

Released Selections and Test Questions

ANSWERS

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

2017

INSTRUCTIONS

Attempt all questions. If you leave a question blank, the question will be scored zero.

Use only pencil or blue or black pen.

Answering Multiple-Choice Questions

Choose **the best** or **most correct** answer for each question.

To indicate your answer, **fill in the circle completely**, as shown below.

Like this: ● **Not like this:** ⊗ ✓ ◐ ◑

If you fill in more than one circle for a question, the question will be scored incorrect.

To change a multiple-choice answer, erase or cross out your answer and fill in the circle for your new answer. Ensure that your final answer is clear.

Answering Open-Response Questions

For the writing sections, pay attention to clarity, organization, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

The lined space in this booklet indicates the approximate length of the response expected.

**Provide ALL
your answers to
multiple-choice and
open-response questions
in this booklet.**

**Space is available for
rough notes.**

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You are now ready to start the test.

Read the questions in the *Question Booklet* before providing your answers here.

Welcome back, *Keewatin*: Last Great Lakes steamship comes home



Multiple-Choice

- 1 a b c d
- 2 a b c d
- 3 a b c d
- 4 a b c d
- 5 a b c d

Open-Response Answer

- 6 Why might the *Keewatin* have been a popular ship for travellers? Use specific details from the selection to explain your answer.

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Multiple-Choice

1 a b c d

2 a b c d

3 a b c d

4 a b c d

ROUGH NOTES

Use the space below for rough notes. Nothing you write in this space will be scored.

Short Writing Task

- 1** Identify a historical figure you would like to meet. Use specific details to explain why you have chosen this person.

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Multiple-Choice

- 1** a b c d
- 2** a b c d
- 3** a b c d
- 4** a b c d
- 5** a b c d
- 6** a b c d

Open-Response Answer

7 State the main idea of this selection, and provide one specific detail from the selection that supports it.

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UNRELEASED ITEMS

The following March 2017 OSSLT questions are not being released this year:

Components	Questions
Long Writing (Series of Paragraphs)	1
Multiple-Choice Writing Items	2–5
Narrative (Reading)	6–14
Dialogue (Reading)	15–21
Short Writing	22
Graphic (Reading)	23–28

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Section I: Reading

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Section V: Reading

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