Common Question for “Text Based Essay” **2017 Released Test Questions**

*Use this same question type in practice essays for test prep, or use released passages and text-based essay questions.*

This question is a text-based essay question. Write your essay in the space provided in your Student Answer Booklet. Your essay should:

• Present and develop a central idea.

• Provide evidence/details from the passage(s).

• Include correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation

**Grade 3** Based on the passage, write an essay that explains how Benjamin Franklin helped people. Be sure to use information from the passage to develop your essay.

**Grade 4** Based on the passage, write an essay to explain how Alex changed as he spent more time with Irene. Be sure to use information from the passage to develop your essay.

**Grade 5** Write an essay describing how the speakers in both poems feel as they visit the museums. Be sure to use information from both poems to develop your essay.

**Grade 6** Write an essay explaining how “Keeping Warm in the Winter” and “How to Keep Warm” each help the reader to understand the colonists’ challenge of living in a cold climate. Be sure to use information from both the article and the passage to develop your essay.

**Grade 7** Based on “Steerage” and “Voyage of Hope, Voyage of Tears,” write an essay that explains how the lives of immigrants are portrayed. Be sure to use information from both the poem and the article to develop your essay.

**Grade 8** Based on *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *A Part of the Sky*, write an essay explaining the similarities between Walter Cunningham and Robert Peck. Be sure to use information from both excerpts to develop your essay