



New York State Testing Program

English

Language Arts Test

Book 2

Grade

7

January 20–23, 2009

Name _____

TIPS FOR TAKING THE TEST

Here are some suggestions to help you do your best:

- Be sure to read carefully all the directions in the test book.
- Plan your time.
- Read each question carefully and think about the answer before choosing or writing your response.

Part 1: Listening***D***irections

In this part of the test, you will listen to a passage called “Growing Up . . . and Up.” Then you will answer some questions to show how well you understood what was read.

You will listen to the passage twice. As you listen carefully, you may take notes on the passage anytime you wish during the readings. You may use these notes to answer the questions that follow. Use the space on Pages 2 and 3 for your notes.

For the multiple-choice questions, you will mark your answer on your answer sheet. For questions 33 and 34, you will write your answers directly in the test book.

Here is a word you will need to know as you listen to the passage.

- skeptical doubtful

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- 29** Why was Coach Madura skeptical at first about Shaquille's basketball talent?
- A** Shaquille was at a beginning level when he first played.
 - B** Shaquille was in the tenth grade when he arrived at the school.
 - C** Madura felt it was difficult for transfer students to adjust to life in Texas.
 - D** Madura knew the game was more competitive in America than in Germany.

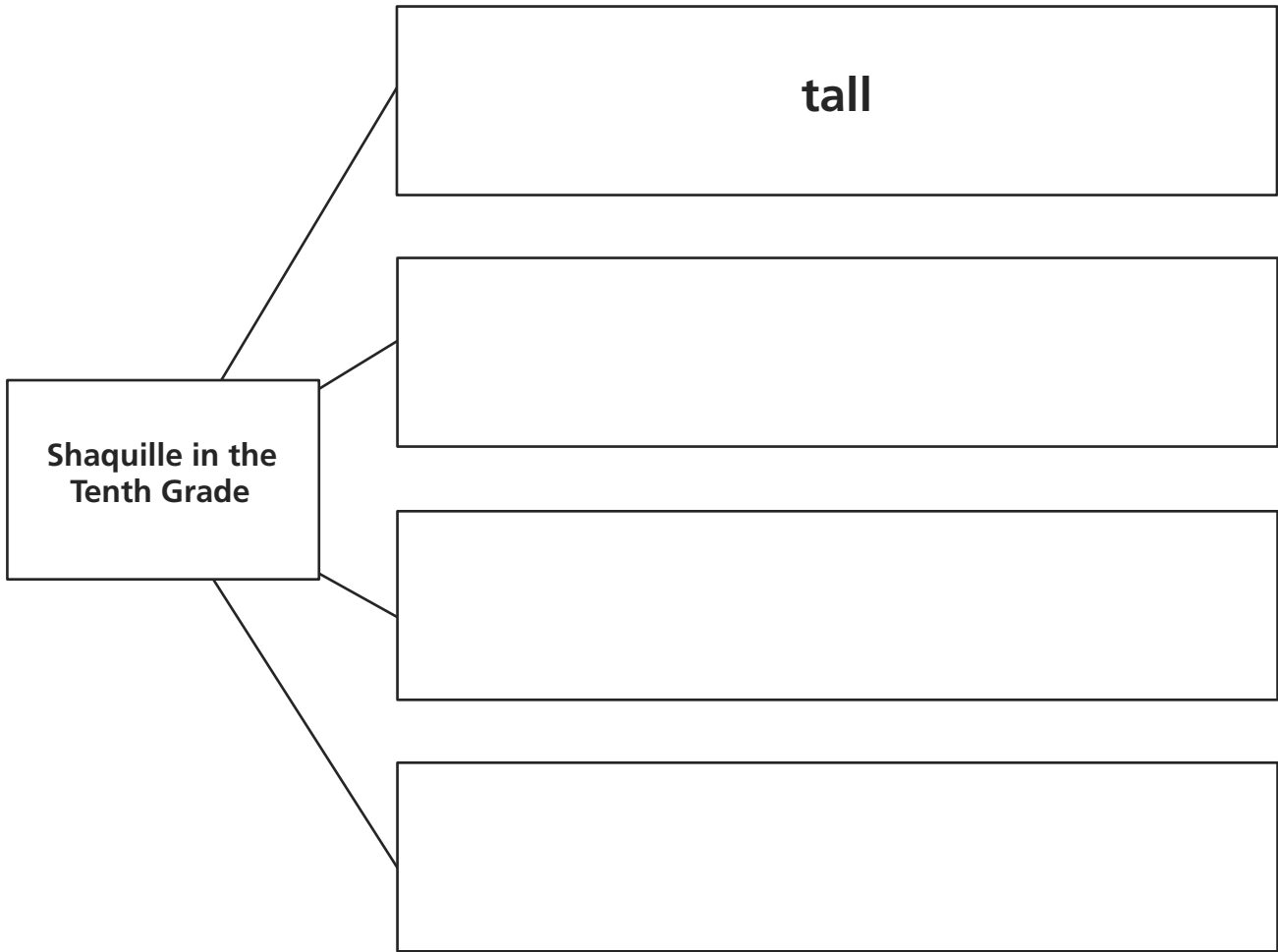
- 30** Why did the Cole football coach refuse to allow Shaquille to try out for his team?
- A** He knew that Shaquille had never played football before.
 - B** He felt that Shaquille was not strong enough for football.
 - C** He agreed that Shaquille should play basketball instead of football.
 - D** He doubted that Shaquille could be competitive enough for football.

- 31** Coach Madura was unsure which players he would have from year to year because many of the Cole athletes
- A** were too small for basketball
 - B** were more interested in football
 - C** moved often with their military families
 - D** moved back to more competitive countries

- 32** Based on information in the passage, the reader could conclude that, in the future, Shaquille
- A** would earn high honors in his classes
 - B** would make good friends at his school
 - C** would become a backup for the Cole football team
 - D** would become a leader on the Cole basketball team

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Using details from the passage, complete the web below with words that describe Shaquille O'Neal as a tenth-grader.



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What finally convinced Coach Madura that Shaquille could be a star? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

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Part 2: Writing

Sample

In this paragraph, there are some mistakes in grammar, usage, capitalization, and punctuation. Some sentences may have more than one mistake, and other sentences may contain no mistakes at all. There are no mistakes in spelling.

Let's correct the mistakes together. Draw a line through each part that has a mistake, and if a correction needs to be written, write the correction above the mistake.

I like to go to the movies on weekends. I try to get to the theater early so I could buy snacks. My favoritest movies are comedies. They are fun to watch with friends because they make you laugh we are going to see a new movie this Saturday.

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Here is a paragraph a student wrote. There are some mistakes in the paragraph. Some sentences may have more than one mistake, and other sentences may contain no mistakes at all. There are no mistakes in spelling.

Read the paragraph and find the mistakes. Draw a line through each mistake in the paragraph. Then write the correction above it.

Most of us have had the experience of playing some kind of video game. We may have played it at an arcade, on a computer, or through a video game system that was plugging into a television set. There is many different types of video games today, but this was not always the case. William Higinbotham an employee of Brookhaven National Laboratory, is thought to be the creator of the first video game. He designs the game in 1958 as an activity for people visiting the laboratory. The game, called "Tennis for two," was much less complicated than the games we have today. Nevertheless, this simply game was the beginning of a giant industry.

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