Language Arts Comprehensive Benchmarks (Grades 3-8 and English II)

- The LA benchmarks will include literary passages (fiction and poetry) and informational passages (nonfiction, science/technical, and historical).
- The online benchmarks will include both closed-ended items (stand-alone multiple choice and multiple select) and open-ended items (Part A/B sets, Technology Enhanced), as well as one Performance Task.
- The blueprints for the Mississippi Assessment Program are designed for online benchmarks. The paper-pencil versions of the benchmarks will not include Technology Enhanced items, therefore the number of open-ended items will vary from the item counts on the blueprint.
- CASE Assessments counts Part A/B sets as two items, so the total number of items on each benchmark may not directly align to the item counts on the blueprint. This will also affect the total number of items that assess RL.1 and RI.1 since most Part B items assess these standards. RL.1/RI.1 will be represented as the blueprints dictate through closed-ended and open-ended items, but there will also be additional items that assess these standards on each benchmark due to the Part B items being counted separately.
- Secondary ELA benchmarks (grades 6-8 and English II) may not assess RL.7 or RI.7 standards due to the need for audio/visual files to use as a basis for comparison/contrast.

Grade Level	Strand & Standards Assessed	Percentage of Assessment
3-5	**Reading Literature** RL.1, RL.2, RL.3, RL.4, RL.5, RL.6, RL.7, RL.9	**42%**
	Reading Informational RI.1, RI.2, RI.3, RI.4, RI.5, RI.6, RI.7, RI.8, RI.9	**43%**
	Language L.4, L.5, L.6	**15%**
Benchmark 1—30 items	**Benchmark 2—**35-40 items	**Benchmark 3—**45+ items

Grade Level	Strand & Standards Assessed	Percentage of Assessment
6-8	**Reading Literature** RL.1, RL.2, RL.3, RL.4, RL.5, RL.6, RL.7, RL.9	**34-40%**
	Reading Informational RI.1, RI.2, RI.3, RI.4, RI.5, RI.6, RI.7, RI.8, RI.9	**42-48%**
	Language L.4, L.5, L.6	**12%**
The percentages provided are reflective of the blueprint and may not include RL.7 and RI.7 items in the total item counts.		
Benchmark 1—30 items	**Benchmark 2—**40 items	**Benchmark 3—**50+ items

Grade Level	Strand & Standards Assessed	Percentage of Assessment
English II	**Reading Literature** RL.1, RL.2, RL.3, RL.4, RL.5, RL.6, RL.7, RL.9	**30-34%**
	Reading Informational RI.1, RI.2, RI.3, RI.4, RI.5, RI.6, RI.7, RI.8, RI.9	**50-54%**
	Language L.4, L.5, L.6	**12%**
The percentages provided are reflective of the blueprint and may not include RL.7 and RI.7 items in the total item counts.		
Benchmark 1—35 items	**Benchmark 2—**40 items	**Benchmark 3—**50+ items