



**Keystone National Middle School Language Arts Level 6 Placement
Exam Answer Key**

Question Number	Correct Answer	Question Number	Correct Answer
1	C	26	A
2	C	27	C
3	D	28	A
4	B	29	B
5	A	30	D
6	B	31	B
7	D	32	C
8	D	33	B
9	D	34	A
10	D	35	D
11	B	36	D
12	C	37	B
13	D	38	D
14	A	39	C
15	C	40	B
16	B	41	B
17	B	42	A
18	C	43	A
19	D	44	C
20	B	45	Use Essay table
21	D		
22	A		
23	A		
24	D		
25	C		

Keystone Middle School Placement Essay Results Table

Point range	Key elements
20 – 15 points	<p>Thesis* (main point) is present. Body paragraph* supports thesis (main point). Body paragraph has topic sentence* and at least 3 strong supporting sentences. There are few or no errors in spelling, punctuation, and/ or grammar. The errors do not detract from the meaning of sentences or paragraphs.</p>
15 – 10 points	<p>Thesis* (main point) is present, but other points may also be developed in the essay so there is no dominant point. Body paragraph* mostly supports thesis, but may go off topic slightly. Body paragraph has a topic sentence* and at least 2 strong supporting sentences. There are 3 or more errors in spelling, punctuation, and or grammar. The errors do not detract from the meaning of sentences or paragraphs.</p>
10 – 5 points	<p>Thesis* (main point) is present, but may not make sense or be supportable. Body paragraph* may not support thesis and goes off topic. Body paragraph does not have an obvious topic sentence* and has only one or two weak supporting sentences. There are more than 5 errors in spelling, punctuation, and or grammar that may detract from the meaning of sentences or paragraphs.</p>
5 – 1 points	<p>There is no thesis* for the essay. Body paragraph* may or may not be present. Ideas may seem disorganized and they do not help the student make a point. There is no topic sentence*. There are many errors in spelling, punctuation, and or grammar that detract from the meaning of sentences or paragraphs.</p>
0 points	<p>Essay has little to no content or is illegible.</p>

Thesis= Sentence that contains the main point for the essay. The entire essay should support the thesis.

Body paragraph= The paragraph between the introduction and conclusion.

Topic sentence= First sentence of each body paragraph that states the topic of the paragraph.