



## Illinois ELA Assessment

### Practice Item Answer Key

#### Grade 6 - 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.	<b>Part A: D</b> <b>Part B: B</b>
2.	<b>Part A: D</b> <b>Part B: C</b>
3.	<b>Part A: A</b> <b>Part B: D</b>
4.	<b>P1: problem and solution</b> <b>P7: process</b> <b>P8–9: cause and effect</b>
5.	<b>Part A: A</b> <b>Part B: D</b>
6.	<b>Part A: B</b> <b>Part B: D</b>
7.	<b>1.Women with Wings</b> <b>2.“My Day”</b> <b>3.Both</b> <b>4.Women with Wings</b>
8.	<b>Open Ended</b>



#8 Open Ended  
Reading Comprehension and Written Expression

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

The passage from "Women with Wings: Women Pilots of World War II" takes on an objective, third person point of view. However, the author does include some direct quotes from individuals who are important to the information in the passage.

"The Army Air Forces needed to convince male pilots the B-29 was safe. That job fell to Paul Tibbets" (paragraph 1).

"According to Tibbets, he heard 'they were having trouble at the [air base] in Clovis, New Mexico, trying to get college football heroes to fly the B-29. . . . Didn't take me long to figure it out. What would you do? I said, train two women to fly it'" (paragraph 1).

"But Dougherty was excited to learn. 'We realized why they had us fly it,' said Dougherty, 'showing how easy it was to fly that even a girl could do it. We didn't feel bad about that'" (paragraph 3).

"Dougherty pointed out that these were 'seasoned, four-engine combat crews,' and Tibbets said that the crews were 'dumbfounded' to see how the women flew the B-29" (paragraph 8).

"My Day" is written from a first-person point of view, that of Eleanor Roosevelt. As such, the reader can see exactly what she is thinking and feeling about the events that were happening with women pilots. Additionally, in Roosevelt's column, women pilots have not fully been given an opportunity. As a biographical record, the other passage reports on events that have already occurred. One direct quote is provided, from a letter Roosevelt received.

"Yesterday afternoon I went to the annual Roosevelt Home Club party, which had been scheduled for Saturday afternoon but had to be postponed" (paragraph 1)

"The Civil Aeronautics Authority [CAA] says that women are psychologically not fitted to be pilots. But I see pictures every now and then of women who are teaching men to fly. We know that in England, where the need is great, women are ferrying planes and freeing innumerable men for combat service" (paragraph 4).

"It seems to me that in the Civil Air Patrol and in our own ferry command, women, if they can pass the tests imposed upon men, should have an equal opportunity for noncombat service" (paragraph 5)

"I think it is time you women spoke up for yourselves and undertook a campaign to see that our 3,500 women fliers, every one of whom is anxious to do something in the war, be given a chance to do it" (paragraph 7).

Both authors write favorably about the mental and physical strength of the pilots.

"from Women with Wings"

"The training was intense. The cockpit of the B-29 bomber was scorching hot under the Alabama sun. It got so hot the pilots needed gloves so they wouldn't burn their hands on the controls. The B-29 had no hydraulic controls, so it took a great deal of physical strength to control it." (paragraph 5)

"She was an excellent student, and according to Tibbets, he could 'show her something one time and she could repeat it.'" (paragraph 6)

"These two women proved to hundreds of male pilots that the B-29 was not an airplane to be feared." (paragraph 10)

"Motivated by patriotism and a love of flying, these female pilots were pioneers, opening future opportunities for women. As Dougherty put it, 'I think that, aside from the thrill of it, anytime that any of the women pilots flew anyplace, they felt they were representing women worldwide and for generations to come. We knew we were breaking barriers, and we had to fly our best.'" (paragraph 13).



"My Day"

"We are in a war and we need to fight it with all our ability and every weapon possible. Women pilots, in this particular case, are a weapon waiting to be used" (paragraph 6).

"Hence, I am speaking up for the women fliers, because I am afraid we cannot afford to let the time slip by just now without using them" (paragraph 7).