

## Practice Test – Grade 3 RLA Answer Key

Item Position	Item Type	TEKS Alignment	Maximum Number of Points	Correct Answer(s)
1	Multiple Choice	3.R.3.A	1	B
2	Multiple Choice	3.R.9.Eii	1	C
3	Hot Text	3.R.7.C	1	See Appendix 1.1
4	Multiple Choice	3.R.9.Eiii	1	D
5	Multiple Choice	3.R.10.B	1	D
6	Multiple Choice	3.R.10.F	1	A
7	Multiple Choice	3.R.6.G	1	C
8	Multiple Choice	3.R.9.Ei	1	A
9	Multiple Choice	3.R.3.D	1	D
10	Multiple Choice	3.R.8.B	1	B
11	Multiple Choice	3.R.8.A	1	C
12	Multiple Choice	3.R.8.D	1	B
13	Multiple Choice	3.R.8.C	1	B
14	Multiple Choice	3.R.3.B	1	C
15	Multiple Choice	3.R.9.B	1	A
16	Multiple Choice	3.R.10.D	1	C
17	Short Constructed Response	3.R.6.F	2	See Appendix 1.2.1/1.2.2
18	Multiple Choice	3.R.6.E	1	A
19	Multiple Choice	3.R.6.E	1	B
20	Multiselect	3.R.10.D	2	A, C See Appendix 1.3
21	Multiple Choice	3.R.9.Di	1	B
22	Multiple Choice	3.R.6.H	1	C
23	Multiple Choice	3.R.9.Dii	1	B
24	Multiple Choice	3.R.9.Diii	1	D
25	Multiple Choice	3.R.10.C	1	A
26	Multiple Choice	3.R.10.A	1	D
27	Extended Constructed Response	3.W.12.B	5	See Appendix 1.4
28	Multiple Choice	3.W.11.Bi	1	D
29	Multiple Choice	3.W.11.C	1	D
30	Multiple Choice	3.W.11.Bii	1	A
31	Short Constructed Response	3.W.11.C	1	See Appendix 1.5
32	Multiple Choice	3.W.11.Bii	1	C
33	Multiple Choice	3.W.11.Bi	1	C
34	Multiple Choice	3.W.11.Bii	1	A

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35	Multiple Choice	3.W.11.C	1	C
36	Multiple Choice	3.W.11.Dix	1	C
37	Multiple Choice	3.W.11.Dvi	1	B
38	Inline Choice	3.W.11.Di	1	She learned about the See Appendix 1.6
39	Multiple Choice	3.W.11.Diii	1	C
40	Multiple Choice	3.W.11.Di	1	B
41	Multiple Choice	3.W.11.Dx	1	D



## 1.4

Read the article "From Seed to Pumpkin to Seed." Based on the information in the article, write a response to the following:

Explain how bees and pumpkins are beneficial to one another.

Write a well-organized informational essay that uses specific evidence from the article to support your answer.

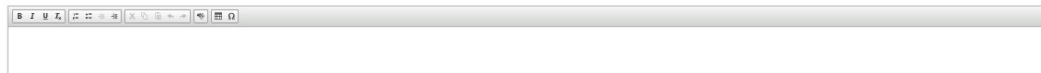
Remember to —

- clearly state your central idea
- organize your writing
- develop your ideas in detail
- use evidence from the selection in your response
- use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar

Manage your time carefully so that you can —

- review the selection
- plan your response
- write your response
- revise and edit your response

Write your response in the box provided.



**Rationale:** This prompt will allow students to explain how pumpkins and bees are beneficial to one another. Using details from the article for support, a student could first explain how pumpkins are beneficial to bees. The student could explain how the bright yellow flowers help bees find the pollen inside and how bees will bring the pollen back to their hive where they will make honey. The student could elaborate on this idea by telling how the bright flowers make it easy for bees to find the same pumpkin plants day after day and how new flowers will appear each day with a new supply of pollen for bees to gather and bring back. In another paragraph, students could explain that bees are beneficial to pumpkins, too. When bees are attracted by the bright flowers, they move around and spread pollen between different flowers and also between different pumpkin plants. The student could support the idea that this is beneficial to pumpkins by explaining that new pumpkins are created as pollen is spread in this way. The student can conclude by emphasizing that both bees and pumpkins benefit one another.

### **Pumpkins are beneficial to bees**

- Pumpkin flowers are bright yellow and attract bees with their pollen
- Bees bring pollen back to their hive to make honey
- The flowers are easy for bees to find again and again
- New flowers open each day to provide pollen to the bees

### **Bees are beneficial to pumpkins**

- Bees land on several different pumpkin flowers and move pollen around.
- Pollen is spread between different flowers and also between different pumpkin plants
- When pollen is spread around in this way, new pumpkins are created.
- Flowers will dry up, but the pollination makes the pumpkins grow.

