



Illinois ELA Assessment

Practice Item Answer Key

Grade 3 - Online and Text-to-Speech

The following pages include the answer key for all machine-scored items, followed by a breakdown of the writing rubric expectations for prose-constructed responses.

Item Number	Answer Key
1.	Part A: C Part B: B, C
2.	1. explains an effect 2. explains a cause 3. makes a comparison
3.	Part A: C Part B: D
4.	Part A: A Part B: E, B
5.	Part A: B Part B: B
6.	Row 1: Photograph of Bicycle and Rider Row 2: Diagram of Wheel and Axle Row 3: Both
7.	Open Ended



#7 Open Ended
Reading Comprehension and Written Expression

A top response may include but is not limited to the following information:

Write a multiple-paragraph essay explaining how the words and images in the passages help you understand what happens when a rider pedals a bicycle. Support your response with details from both passages.

Possible key ideas from both passages:

Both passages explain how wheels and axles make it easier to move objects. When the axle rotates, the wheel rotates too. The drawing after paragraph 5 in the first passage shows how a wheel and axle work together.

Both passages describe the wheel and axle as a simple machine found on a bicycle that allows this complex machine to move.

Both passages give an example of a bicycle being a complex machine that uses a wheel and axle. The photo in the second passage shows a boy using wheels and axles to power his bicycle.

Possible Details and Evidence:

from *Get to Know Wheels and Axles*

"Simple machines help people get jobs done without working too hard."

"A wheel and axle is a wheel or set of wheels that is connected to a bar. A wheel and axle is used to move objects or change the speed or direction of a moving object."

"The axle can rotate, making the wheel rotate, too. You can put more than one wheel on an axle. If the axle rotates, all the wheels on it will rotate, too."

Photo of wheel and axle

"We usually think of the wheel and axle as a simple machine found on cars, bicycles, or skateboards."

"A great example of a complex machine is the bicycle. Bikes use wheels and axles to move . . ."

from *Early Physics Fun: Bicycles*

"The wheel and axle is a simple machine, too. A bike's wheels let you roll over the ground quickly and easily. They do this by multiplying the force of your pedaling."

"This means wheels multiply distance and speed as well."

"When you pedal, you turn the axle. But the wheel's outer rim turns faster. It covers more ground. This means your pedaling has more effect. You go farther with less effort."

"Bikes use a small wheel to turn a larger one. This makes bicycles very efficient users of energy."

Photo of a boy on a bike