Overview of Grade 3 Mathematics Test

The spring 2022 grade 3 Mathematics test was a next-generation assessment that was administered in two primary formats: a computer-based version and a paper-based version. The vast majority of students took the computer-based test. The paper-based test was offered as an accommodation for students with disabilities who are unable to use a computer, as well as for English learners who are new to the country and are unfamiliar with technology.

Most of the operational items on the grade 3 Mathematics test were the same, regardless of whether a student took the computer-based version or the paper-based version. In places where a technology-enhanced item was used on the computer-based test, an adapted version of the item was created for use on the paper test. These adapted paper items were multiple-choice, multiple-select, or short-answer items that tested the same Mathematics content and assessed the same standard as the technology-enhanced item.

This document displays released items from the paper-based test. Released items from the computer-based test are available on the RICAS Resource Center website at ricas.pearsonsupport.com/released-items. The Scoring Guides can be found at www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/student/. They provide the released constructed-response questions, a unique scoring guide for each question, and samples of student work at each score point.

Test Sessions and Content Overview

The grade 3 Mathematics test was made up of two separate test sessions. Each session included selected-response, short-answer, and constructed-response questions. On the paper-based test, the selected-response questions were multiple-choice and multiple-select items, in which students select the correct answer(s) from among several answer options.

Standards and Reporting Categories

The grade 3 Mathematics test was based on standards in the five domains for grade 3 in the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for Mathematics (2017). The five domains are listed below.

- Operations and Algebraic Thinking
- Number and Operations in Base Ten
- Number and Operations—Fractions
- Measurement and Data
- Geometry


Mathematics test results are reported under five MCAS reporting categories, which are identical to the five framework domains listed above.

The tables at the conclusion of this document provide the following information about each released and unreleased operational item: reporting category, standard(s) covered, item type, and item description. The correct answers for released selected-response and short-answer questions are also displayed in the released item table.

Reference Materials and Tools

Each student taking the paper-based version of the grade 3 Mathematics test was provided with a plastic ruler. An image of the ruler is not reproduced in this document.

During both Mathematics test sessions, the use of bilingual word-to-word dictionaries was allowed for current and former English learner students only. No calculators, other reference tools, or materials were allowed.
Grade 3 Mathematics
SESSION 1

This session contains 9 questions.

You may not use a calculator during this session.

Directions
Read each question carefully and then answer it as well as you can. You must record all answers in this Test & Answer Booklet.

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For other questions, you will need to fill in an answer grid. Directions for completing questions with answer grids are provided on the next page.

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Directions for Completing Questions with Answer Grids

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7. See below for examples of how to correctly complete an answer grid.

EXAMPLES
1. This scale shows the mass of some potatoes.

What is the total mass, in grams, of the potatoes?

A. 700 grams
B. 725 grams
C. 750 grams
D. 775 grams
A coach used this equation to solve a problem.

\[ 36 \div 9 = p \]

Which of these could be the problem the coach solved?

A. There were 36 players on each team. There were 9 teams. What was the total number of players on all the teams?

B. There were 36 players on a team. Then, 9 players left the team. What is the total number of players on the team now?

C. There were 36 players on a team. Then, 9 players joined the team. What is the total number of players on the team now?

D. There were 36 players on a team. The players were split equally into 9 groups. What was the total number of players in each group?
The heights, in inches, of eight students are shown in this list.

\[48 \frac{1}{2}, \ 50 \frac{1}{2}, \ 49, \ 50 \frac{1}{2}, \ 50, \ 48 \frac{1}{2}, \ 49 \frac{1}{2}, \ 50\]

Which line plot shows the heights, in inches, of all the students?

A

Student Heights

\[\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\
48 & 48 \frac{1}{2} & 49 & 49 \frac{1}{2} & 50 & 50 \frac{1}{2} & 51 & 51 \frac{1}{2} & 52
\end{array}\]

Height (inches)

B

Student Heights

\[\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\
48 & 48 \frac{1}{2} & 49 & 49 \frac{1}{2} & 50 & 50 \frac{1}{2} & 51 & 51 \frac{1}{2} & 52
\end{array}\]

Height (inches)

C

Student Heights

\[\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\
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Height (inches)

D

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Height (inches)
Which of these statements are correct?

Select the three correct answers.

A. The number 324 rounded to the nearest hundred is 300.
B. The number 324 rounded to the nearest hundred is 400.
C. The number 186 rounded to the nearest hundred is 100.
D. The number 186 rounded to the nearest hundred is 200.
E. The number 242 rounded to the nearest hundred is 200.
F. The number 242 rounded to the nearest hundred is 300.
This question has three parts.

Part A
Plot the point that represents the location of $\frac{1}{4}$ on this number line.

Part B
Plot the point that represents the location of $\frac{3}{4}$ on this number line.

Part C
Plot the point that represents the location of $\frac{7}{4}$ on this number line and explain how you know your answer is correct.

Enter your explanation in the space provided.
6 Which of these equations are true?
Select the three correct answers.

A  $9 \times 8 = 72$
B  $9 \times 7 = 72$
C  $35 \div 5 = 8$
D  $35 \div 5 = 7$
E  $9 \times 7 = 56$
F  $8 \times 7 = 56$

7 Which of these fractions is equivalent to the number 4?

A  $\frac{1}{1}$
B  $\frac{4}{1}$
C  $\frac{1}{4}$
D  $\frac{4}{4}$
A student used multiplication to solve this division equation.

\[ 18 \div 3 = n \]

Which multiplication equation could the student have used to solve the division equation?

A. \[ 18 \times 3 = n \]
B. \[ n \times 18 = 3 \]
C. \[ n = 3 \times 18 \]
D. \[ 18 = 3 \times n \]
A student will shade \( \frac{1}{8} \) of this figure.

Which of these models have a shaded part that is \( \frac{1}{8} \) the area of the whole figure?

Select the two correct answers. 

A 

B 

C 

D 

E 

F
Grade 3 Mathematics
SESSION 2

This session contains 11 questions.

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EXAMPLES
A science class collected rocks in a park. The students put all of the rocks into 5 buckets. They put 70 rocks into each bucket.

What was the total number of rocks the students collected?

A  350 rocks
B  280 rocks
C  35 rocks
D  14 rocks
The first four numbers in a pattern are shown.

84, 76, 68, 60, ?

What is the next number in the pattern?

Enter your answer in the answer boxes at the top of the answer grid and completely fill the matching circles.
Cups of coffee were served at a parent meeting at a school. The number of cups served, rounded to the nearest hundred, was 200.

Which of these numbers could be the actual number of cups of coffee served?

Select the two correct answers.

A 109
B 267
C 152
D 254
E 231

A circle is divided into equal parts, as shown.

Which fraction of the area of the whole circle is one part?

A \( \frac{1}{3} \)
B \( \frac{2}{3} \)
C \( \frac{3}{3} \)
D \( \frac{4}{3} \)
Four fractions are shown in the box.

\[
\begin{array}{cccc}
\frac{2}{4} & \frac{2}{6} & \frac{3}{6} & \frac{4}{8} \\
\end{array}
\]

Which fraction in the box is not equal to the other fractions in the box?

A. \(\frac{2}{4}\)

B. \(\frac{2}{6}\)

C. \(\frac{3}{6}\)

D. \(\frac{4}{8}\)
This question has three parts.

15 This diagram shows the floors of a hallway and a closet.

The hallway floor is covered with square tiles, with no gaps or overlaps. Each tile has a side length of 1 foot.

Part A

What is the area, in square feet, of the hallway floor? Show or explain how you got your answer.

Enter your answer and your work or explanation in the space provided.
Part B

The closet floor is in the shape of a rectangle with a length of 3 feet and a width of 4 feet.

Write an equation that can be used to find $A$, the area, in square feet, of the closet floor.

Enter your equation in the space provided.

Part C

Explain how to find the total area, in square feet, of the hallway floor and the closet floor. Be sure to include the total area in your answer.

Enter your answer and your work or explanation in the space provided.
A student sold candy bars on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

- She sold a total of 125 candy bars over the three days.
- She sold 67 candy bars on Monday.
- She sold 19 candy bars on Tuesday.

What is the total number of candy bars the student sold on Wednesday?

A  39  
B  58  
C  86  
D  211
17. Evan used exactly 20 paper clips to make an array. Which of these could be the array Evan made?

A 2 rows of 20 paper clips
B 4 rows of 6 paper clips
C 5 rows of 4 paper clips
D 10 rows of 10 paper clips
There are 48 students in a library. The students are working in groups. Each group has 6 students. Which equation can be used to find \( n \), the number of groups of students working in the library?

- A. \( 48 \div 6 = n \)
- B. \( n \div 6 = 48 \)
- C. \( 48 \times 6 = n \)
- D. \( n \times 48 = 6 \)
19. Which of these fraction models shows \( \frac{5}{8} \) of the model shaded?
This diagram shows a piece of artwork made with square tiles.

What is the total area, in square feet, of the shaded part of the artwork?

Enter your answer in the answer boxes at the top of the answer grid and completely fill the matching circles.
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**Answers are provided here for selected-response and short-answer items only. Sample responses and scoring guidelines for any constructed-response items will be posted to the Department’s website later this year.
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