

MCA Paper Student Readiness Tool Grades 3–4



Symbols on the Test

You will see the following symbols in your test book:



This symbol means you can continue answering questions on the next page.



This symbol means you have finished a segment of the test. You must wait until you are told to go to the next segment.



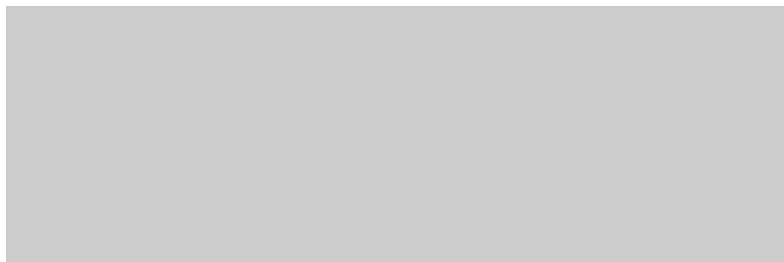
This symbol indicates where to place the sticker given to you by the Test Monitor to seal a finished segment.

A black-outlined arrow pointing to the right. Inside the arrow, the text "Go on to the next page." is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Mathematics Test General Information

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- Your test will contain different segments. Segment pages look like this:



Segment 1

You will be told when to begin this segment.

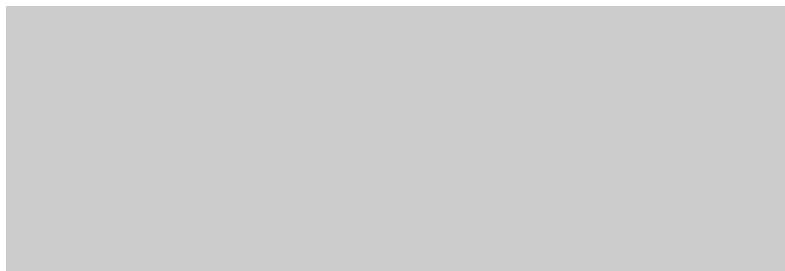

You **MAY NOT** use a calculator for this segment.



Segment 2

You will be told when to begin this segment.

You **MAY** use a calculator for this segment.



- You are allowed to use a calculator for certain segments of the test. These symbols tell you whether a calculator is allowed.



Allowed



Not Allowed

- You can write notes in your test book or on scratch paper, but you must answer each question in the test book.
- Your mathematics test includes multiple-choice questions only.

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For multiple-choice questions, circle the answer in your test book. The sample below shows you how to do this.

Sample Question Answered in Test Book:

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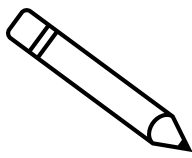
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A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

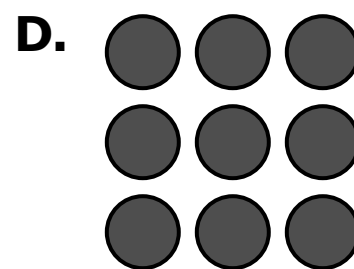
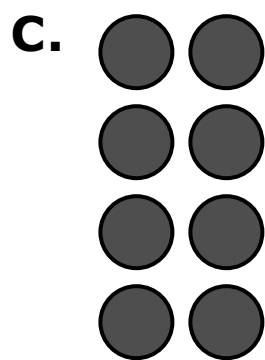
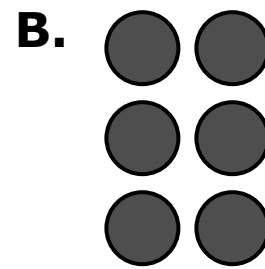
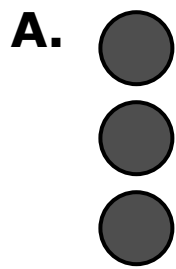



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Practice

Practice answering this multiple-choice question by circling option B.

1. Which model shows 6?



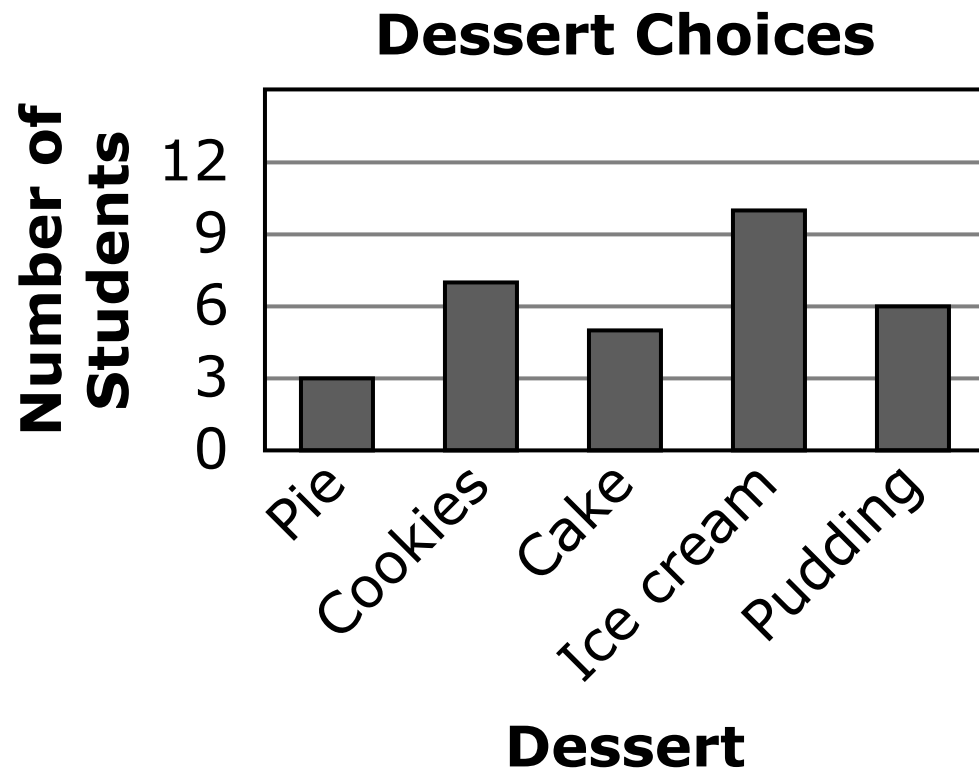
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Practice

Practice answering this multiple-choice question by circling option C.

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2. Students were asked to vote for their favorite dessert.



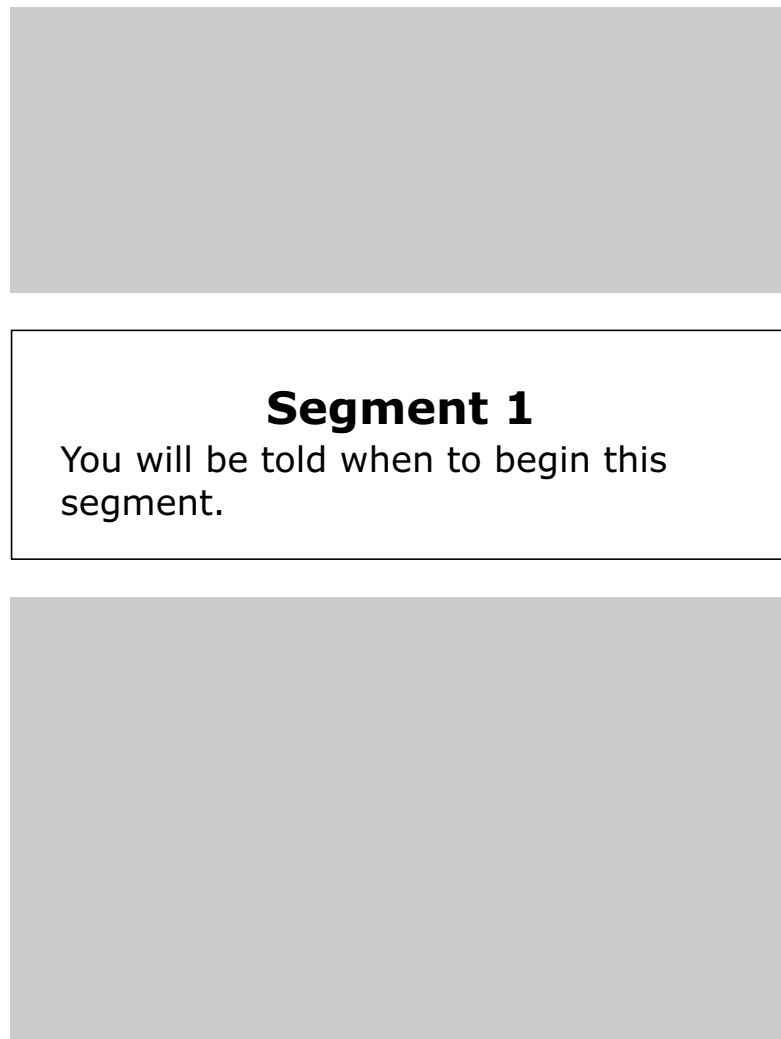
Which dessert received the most votes?

- A.** Cookies
- B.** Cake
- C.** Ice cream
- D.** Pudding



Reading Test General Information

- Your test will contain different segments. Segment pages look like this:



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- In each segment, you will read a passage or passages before answering questions. There are different types of passages, such as poems, stories, and articles.
- You can write notes in your test book or on scratch paper, but you must answer each question in the test book.
- Your reading test includes multiple-choice questions only.

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Instructions are included at the top of each passage. Read the passage. Then answer each multiple-choice question by circling the answer in your test book. The sample below shows you how to do this.

Read the following story about caves. Then answer the questions. Some questions may ask you about certain paragraphs. The paragraphs are numbered on the left side.

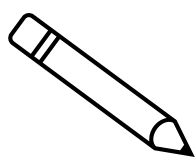
Out of the Dark

written for the
Minnesota Department of Education

- 1 Jason tried to force a smile as his classmates lined up to enter the cave. "This will be great," he whispered to Dawn, his best friend, who was standing in front of him. Jason wiped his sweaty palms on his pants and swallowed hard. The rest of his classmates were laughing and talking excitedly to one another. Jason hoped that no one would discover how he really felt about this field trip.
- 2 Dawn inched closer to Jason and turned to face him. "What did you say?"
- 3 "I said, 'This will be so great,'" he replied. "Don't you think so?"
- 4 "Well, maybe," Dawn replied, sounding a bit unsure of herself. She swung away from him then and looked past the tour guide, who was standing at the cave entrance. Her eyes darted back and forth, searching the ceiling of the cave.

Sample Question Answered in Test Book:

Who is the narrator of this story?



- A. Dawn
- B.** A person outside the story
- C. Jason
- D. The tour guide in the story

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- 1.** In paragraph 1, why does the author write that "Jason wiped his sweaty palms on his pants and swallowed hard"?
- A.** To show Jason is excited about the field trip
 - B.** To show Jason is bored during the field trip
 - C.** To show Jason is nervous about the field trip
 - D.** To show Jason is calm during the field trip

