

## Science—Grade 5



For a science project, a student needs a concentrated sugar solution. The solution he has is too diluted. What is one way the student can make the solution more concentrated?

- A. pour the solution through a filter to remove some of the sugar
- B. add equal amounts of sugar and water to the solution
- C. boil the solution to evaporate some of the water
- D. add more water to the solution

Key = C

## Social Studies—Grade 5

Use these facts about basketball to answer the question.

- In 1891, Dr. James Naismith invented the game of basketball while teaching school in Massachusetts.
- In 2008, teams from 74 countries competed in basketball for the Summer Olympics.

Which term **best** explains these facts?

- A. cultural exchange
- B. political cooperation
- C. economic independence
- D. educational achievement

Key = A



## Links to Additional Information

More detailed information about PASS is located on the Office of Assessment Web page of the South Carolina Department of Education Web site: <http://www.ed.sc.gov/agency/Accountability/Assessment/PASS.html>.

The links for writing, English language arts (ELA), mathematics, science, and social studies provide information about each test, including blueprints (number and type of items on each test) and more sample items.

- ◆ Testing schedules: <http://www.ed.sc.gov/agency/Accountability/Assessment/TestingDatesbyProgram.html>
- ◆ South Carolina Academic Standards and supporting documents: <http://www.ed.sc.gov/agency/Standards-and-Learning/Academic-Standards/index.html>



## PASS 2011 Test Schedule

### Writing—Grades 5 and 8 only

March 22 (Tuesday) Writing, Day 1 (extended-response)  
March 23 (Wednesday) Writing, Day 2 (multiple-choice)

March 24, 25, 28, 29 Make-up Tests for writing

### Grades 3–8

May 9 (Monday) ELA (Reading and Research)  
May 11 (Wednesday) Mathematics  
May 12 (Thursday) Science or Social Studies\*  
May 13 (Friday) Social Studies\*\*

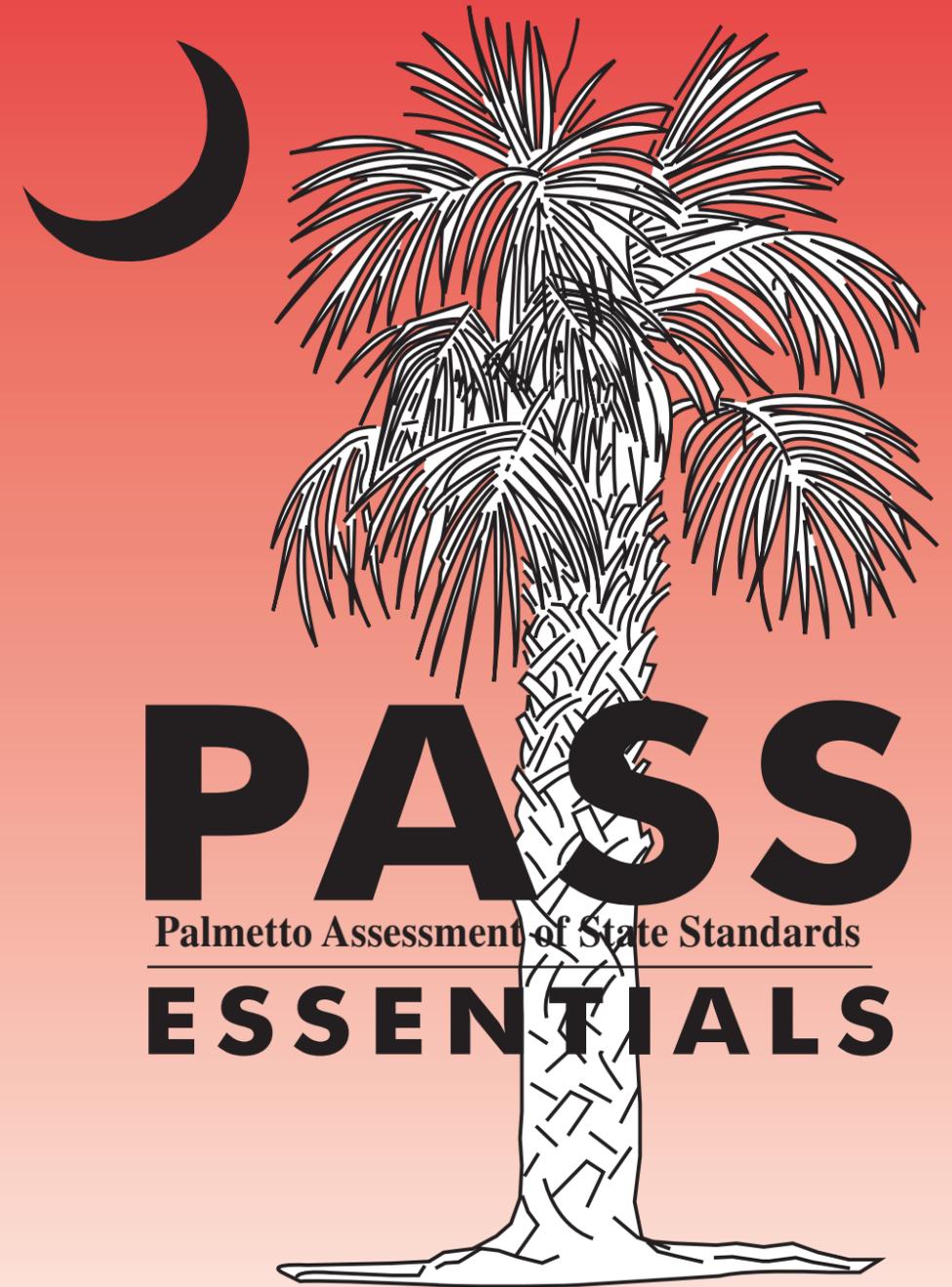
May 13 Make-up date for grades 3, 5, 6, and 8 only.  
May 16–20 Make-up Tests

\* All students in grades 3, 5, 6, and 8 will take either the science or the social studies test on May 12. All students in grades 4 and 7 will take the science test on this date.

\*\* All students in grades 4 and 7 will take the social studies test on this date.

### NOTE:

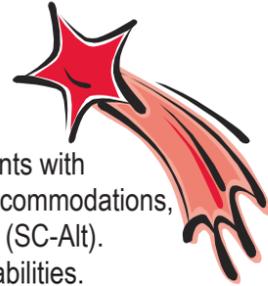
For 2011, the writing test will be administered to grades 5 and 8 only. Grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 will not participate in the writing test.



A Brochure for Students and Parents



The **Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)** is a statewide assessment administered to South Carolina students in grades three through eight.



### Test Essentials

- ◆ All students in grades 3–8 must participate in PASS. Students with disabilities must participate in PASS with the appropriate accommodations, if necessary, or in the South Carolina Alternate Assessment (SC-Alt). The SC-Alt assesses students with significant cognitive disabilities.
- ◆ Limited English Proficient (LEP) students must participate in PASS with the appropriate accommodation(s), if necessary.
- ◆ All PASS items are aligned with the South Carolina Academic Standards.
- ◆ PASS consists of writing, English language arts (reading and research), mathematics, science, and social studies tests.
- ◆ PASS tests are **not** timed.
- ◆ All PASS tests contain multiple-choice test questions with varying degrees of difficulty. The writing test also includes one extended-response (writing) item.
- ◆ The writing test is given on two days in March, and the remaining tests are administered in May. See the schedule on the back page of this brochure.

### Score Essentials

- ◆ Student results are given as scale scores and performance levels for each test.
- ◆ Performance levels for each test are: Exemplary, Met, and Not Met.
- ◆ Students receive information for each standard on each test.

### Tips for Parents

Parents can help children with test-taking preparation.



#### Do:

- Encourage your child to do his/her best.
- Provide a quiet place for studying at home.
- Make sure your child attends school regularly.
- Meet with teachers and ask for activities that you and your child can do at home to prepare for tests.
- Make sure your child gets adequate sleep. A tired child is less able to pay attention or handle the demands of testing.
- Give your child well-balanced meals. Rest, exercise, and eating well are important for test-taking.

#### Do Not:

- Schedule appointments during testing week.
- Place too much emphasis on your child's test scores. Extra pressure can upset your child and influence test performance.
- Get upset because of a single test score. Test scores are not perfect measures of what your child can do.



## Sample Items

### English Language Arts—Grade 5

#### Spider

Always  
I leave behind  
a little bit  
of myself.  
An artist  
with thread,  
a lace maker of sorts,  
I can **fashion** a snowflake,  
or a big, round  
puzzle trap.  
My web hides  
between the trees.  
If you destroy it  
I repair it again  
in an hour  
with invisible lines  
the raindrops rest upon.  
And always  
I leave a little  
of myself behind.

Read the dictionary entry.

**fashion:** **1.** *v.* to make or form. *He can fashion a boot out of leather.* **2.** *n.* manner or way. *The girl acted in a carefree fashion.* **3.** *n.* style or dress. *I shop to find the latest fashion.* **4.** *v.* to imagine or think about. *He fashions himself a genius.*

What is the **best** definition for the word **fashion** as used in this line from the poem?

“I can **fashion** a snowflake,”

- A. definition 1
- B. definition 2
- C. definition 3
- D. definition 4

Key = A



### Writing—Grade 5

Read these two sentences.

Jamal will get the books at the library.  
He cannot pick them up until tomorrow.

What is the **correct** way to combine the sentences?

- A. Jamal will get the books at the library he cannot pick them up until tomorrow.
- B. Jamal will get the books at the library, he cannot pick them up until tomorrow.
- C. Jamal will get the books at the library and he cannot pick them up until tomorrow.
- D. Jamal will get the books at the library, but he cannot pick them up until tomorrow.

Key = D



### Mathematics—Grade 5

Use this table to answer the question.

Input (w)	Output (z)
1	8
3	10
5	12
7	14

Which equation represents the relationship between the input values and the output values?

- A.  $z = 8w$
- B.  $z = w \div 8$
- C.  $z = w - 7$
- D.  $z = w + 7$

Key = D

