

# PSSA, Grade 5 ELA

## *The Crane Wife*

### Handscoring Nonscorable Codes

# PENNSYLVANIA NONSCORABLE CODES

## Writing prompts and TDA questions (items without zero as a valid score point):

Nonscoreable Code	Definition/Example/Notes
B – Blank	<p>Completely blank response. This includes responses that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are completely erased (so that words are unreadable)</li> <li>• Are completely crossed out (so that words are unreadable)</li> <li>• Online responses that consist solely of “white space” (e.g., spaces, tabs, returns)</li> </ul>
R – Refusal	<p>Response indicates a refusal to attempt the task. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>I don’t care; I’m not taking this test; This is stupid; I won’t do it; you can’t make me answer this question</i></li> <li>• <i>I don’t know; IDK; we never learned this; X; NA</i></li> <li>• <i>Unrelated song lyrics/rap lyrics/poetry (e.g., the lyrics to Hotel California in answer to a writing prompt asking whether backpacks should be allowed in class)</i></li> <li>• <i>Intentionally off-task response (e.g., a detailed description of what the student ate for breakfast that morning in answer to a question about Mozart’s childhood)</i></li> </ul> <p>This also includes responses that consist solely of scribbles, random keystrokes (yyyyyyy, av:aeoiahvb;e, hhrttuuvv), indecipherable writing/keystrokes (swensts mengetstets arawnstets) emoticons, stray marks, doodles, drawings, circles, underlines, a couple of random letters (not a word), or other evidence that no attempt was made to address the task.</p>
N – Nonscoreable	<p>This category includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses written entirely in a language other than English.</li> <li>• Responses that are completely illegible due to poor handwriting.*</li> <li>• Online or typed responses that are incoherent due to consisting of incomprehensible strings of words that are not clearly a Refusal or Off Topic (e.g., <i>best day school teacher inspired so I car</i>)</li> <li>• Responses too insufficient to be assessed by the criteria on the rubric.</li> <li>• For TDAs only: responses that address some part of the question, but do not contain any logical/accurate/relevant reference to the passage(s) or any ideas contained in the passage(s).</li> <li>• For TDAs only: responses that consist solely, or almost solely, of text copied directly from the passage(s).</li> </ul> <p>* If a response is difficult to read, every effort is made to read the response. Multiple people, including a Team Leader and/or a Scoring Director, will attempt to decipher the response, and the original answer document will be reviewed if necessary. If, ultimately, only a portion of the response is legible, that verbiage will be scored on its own merits.</p>
T – Off Topic	<p>Response makes no reference to the item or (if applicable) the passage provided, but does not seem to constitute an intentional refusal.</p> <p>If any part of the response relates to the item in any way, score the response.</p>
C – Copied item/directions	<p>Responses consisting of text copied from the item and/or test directions.</p>

**Note:** Crossed out, but legible/partially legible, responses are scored according to the rubric based on whatever verbiage is legible.