

**Smarter Balanced
Sample Practice Test Questions
ELA/Literacy, Grades 9-12**

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Grade 9, 10, 12**

Sample test question: Read the sentences from “What Happened to Solar Power for Home Use?”

Simultaneously,* petroleum prices dropped significantly, further crippling* the solar power* industry. By 2000, the costs of installing and maintaining a set of residential* solar cells were too high, and home use dwindled*.

Based on the sentences, what can a reader conclude about the author’s predictions in “The Homeowner’s Salvation: Solar Energy?” Support your answer with evidence from that text.

**ELA/Literacy
Grade 11**

Read the text. Then answer the questions.

Sample test question: Which statement best summarizes the central idea of the text?

- A. Consumers must be wary of companies who use false advertising to benefit from the eco-friendly trend.
- B. Workers in the garment industry must be compensated fairly and allowed to work in a sustainable environment.
- C. The fashion industry is likely to dispose of the eco-friendly trend once consumers become interested in other types of fashion.
- D. There are many considerations within the production, manufacturing, and recycling of textiles that support the need for sustainability.

Performance task question: Paraphrase information from Source #1 that refutes information from Source #2 without plagiarizing.

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* Glossary provided