2 -page “Text-based essay” (one page at gr 3 – 5) is worth 7or 8 points:

Sample released questions:

From PARCC:

**Grade 3** Old Mother West Wind and the Sandwitch both try to teach important lessons to characters in the stories.Write an essay that explains how Old Mother West Wind’s and the Sandwitch’s words and actions are important to the plots. Use what you learned about the characters to support your essay.

**Gr 4** 7. Identify a theme in “Just Like Home” and a theme in “Life Doesn’t Frighten Me.” Write an essay that explains how the theme of the story is shown through the characters and how theme of poem is shown through the speaker. Include specific details from the story and the poem to support your essay.

20. You have read “The Wild Horses of Assateague Island”, “Wild Ponies of Chincoteague,” and “Ponies Make Annual Swim.” Write an essay explaining what can be learned from the illustrations about the lives of the ponies described in the passages. Include details from all three sources in your explanation.

**Grade 7**

7. You have read a passage from X and a scene from Y. Think about the similarities and differences in how the two authors develop the themes in each text. Write an essay in which you identify a theme from each text and analyze how each theme is developed. Be sure to include specific details from both.

**Grade 8** (2 pages) This question is a text-based essay question. Write your essay in the space provided in your Practice Test Answer Document. Your essay should:

1. Present and develop a central idea.
2. Provide evidence/details from the passage(s).
3. Include correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

**Question # 8** Write an essay explaining how the themes in “Celeste’s Heart” and “Principals and Principles” are similar. Be sure to use information from **both** passages to develop your essay.

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Grade 6 Four pages: (Use Standard 2 ESSAY facets😊)

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1. Present and develop a central idea.
2. Provide evidence/details from the passage(s).
3. Include correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

8 Matthew Henson’s characteristics are revealed in the play *Matthew Henson: Explorer of the Arctic*. Write an essay that explains how the article “Maripaluk” helps the reader to understand Henson’s characteristics. Be sure to use information from both passages to develop your essay.