

**SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS**

**FOR**

**PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 9**

*(Test items developed for skills measured in CAT-5\*)*

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**Skills**

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| 1.0 Spelling   | 3.2 Distinguishing Fragments, Run-ons from Complete Sentences; Identify Simple Subject and Predicate |
| 1.1 Vowels   | 3.3 Combining Sentences  |
| 1.2 Consonants   | 3.4 Sentences that Best Complete Stories, Topic Sentences, Develop Topic Sentences                   |
| 1.3 Structural Units   | 3.5 Paragraph Coherence  |
| 2.0 Language Mechanics/Capitalization and Punctuation                  | 4.0 Study Skills   |
| 2.1 Sentence, Phrase, and Clause                                       | 4.1 Reference Sources  |
| 2.2 Quotations, Dialogue   | 4.2 Interpreting Information   |
| 2.3 Proper Nouns, Titles, Contractions, Possessive Nouns, and Pronouns | 4.3 Organizing Information   |
| 2.4 Editing Paragraphs and Letters                                     | 4.4 Analyzing Information  |
| 3.0 Language Expression  |  |
| 3.1 Proper Use of Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs                               |  |
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## CAT LANGUAGE ARTS PRACTICE TEST - GRADE 9

*Directions: For numbers 1-26, read each sentence. Choose the word that is spelled correctly.*

1. The interior designer is working to \_\_\_\_\_ the old homeplace.

- A. renovate      B. renivate      C. renavate      d. renoivate
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2. A rodeo clown has a more important job than just being \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. comicel      B. comicol      C. comical      D. comicul
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3. The seamstress was threading a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. needle      B. neidle      C. neadle      D. nedle
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4. My grandmother lives close to a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. cemetary      B. cemeteriey      C. cemeterey      D. cemetery
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5. The cows were fast asleep near the \_\_\_\_\_ in the barn.

- A. haestack      B. haystack      C. haistack      D. heastack
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6. The \_\_\_\_\_ gave a promising campaign speech.

- A. politisian      B. politician      C. politicien      D. politician
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7. The two boys were \_\_\_\_\_ and argued all afternoon.

- A. inkompatible      C. imkompatibal  
B. incompatible      D. incompatibel
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8. The dance group will give four \_\_\_\_\_ during the week.

- A. performancis      C. performances  
B. performancus      D. performancas