

New York State Testing Program

English Language Arts Book 2



Sample Test 2005

Name

TIPS FOR TAKING THE SAMPLE TEST

Here are some suggestions to help you do your best:

- Be sure to read carefully all the directions in the test book.
- Plan your time.
- Read each question carefully and think about the answer before choosing or writing your response.



Part 1: Listening

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In this part of the test, you are going to listen to an article called "Laddie Boy Comes to the White House." Then you will answer some questions about the article.

You will listen to the article twice. The first time you hear the article, listen carefully but do not take notes. As you listen to the article the second time, you may want to take notes. Use the space below and on the next page for your notes. You may use these notes to answer the questions that follow. Your notes on these pages will NOT count toward your final score.

For the multiple-choice questions, you will mark your answers on the answer sheet. For questions 26 and 27, you will write your answers directly in the test book.

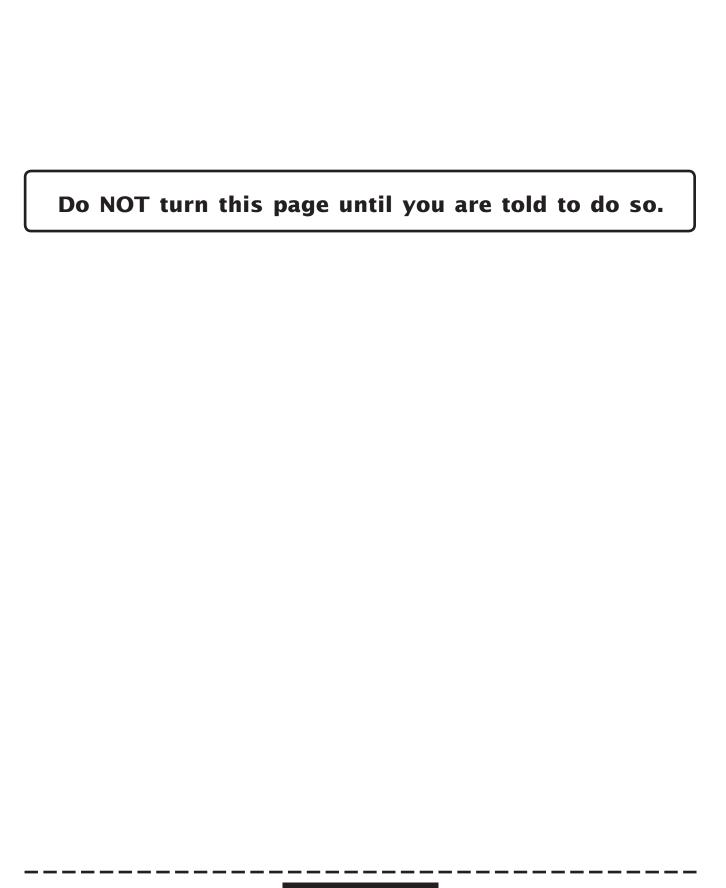
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- Which statement **best** shows that Laddie Boy was famous?
 - **F** He attended important meetings.
 - **G** He received a special dog tag.
 - **H** He was given a hand-carved chair.
 - **J** He received many gifts from his fans.
- The article says that Laddie Boy was President Harding's "faithful dog."
 The word "faithful" means
 - **A** clever
 - **B** happy
 - **C** loyal
 - **D** strong
- **24** The statue of Laddie Boy was made out of
 - **F** wood
 - **G** golf balls
 - **H** dog biscuits
 - **J** copper

25	Which sentence from the article is an opinion ?
	 A "Laddie Boy loved the game as much as the President." B "They mailed him sweaters, blankets, and toys." C "The dogs ate their cake while news reporters snapped pictures." D "With all this attention, Laddie Boy was named the official presidential pet."
26	Summarize the actions that were taken to create the statue of Laddie Boy. Use details from the article to support your answer.

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Part 2: Writing

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There are some mistakes in this paragraph. Let's correct them together.

My school is having a "Back to School" dance on Friday.

I am excited about them, but I have a problem. I don't know how to dance. I am the only one in my family who has never took dance lessons. Well, I guess I will just create my own style. Of dancing.

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Here is a paragraph a student wrote. There are some mistakes in the paragraph. Some sentences may have more than one mistake, and other sentences may contain no mistakes at all. There are no mistakes in spelling.

Read the paragraph and find the mistakes. Draw a line through each mistake in the paragraph. Then write the correction above it.

My school had an invention fair last weekend. It was called "Inventions of The Future." When I hear about the fair, I decided to make something really interestingly. For several days, I thought about my invention. I thought of names, created drawings, and even thought about what color it would be. On the day of the fair. My father asked me where my invention was. I couldn't stop laughing! I had a name, a color, and a drawing of them, but I had forgotten to make the invention. I guess I am starting early for next year's fair!

STOP



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