



Illinois ELA Assessment

Practice Item Answer Key

Grade 5 - 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: C
2.	Part A: B Part B: D
3.	Part A: A Part B: D,A
4.	Part A: B Part B: D
5.	1.The Merchant asks to stay with the Miller for one night. 2.The Miller claims to own the Merchant's mule. 4.The Jackal shares a story that the Miller doubts. 5.The Miller returns the Merchant's mule to him.
6.	Part A: C Part B: D
7.	DD1: clever DD2: take their time
8.	Open Ended

#8 Open Ended
Reading Comprehension and Written Expression

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

Possible key ideas:

- Both passages support a theme related to truth through problems encountered by their characters.
- Both passages support a theme related to truth through endings that reveal the truth the characters were seeking.
- Both passages support a theme related to truth through characters that are wise and strategic while trying to learn the truth.

Possible Details and Evidence:

“The Wisdom of Solomon”

- “Now before you rest two vases of flowers which appear to be identical, but only one consists of living flowers. The other is a copy made from gold leaf, precious gems, and brightly colored enamels. Thus I put the following test to the wisest of all living men: which is the true and which is the false?” (paragraph 5)
- “Solomon sat quietly and puzzled over the riddle as everyone in court awaited his answer.” (paragraph 9)
- “. . . Solomon quickly said, ‘Do not harm our little friend. Let him alight where he will.’” (paragraph 9)
- “Solomon smiled, realizing that the insect would not be fooled by the artisan’s skill, nor by gold, jewels, and false color. Without hesitation, the bee landed on the garden flowers.” (paragraph 10)
- “Solomon raised his hand and pointed to the same bouquet.” (paragraph 10)

“The Judgment of the Jackal”

- “‘Yours?’ said the Merchant, getting angry. ‘Last night your stable was empty. And don’t you think I know my own mule?’” (paragraph 13)
- “‘Well, I have no doubt it’s all right; but just to satisfy me, let us ask the Rev. Dr. Jackal to decide between us; and whatever he says I will abide by.’” (paragraph 16)
- “They went away, and waited a long time, but no Jackal.” (paragraph 21)
- “‘And who ever heard,’ replied the Jackal, ‘of a mill having a young mule?’” (paragraph 25)