

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 7

(Test items developed for skills measured in TAKS03)

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**TAKS03 PRACTICE TEST IN LANGUAGE ARTS - GRADE 7
FORM A**

DIRECTIONS

Read the information and the paper. Then answer the questions that follow.

Chase wrote this paper for his English class. He needs help on deciding how to correct and improve it. Read the paper. Then answer the questions that follow.

Eggs Anyone?

(1) Accidents on major highways in the United States are common happenings. (2) Some of them are serious and result in injury to property or people. (3) Those are no laughing matter. (4) One time, however, an accident happened on an important truck route in the state of Michigan. (5) The result of the accident was so amusing that even the usually solemn highway police officers were seen and heard to laugh loudly.

(6) A huge trailer overturned on the roadway. (7) This was not the first time a large truck had turned over on that road. (8) It probably won't be the last time. (9) What made this accident both comical and unusual was the contents on the road. (10) What the truck had been carrying was a cargo of 93,000 eggs. (11) After the accident, not one of the thousands of eggs was unbroken. (12) Every egg that had been in the truck was cracked and spilling out onto the road.

(13) The road had to be closed for a while to permit clean-up crews to dispose of what one police officer referred to as the "biggest omelet in the world."

SAMPLE A

What change, if any, should be made in sentence 3?

- A. Change *no* to *know*
- B. Change *Those* to *These*
- C. Add a comma after *laughing*
- D. Make no change

SAMPLE B

What would probably be the BEST way to join sentences 7 and 8?

- A. It probably won't be the last time. A large truck had turned over on that road.
- B. This was not the first, time a large truck, had turned over on that road.
- C. This was not the first time a large truck had turned over, on that road.
- D. This was not the first time a large truck had turned over on that road, and it probably won't be the last time.