## $3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade MCA3 Standards, Benchmarks, Test Specifications \& Sampler Questions

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| Number \& Operation MCA III 20-24 Items | Compare and represent whole numbers up to 100,000 with an emphasis on place value and equality. MCA III 5 - 7 Items | $3 \cdot 1.1 .1{ }^{\mathrm{O}}$ | Read, write and represent whole numbers up to 100,000 . Representations may include numerals, expressions with operations, words, pictures, number lines, and manipulatives such as bundles of sticks and base 10 blocks. <br> Item Specifications <br> - Vocabulary allowed in items: digits, value, plot, locate, point | What is another way to show 4,608 ? <br> A. $46+8$ <br> B. $4,000+60+8$ <br> C. $4,000+600+8$ <br> D. $4,000+600+80$ <br> Plot the number 205 on the number line. <br> Click on the number line where you want to plot the point. |
|  |  | 3.1.1.2 | Use place value to describe whole numbers between 1000 and 100,000 in terms of ten thousands, thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. <br> For example: Writing 54,873 is a shorter way of writing the following sums: $5 \text { ten thousands }+4 \text { thousands }+8 \text { hundreds }+7 \text { tens }+3 \text { ones }$ $54 \text { thousands }+8 \text { hundreds }+7 \text { tens }+3 \text { ones. }$ <br> Item Specifications <br> - Allowable expanded forms: $300+60+5,3$ hundreds +6 tens +5 ones <br> - Items may ask to identify a place a digit is in or the value of the digit in a place <br> - Vocabulary allowed in items: digits, value, equal | Which number has a 5 in the ten thousands place? A. 104,352 B. 365,971 C. 582,607 D. 951,480 |
|  |  | 3.1.1.3 | Find 10,000 more or 10,000 less than a given five-digit number. Find 1000 more or 1000 less than a given four- or five-digit. Find 100 more or 100 less than a given four- or five-digit number. Item Specifications <br> - Vocabulary allowed in items: fewer, more, less, greater | There are 23,650 people in a stadium. <br> The stadium can hold 1,000 more people. <br> How many people can the stadium hold? A. 22,650 B. 23,750 C. 24,650 D. 33,650 |




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|  | Understand meanings and uses of fractions in real-world and mathematical situations. MCA III 5-7 Items | Read and write fractions with words and symbols. Recognize that fractions can be used to represent parts of a whole, parts of a set, points on a number line, or distances on a number line. <br> For example: Parts of a shape ( $3 / 4$ of a pie), parts of a set ( 3 out of 4 people), and <br> 3.1.3.1 measurements ( $3 / 4$ of an inch). <br> Item Specifications <br> - Denominators are limited to 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 <br> - Fractions located on number lines are limited to denominators of 2 and <br> 4 <br> - Sets may contain no more than 12 objects <br> - Vocabulary allowed in items: fraction, plot, locate, point |  | Cory has 2 red crayons and 1 blue crayon. <br> What fraction of Cory's crayons is red? A. $\frac{1}{3}$ B. $\frac{1}{2}$ C. $\frac{2}{3}$ D. $\frac{3}{2}$ |
|  |  | 3.1.3.2 | Understand that the size of a fractional part is relative to the size of the whole. <br> For example: One-half of a small pizza is smaller than one-half of a large pizza, but both represent one-half. <br> Item Specifications <br> - Denominators are limited to 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 <br> - Sets may contain no more than 12 objects <br> - Vocabulary allowed in items: fraction | Gavin has 4 green apples and 4 red apples. <br> Tara has 4 green apples and 8 red apples. <br> Who has a greater fraction of green apples? A. Gavin, because $\frac{4}{8}$ is greater than $\frac{4}{12}$ B. Tara, because $\frac{4}{12}$ is greater than $\frac{4}{8}$ C. Tara, because 12 is greater than 8 D. They both have the same fraction of green apples. |
|  |  | 3.1.3.3 | Order and compare unit fractions and fractions with like denominators by using models and an understanding of the concept of numerator and denominator. <br> Item Specifications <br> - Denominators are limited to 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 <br> - Sets may contain no more than 12 objects <br> - Vocabulary allowed in items: fraction, equal, least, greatest | Ellen has a vase of flowers. Which is the greatest fraction? <br> - $\frac{1}{8}$ are red. <br> - A. $\frac{1}{8}$ <br> - $\frac{1}{3}$ are blue. <br> - B. $\frac{1}{3}$ <br> - $\frac{1}{6}$ are purple. <br> C. $\frac{1}{6}$ <br> - $\frac{1}{4}$ are yellow. <br> - D. $\frac{1}{4}$ |




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|  | 3-4 Items | 3.3.2.3 | Measure distances around objects. <br> For example: Measure the distance around a classroom, or measure a person's wrist size. <br> Item Specifications <br> - Items may require identification of appropriate tools or procedures for measuring distance <br> - Vocabulary allowed: tool, ruler, yardstick, meter stick, tape measure | No Sampler Item |
|  | Use time,money andtemperature tosolve real-world andmathematicalproblems.MCA III$\mathbf{4 - 5}$ Items | 3.3.3.1 | Tell time to the minute, using digital and analog clocks. Determine elapsed time to the minute. <br> For example: Your trip began at $9: 50 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and ended at $3: 10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. How long were you traveling? <br> Item Specifications <br> - Elapsed time must be within a two-hour span <br> - Vocabulary allowed in items: a.m., p.m. | Mai Ka starts reading a book at the time shown on the clock. <br> What time does Mai Ka stop reading? <br> A. 4:08 <br> B. $4: 44$ <br> C. $5: 04$ <br> D. $5: 08$ <br> She stops reading 1 hour and 12 minutes later. |
|  |  | 3.3.3.2 | Know relationships among units of time. <br> For example: Know the number of minutes in an hour, days in a week and months in a year. <br> Item Specifications <br> - Allowable conversions: minutes to hours, hours to minutes, hours to days, days to hours, days to weeks, weeks to days, months to years, years to months <br> - Items may require finding a conversion with mixed units in the answer (e.g., 12 days $=1$ week and 5 days) <br> - Vocabulary allowed in items: unit | A movie is 2 hours and 28 minutes long. How many minutes long is the movie? A. 88 minutes B. 120 minutes C. 148 minutes D. 228 minutes |
|  |  | 3.3.3.3 | Make change up to one dollar in several different ways, including with as few coins as possible. <br> For example: A chocolate bar costs $\$ 1.84$. You pay for it with $\$ 2$. Give two possible ways to make change. <br> Item Specifications <br> - Allowable coins: penny, nickel, dime, quarter <br> - Allowable notation: $\$ 5, \$ 0.75,75 \$$ <br> - When calculating change, the amount tendered is $\$ 10$, at most <br> - Vocabulary allowed in items: greatest, least, fewest, most, value | Gina buys a snack for 594. <br> She pays with a $\$ 1$ bill. <br> She receives the fewest possible coins in change. <br> What change does Gina receive? <br> A. 1 quarter, 1 dime, 1 nickel, and 1 penny <br> B. 2 quarters and 1 penny <br> C. 2 quarters, 1 nickel, and 4 pennies <br> D. 4 dimes and 1 penny |


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|  |  | 3.3.3.4 | Use an analog thermometer to determine temperature to the nearest degree in Fahrenheit and Celsius. <br> For example: Read the temperature in a room with a thermometer that has both Fahrenheit and Celsius scales. Use the thermometer to compare Celsius and Fahrenheit readings. <br> Item Specifications <br> - Allowable notation: $15^{\circ} \mathrm{F}, 37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> - Temperatures must be given in whole numbers <br> - Vocabulary allowed in items: thermometer, temperature, degrees, increase, decrease | A thermometer is shown. <br> What temperature is shown on the thermometer? <br> A. $11^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> B. $12^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ <br> C. $54^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> D. $54^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ |
| Data <br> Analysis <br> MCA III <br> 6 - 8 Items | Collect, organize, display, and interpret data. Use labels and a variety of scales and units in displays. MCA III 6 - 8 Items | 3.4.1.1 | Collect, display and interpret data using frequency tables, bar graphs, picture graphs and number line plots having a variety of scales. Use appropriate titles, labels and units. <br> Item Specifications <br> - Scale increments will not exceed 5 <br> - Pictograph keys will not exceed 5 <br> - Total number on graph or chart will not exceed 500 <br> - Vocabulary allowed in items: pictograph, tally chart, bar graph, line plot, table, data, title, label, key, represent | Kayla asked her classmates how many I Leon asked his friends to choose a video games they have. favorite dessert. <br> She put the information in a line plot. <br> Then 2 new students joined the class. <br> - James has 3 video games. <br> - Theo has 5 video games. <br> Complete the line plot to show the information for James and Theo, Click on the line plot where you <br> How many more friends chose ice cream than pie? <br> A. 2 <br> B. 5 <br> C. 7 <br> © D. 10 |

