



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

<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Correct Answer</b>	<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Correct Answer</b>
1	C	27	B
2	C	28	C
3	D	29	A
4	B	30	A
5	A	31	D
6	B	32	C
7	D	33	B
8	D	34	A
9	D	35	B
10	D	36	C
11	B	37	B
12	C	38	A
13	D	39	D
14	A	40	D
15	C	41	B
16	B	42	D
17	B	43	C
18	C	44	B
19	D	45	B
20	B	46	A
21	D	47	A
22	D	48	C
23	A	49	D
24	D	50	A
25	B	51	C
26	A	52	Use Essay table

### Keystone Middle School Placement Essay Results Table

Point range	Key elements
20 – 15 points	<p>Thesis* (main point) is present.</p> <p>Body paragraph* supports thesis (main point).</p> <p>Body paragraph has topic sentence* and at least 3 strong supporting sentences.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Body paragraph* mostly supports thesis, but may go off topic slightly.</p> <p>Body paragraph has a topic sentence* and at least 2 strong supporting sentences.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Body paragraph* may not support thesis and goes off topic.</p> <p>Body paragraph does not have an obvious topic sentence* and has only one or two weak supporting sentences.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Body paragraph* may or may not be present. Ideas may seem disorganized and they do not help the student make a point.</p> <p>There is no topic sentence*.</p> <p>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.