in Malaysia. Choices: [(a) coincidentally, (b) as a group, (c) unexpectedly, (d) fatally] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-the-correct-foreign-expression Description: Complete the text with the correct foreign expression. The Norwood Bistro features an eclectic ___ menu so that diners can select a variety of dishes. Choices: [(a) à la carte, (b) crème de la crème] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-audience-and-purpose Description: Review the fund-raising pamphlet and then answer the question. Be a hero in an animal's life! Donate to the Martin County Animal Shelter. Adoption fees cover less than eight percent of our operating expenses. We rely on donations to ensure that every animal receives excellent care. Your generous gift provides food, shelter, and veterinary care to homeless and rescued pets. Please donate today! Which best indicates that the primary audience is "community members who care about animals"? Choices: [(a) The writer indicates that donating is a way for readers to "be a hero in an animal's life.". (b) The writer argues that the shelter is necessary to keep stray animals off the streets and prevent illnesses., (c) The writer asks readers to donate time as well as money., (d) The writer includes information about funding sources and operating expenses.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: classify-figures-of-speech-euphemism-hyperbole-oxymoron-paradox Description: Which figure of speech is used in this text? This movie is so predictable that I'm likely to **die of boredom** if I keep watching it. Choices: [(a) paradox, (b) hyperbole] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-short-stories-set-1 Description: Read the story. title: Lake Magic ... Gramps appeared with dry towels. "I've made popcorn and a warm fire. And your mom called. She's fine." Gramps paused, then added, "Everybody's fine." What is the main reason Izzie is looking for Champ? Choices: [(a) She hopes Champ will take her brother's place as a friend to her., (b) She wants to prove to her grandfather that she can find the legendary lake monster., (c) She wants Champ's "lake magic" to make her family the way it used to be.] Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: explore-words-with-new-or-contested-usages Description: Which text uses the word **nauseous** in its traditional sense? Choices: [(a) Everyone seemed to enjoy the magnolia-scented candle, but it made Walter feel rather **nauseous**., (b) Everyone seemed to enjoy the magnolia-scented candle, but Walter found the smell rather **nauseous**.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-the-development-of-informational-passages-set-2 Description: Read the text. title: Manzanar: A Site of Conscience ... Adapted from the National Park Service, "Manzanar: A Site of Conscience" What is the main focus of the text? Choices: [(a) how the attack on Pearl Harbor led to war against Japan, (b) the history of the internment of Japanese Americans, with a focus on Manzanar, (c) how Japanese Americans adjusted to everyday life at Manzanar, (d) the history of injustices against Japanese Americans, including internment at Manzanar] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-the-development-of-informational-passages-set-1 Description: Read the text. title: Language Change ... Adapted from the National Science Foundation, "Language and Linguistics: Language Change" What is the main focus of the text? Choices: [(a) why the works of Shakespeare and Chaucer are difficult for modern readers, (b) why different languages evolve at different rates, (c) how and why language changes over time] Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-punctuation-to-avoid-fragments-and-run-ons Description: Which is the best way to complete the text? Zoe traced her family's lineage back to the eighteenth ___ cross-referenced her grandmother's stories with a genealogical index at the library. Choices: [(a) century. She, (b) century, furthermore, she, (c) century, she] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: transition-logically-between-claims-evidence-analysis-and-counterclaims Description: Complete the text with the transition that best connects **the two pieces of supporting evidence**. Parents should limit how much screen time their children are allowed to have each day. A study found that children whose parents limited screen time experienced physical benefits, including better sleep habits and decreased risk of obesity. ___, these children earned better grades in school, were more social and helpful, and were less aggressive with peers. Choices: [(a) In other words, (b) Moreover, (c) For example] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-analysis-that-logically-connects-the-evidence-to-the-claim Description: Read the claim and the supporting evidence. *Claim:** Hunter is remarkably virtuous. *Evidence:** Hunter is generous with his time. Why does the evidence support the claim? Choose the **analysis** that better explains the connection. Choices: [(a) Generosity is a key virtue., (b) Hunter believes generosity need not involve money.] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: identify-run-on-sentences Description: Is this a run-on sentence? Clinging to a two-point lead in the final minute of the fourth quarter, the Tigers triumphed when their defense recovered a fumble and sealed the victory. Choices: [(a) yes, (b) no] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-words-accurately-and-precisely Description: Complete the text with the better phrase. Karen and Steven are ___ on a documentary film project about the effects of drought on local wildlife. Choices: [(a) collaborating together, (b) working together] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: classify-figures-of-speech-review Description: Which figure of speech is used in this text? He had hoped to find his missing watch, but **he couldn't find the time**. Choices: [(a) onomatopoeia, (b) pun] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: avoid-double-illogical-and-unclear-comparisons Description: Which text best completes the sentence? As a dancer, I studied tap and ballet. In my experience, tap was ____. Choices: [(a) easier to learn than any form of dance, (b) easier to learn, (c) easiest to learn] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-best-evidence-to-support-a-claim Description: Consider this claim: Online colleges prepare students for careers just as well as traditional brick-and-mortar schools do. Which is the strongest evidence to support the claim? Choices: [(a) "I've hired two people recently who received their college degrees through online programs, and the quality of their performance is as good as, if not better than, that of their peers," reported business owner Fred Browning., (b) Online college programs often provide career preparation services that are equivalent to those provided by traditional college programs, including interview preparation, job fairs, and even internship placement., (c) Many students choose to gain some credits through an online college program and then successfully transfer to a brick-and-mortar institution to complete a degree.] Answer index: 1</p>

Table 37: Question examples for each skill (part 24).

<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-short-stories-set-2 Description: Read the story. title: Water Rising ...</p> <p>Polara looked to the horizon, at the unmistakable sparkle of the approaching sea. She wasn't sure how brave she felt, but she was willing. "I am," she answered.</p> <p>Based on the first and second paragraphs, what internal conflict does Polara struggle with?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) the duty to stand watch versus her inclination to daydream, (b) the pull of the unfamiliar versus her desire to stay at Shublik, (c) respect for Commander Axel versus her irritation at his order, (d) the enjoyment of the view versus her fear about the water on the horizon]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-appeals-to-ethos-pathos-and-logos-in-persuasive-writing Description: Which statement primarily appeals to logos, or reason, to support the position that more money does not always lead to increased happiness?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) Like most people, I enjoy the feeling of buying a new gadget, but it turns out that the happiness that we get from a new purchase doesn't last long., (b) While it's true that a lack of money can cause stress and unhappiness, it does not necessarily follow that money will lead to more happiness after basic needs are met.]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: choose-the-word-whose-connotation-and-denotation-best-match-the-sentence Description: Complete the sentence with the word that best fits the overall meaning and tone. Dan appreciated the gallery owner's ___ efforts to include artwork from the local community. Choices: [(a) calculating, (b) deliberate]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: evaluate-counterclaims Description: Consider this claim: Veggie burgers are every bit as tasty and satisfying as regular beef burgers. Now consider how someone might argue against this. Which sentence presents the stronger and more reasonable counterclaim to the above claim?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) Veggie burgers have no taste whatsoever and cannot compare in any way to a delicious beef burger., (b) Regular beef burgers have more good-tasting fat and filling protein than veggie burgers.]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: use-etymologies-to-determine-the-meanings-of-words Description: "Vociferous" and "vocal" are related English words that come from Latin. What does vociferous mean?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) loud and forceful, (b) wise and thoughtful, (c) strong and fit]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-the-lightning-thief-part-2 Description: Read the following passage from "The Lightning Thief". In this excerpt, Percy Jackson, the narrator, is describing a dream. In my dreams, I stood in a dark cavern before a gaping pit. Gray mist creatures churned all around me, whispering rags of smoke that I somehow knew were the spirits of the dead. ... From Rick Riordan, The Lightning Thief. Copyright 2005 by Rick Riordan What is most likely true about the spirits in Percy's dream?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) The spirits will cooperate with the ancient voice., (b) The spirits are trying to protect Percy., (c) The spirits want to lead Percy into the pit.]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-harriet-tubman-conductor-on-the-underground-railroad-part-1 Description: Review the passage. Harriet thought that Christmas was the very best time of all. By tradition there was no work. The holiday for the field slaves lasted as long as the Yule log burned in the fireplace at the Big House. So the people in the quarter spent days preparing the log. They chose a big one, so big that the strongest field hands bent their backs under its weight. They soaked it in water, so that it would burn slowly and for a long time. ... Adapted from Ann Petry, Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad. Copyright 1955 by Ann Petry Which item does the author use to symbolize comfort and security?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) the cabin, (b) the overseer's horn, (c) the blankets]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-roll-of-thunder-hear-my-cry-part-1 Description: Review the passage. "Hey, Cassie," said Mary Lou Wellevver, the principal's daughter, as she flounced by in a new yellow dress. ... From Mildred D. Taylor, Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry. Copyright 1976 by Mildred D. Taylor How do students feel about wearing shoes on the first day of school?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) They are embarrassed by their shoes., (b) They are eager to wear their shoes., (c) They are uncomfortable in their shoes.]</p> <p>Answer index: 2</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-roll-of-thunder-hear-my-cry-part-2 Description: Review the passage. The revival ran for seven days and it was an occasion everyone looked forward to, for it was more than just church services; it was the year's only planned social event, disrupting the humdrum of everyday country life. Teenagers courted openly, adults met with relatives and friends they had not seen since the previous year's "big meeting," and children ran almost free. ... From Mildred D. Taylor, Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry. Copyright 1976 by Mildred D. Taylor Look at the text in bold. What does this figurative language show about the revival?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) It shows how long and drawn out the service is., (b) It shows how energetic the townspeople are., (c) It shows how overcrowded the event is.]</p> <p>Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: draw-inferences-from-literary-texts Description: Read the text. From his seat at a table in the local library, Ruben turned to the side and saw Nora on a couch, deeply engrossed in a fantasy book. Nora barely seemed to blink as she read, and Ruben thought he had never seen anyone so absorbed in a story. Suddenly, Ruben felt a rumbling beneath his feet. The model of the solar system suspended from the ceiling began swinging back and forth, as books started falling off the nearby shelves. There was a commotion as library patrons hustled out of the way. Nora stood up and in a clear, loud voice, shouted, "Everybody! This is an earthquake. Get under the tables, now!" Everyone looked at Nora in shock, frozen in place by a newfound fear. "Do it!" Nora commanded, as the floor shifted. "Do it right now!" Ruben and the other patrons followed Nora's instructions, scrambling under the library tables. "Now, put your hands over your head and neck, face away from the windows, and stay still," Nora instructed. As the room shook, some people squealed in fear, while others made soft whimpering noises. From underneath her own table, Nora calmly reassured them. "Don't worry—this one doesn't seem too bad, and hopefully it'll be over in just a few seconds." What is most likely true about Nora?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) She tends to overreact in stressful situations., (b) She has prior experience with earthquakes., (c) She works at the library and knows the patrons well.]</p> <p>Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-the-lightning-thief-part-1 Description: Reread the following passage from "The Lightning Thief". In this excerpt, Percy is talking with his friend Annabeth after fighting a tough battle on their quest. I was pretty much in shock myself. The explosion of bus windows still rang in my ears. But Annabeth kept pulling us along, saying: "Come on! The farther away we get, the better." ... From Rick Riordan, The Lightning Thief. Copyright 2005 by Rick Riordan Which of the following is a reason Annabeth does not want Percy to die?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) If Percy dies, Annabeth would probably have to live with her dad., (b) If Percy dies, Annabeth would probably have to finish the quest on her own., (c) If Percy dies, Annabeth would probably have to go back to the camp.]</p> <p>Answer index: 2</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: evaluate-newspaper-headlines-for-bias Description: Which headline best avoids biased language?</p> <p>Choices: [(a) Second Grader's Peach Pie Wins First Place in Baking Contest, (b) Inexplicably, Judges Pick Child's Peach Pie Despite Tastier Entries, (c) Well-Earned Prize Goes to Young Student's Mouthwatering Pie]</p> <p>Answer index: 0</p>

Table 38: Question examples for each skill (part 25).

<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-harriet-tubman-conductor-on-the-underground-railroad-part-2 Description: Review the passage. In the fall of 1854, Harriet Tubman began to feel uneasy about three of her brothers. Benjamin, John and William Henry were still in Maryland, working on plantations where they had been hired out. She kept having dreams about them, vivid dreams in which she saw them sold and sent away in a chain gang. She decided to tell them that she was coming to Maryland that fall, so that they would be ready to go North with her. ... Adapted from Ann Petry, <i>Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad</i>. Copyright 1955 by Ann Petry What is the meaning of the word eluded as used in the passage? Choices: [(a) escaped the understanding of, (b) caused excitement about, (c) raised awareness for] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: classify-the-figure-of-speech-euphemism-hyperbole-oxymoron-paradox Description: Which figure of speech is used in this text? Lauren asked her mother if she could adopt a cat, and her mother replied, "It's a definite maybe," so Lauren didn't want to get her hopes up. Choices: [(a) euphemism, (b) oxymoron] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: classify-the-figure-of-speech-anaphora-anthithesis-apostrophe-assonance-chiasmus-understatement Description: Which figure of speech is used in this text? Soft language issued from their spittleless lips as they wished in slow circles round and round the field. —James Joyce, "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" Choices: [(a) chiasmus, (b) assonance] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: interpret-the-figure-of-speech Description: What does the idiom in this text suggest? "Speak of the devil!" Trudy declared when Bert strolled into the room. Choices: [(a) Trudy had just been speaking about Bert., (b) Trudy didn't trust Bert.] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: prefixes Description: Why would a company require an employee to sign a nondisclosure agreement? Choices: [(a) to keep company secrets private, (b) to prevent the employee from working for a competitor] Answer index: 0</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: suffixes Description: If an objection is meritless, what should you do? Choices: [(a) ignore or dismiss it, (b) take it seriously] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: domain-specific-vocabulary-in-context-science-and-technical-subjects Description: Read the passage and then answer the question. "Rafflesia arnoldii" produces the largest flowers of any plant known to man. It also lacks leaves, roots, a stem, and functioning chloroplasts. What exactly is this bizarre organism, and how does it survive without so many seemingly crucial parts? Endemic to the rainforests of Southeast Asia, R. arnoldii has developed a number of adaptations that enable it to thrive in its tropical home. Key to its survival is its parasitic relationship with a grape-like vine of the genus "Tetrastigma". R. arnoldii spends most of its life almost completely concealed inside the host vine. When it is ready to reproduce, however, it grows a single flower that measures about three feet in diameter, weighs up to fifteen pounds, and emits a strong odor of rotting flesh. The smell of the flower, which attracts carrion flies and other pollinators, has earned R. arnoldii the nickname "corpse flower." What is the meaning of endemic as used in the passage? Choices: [(a) new, (b) crucial, (c) harmful, (d) native] Answer index: 3</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: classify-the-figure-of-speech-review Description: Which figure of speech is used in this text? His guardians were extremely old-fashioned people and did not realize that we live in an age when unnecessary things are our only necessities. —Oscar Wilde, "The Picture of Dorian Gray" Choices: [(a) paradox, (b) chiasmus] Answer index: 0</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-a-long-walk-to-water-part-2 Description: Read the following passage from "A Long Walk to Water". In this excerpt, Salva has just arrived in Rochester, New York, and is meeting his host family. There they were, smiling and waving in the airport lobby—his new family! Chris, the father; Louise, the mother; and four children. Salva would have siblings, just as he had before. He felt his shoulders relax a little on seeing their eager smiles. ... From Linda Sue Park, <i>A Long Walk to Water</i>. Copyright 2010 by Linda Sue Park How does Salva feel upon meeting his new family? Choices: [(a) He feels unsure of how to fit into his new family, but he is excited to get to know them., (b) His tension and nerves begin to subside, but he still feels a little overwhelmed., (c) He is thankful for their generosity, but he wants to remain emotionally guarded.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-a-night-to-remember-part-1 Description: Review the passage. Up on the bridge, Captain Smith tried to piece the picture together. No one was better equipped to do it. After 38 years' service with White Star, he was more than just senior captain of the line; he was a bearded patriarch, worshipped by crew and passengers alike. They loved everything about him—especially his wonderful combination of firmness and urbanity. It was strikingly evident in the matter of cigars. "Cigars," says his daughter, "were his pleasure. And one was allowed to be in the room only if one was absolutely still, so that the blue cloud over his head never moved." ... From Walter Lord, <i>A Night To Remember</i>. Copyright 1955 by Walter Lord. Look at the text in bold. What is the effect of this sentence on the tone of the passage? Choices: [(a) It creates a skeptical tone., (b) It creates a somber tone., (c) It creates a frustrated tone.] Answer index: 1</p>
<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-anne-of-green-gables-part-1 Description: Read the following passage from "Anne of Green Gables". In this excerpt, Anne is chatting with her friend Diana at a tea party. "We had a plum pudding for dinner on Tuesday and there was half the pudding and a pitcherful of sauce left over. Marilla said there was enough for another dinner and told me to set it on the pantry shelf and cover it. I meant to cover it just as much as could be, Diana, but I forgot all about it. I thought of it next morning and ran to the pantry. Diana, fancy if you can my extreme horror at finding a mouse drowned in that pudding sauce! I lifted the mouse out with a spoon and threw it out in the yard. Marilla was out milking and I fully intended to ask her when she came in if I'd give the sauce to the pigs; but when she did come in I was imagining that I was a frost fairy going through the woods turning the trees red and yellow, so I never thought about the pudding sauce again. ... Adapted from L. M. Montgomery, <i>Anne of Green Gables</i> What does this passage suggest about Anne? Choices: [(a) She does not take life very seriously and wishes that others would relax., (b) She has good intentions, but she can be absentminded sometimes., (c) She is self-confident and does not worry about what other people think.] Answer index: 1</p>	<p>Subject: Language Arts Skill: analyze-passages-from-anne-frank-the-diary-of-a-young-girl-part-2 Description: Review the passage. Think of it, having to sit in such terror for a day and two nights! We thought of nothing, but simply sat there in pitch darkness—in her fear, Mrs. van D. had switched off the lamp. We whispered, and every time we heard a creak, someone said, "Shh, shh." ... From Anne Frank, <i>The Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition</i>. Copyright 1991 by The Anne Frank Fonds. Trans. Susan Massotty What is the meaning of engrossed as it is used in the passage? Choices: [(a) preoccupied or captivated, (b) puzzled or confused, (c) absentminded or forgetful] Answer index: 0</p>

Table 39: Question examples for each skill (part 26).