## Test Descriptions

The following table describes each test, the time required, and the number of questions at each level.

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| **Reading**    | • Administered in two parts  
                   • Includes both literary and informational passages  
                   • Questions focus on identifying, interpreting, analyzing, and extending information in passages | 30 + 30     | Level 9 41  
Level 10 42  
Level 11 43  
Level 12 44  
Level 13 45  
Level 14 46 |
| **Written Expression** | • Some questions focus on the most appropriate way to express the ideas in a piece of writing  
                   • Some questions focus on the identification of the line of text that contains an error  
                   • Questions may address organization, sentence structure, clarity, and effective or inappropriate language | 40  
35  
38  
40  
43  
45  
48 | Level 9 40  
Level 10 35  
Level 11 38  
Level 12 40  
Level 13 43  
Level 14 45  
Level 14 48 |
| **Mathematics** | • Administered in two parts  
                   • Questions are drawn from the areas of number sense and operations, algebraic patterns and connections, data analysis/probability/statistics, geometry, and measurement | 30 + 30     | Level 9 50  
Level 10 55  
Level 11 60  
Level 12 65  
Level 13 70  
Level 14 75 |
| **Science**    | • Questions emphasize the methods and processes used in scientific inquiry, as well as knowledge in the areas of life science, earth and space science, and physical science | 35  
30  
34  
37  
39  
41  
43 | Level 9 35  
Level 10 30  
Level 11 34  
Level 12 37  
Level 13 39  
Level 14 41  
Level 14 43 |
| **Social Studies** | • Questions emphasize the interpretation of social studies-related materials, as well as knowledge in the areas of history, geography, economics, and civics and government | 35  
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Level 10 30  
Level 11 34  
Level 12 37  
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| Vocabulary  | • Questions emphasize general vocabulary words in the context of a short phrase or sentence  
              • Students select the answer that is the closest synonym for the given word  
              • Includes nouns, verbs, and modifiers | 15          | 29           | 34       | 37       | 39       | 41       | 42       |
| Spelling    | • Questions emphasize errors in root words, such as substitutions, reversals, omissions, and errors associated with suffixes  
              • Each question presents four words, one of which may be misspelled, and a fifth option, “No mistakes” | 10          | 24           | 27       | 30       | 32       | 34       | 35       |
| Capitalization | • Questions emphasize errors in the capitalization of names, titles, dates, and other words  
              • Students mark the line of text that contains an error  
              • If there is no error, students select “No mistakes” | 10          | 20           | 22       | 24       | 25       | 27       | 29       |
| Punctuation | • Questions emphasize errors in the use of end punctuation, commas, and other punctuation such as quotation marks  
              • Students mark the line of text that contains an error  
              • If there is no error, students select “No mistakes” | 10          | 20           | 22       | 24       | 25       | 27       | 29       |

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| Computation  | - Questions emphasize addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division using whole numbers, fractions, or decimals  
                - In Level 14, some questions emphasize algebraic manipulation  
                - If the correct answer is not given, students select “N” which means “Not given”                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 20          | Level 9: 25  
                                       |                           | Level 10: 27  
                                       |                           | Level 11: 29  
                                       |                           | Level 12: 30  
                                       |                           | Level 13: 31  
                                       |                           | Level 14: 32  
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**Total Items**

| Complete | 304  
          | 335  
          | 361  
          | 381  
          | 402  
          | 422  

**Total Time**

Complete: 4 hr 55 min

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## Optional Level 9 Tests

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| Word Analysis    | - Questions emphasize sound-letter association, decoding, and word structure as applied to initial, medial, and final sounds and to silent letters, initial syllables, final syllables, affixes, and compound words  
                - The test is untimed; time given is approximate                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 20          | 33              |

| Listening        | - Questions emphasize the skills needed to comprehend material when presented aloud  
                - Response choices are a mix of pictorial and text-based stimuli  
                - The test is untimed; time given is approximate                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 25          | 28              |

**Total Items (Level 9 with Word Analysis and Listening)**

Complete: 365

**Total Time (Level 9 with Word Analysis and Listening)**

Complete: 5 hr 40 min