

FCAT 2006 READING TIPS

****READING CONTENT: GRADE 9& 10—RAW SCORE

Cluster One: words & phrases: 15 – 20%

Cluster Two: main idea, plot & author's purpose: 20 – 50%

Cluster Three: comparison/ contrast, cause & effect: 10- 25%

Cluster Four: reference & research: 20 – 40%

****READING PASSAGES:

9TH & 10TH GRADE: 6 TO 8 PASSAGES

9TH GRADE: 300-1400 WORDS PER PASSAGE

10TH GRADE: 300 – 1700 WORDS PERPASSAGE

****AVERAGE OF 800 TO 900 WORDS PER PASSAGE

****READING PASSAGES

**30% of the passages on the FCAT READING TEST are LITERARY text passages. This means the passage provides entertainment or inspiration and includes fiction, non-fiction, poetry and drama.

***70% of the passages on the FCAT READING TEST are INFORMATIONAL text passages. This means the passage is about a particular subject and the language may be used to solve problems, raise questions, provide information or present new ideas.

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***DIFFICULTY OF QUESTIONS

LOW LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: 10-20% of qts.

Questions will require students to
RECALL information from the
passage.

MODERATE LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: 9TH GRADE: 50- 70% of qts.

10th GRADE: 45-65% of qts.

Questions will require students to
PROCESS AND APPLY
information from the passage.

HIGH LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: 9TH GRADE: 20-30% of qts.

10th GRADE: 25-35% of qts

Questions will require students to
PROCESS, APPLY AND ANALYZE
information from the passage

TEST TIME: 9TH GRADE: SSS READING: 120 mins.
NRT: 60mins.

10th GRADE: SSS READING: 160 mins.
NRT: 60 mins

***NUMBER OF QUESTIONS: 9TH & 10TH GRADES: SSS: 50 – 55 QTS.
NRT: 50 -55 QTS.

***TYPES OF QUESTIONS:

9TH GRADE SSS: 50 – 55 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

10TH GRADE SSS: 45 -50 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

5 – 8 SHORT OR EXTENDED RESPONSE QTS.

***POINTS AND TIME PER QUESTIONS:

Multiple Choice Question: one point –one minute per question

Short Response Question: one to two points –three to five minutes per qt.

Extended Response Qt.: one to four points—five to ten minutes per. qt.