

# National Certification in Literary Braille

## Sample Test

*Note: This booklet is a sample of the type of information required on the NCLB examination. Sections on the actual test may be lengthier.*

## Section One: Braillewriter

Carefully read and follow all instructions. Failure to do so may result in a loss of points.

Using a braillewriter, transcribe each passage provided into contracted braille.

Format: Use a 40-cell braille line on 11 x 11.5 inch braille paper. Utilize the maximum space possible on each braille line without hyphenating, except where a hyphen already exists.

## *THE VISITOR*

"Bo," Cody called.

"What?"

"It's 2:30 a.m."

"The lights."

"Where?"

"Back light cut on."

"Oh, no!"

Fully awake, Bo bounded across the room.

"Muffin's puppies..."

"OPOSSUM!" Bo hissed.

"The 3rd in a week."

"Get back," ordered Bo.

After a time, Cody finally saw Bo walk up the gravel drive.

"Muffin's puppies?"

"Counted all 11 asleep in the hideaway. No mistake."

"Muffin?"

"A-Okay. But it wasn't an opossum, it was a skunk. I'd better spend the night with Muffin."

"Guess we need to put up an addition to the fence."

"Let's get these supplies tomorrow."

Bo scribbled this list.

twenty fence posts, two post hole diggers, two post  
pounders  
two rolls wire fence  
five boxes wire fasteners  
one gate

## Section Two: Slate and Stylus

Carefully read and follow all instructions. Failure to do so may result in a loss of points.

Using a slate and stylus, transcribe each passage provided into contracted braille.

Format: Use a 28-cell braille line on 8.5 x 11 inch braille paper. Utilize the maximum space possible on each braille line without hyphenating, except where a hyphen already exists.

## *Suzy's Kitchen*

Suzy's Kitchen is a great cafe! Found just around the corner, right beside the community center at 805 1/2 E. 143rd, the cafe is open every day, 1-7 P.M.

Cheeseburger 'n chips (with dill pickle)

Country-style chicken with extra onion gravy

Chocolate torte with heavy cream

Cranberry juice quencher

## Section Three: Proofreading

Carefully read and follow the instructions. Failure to do so may result in a loss of points.

This section tests your ability to read accurately and to identify braille errors. There are two parts: 1. the reference passage immediately following these instructions and 2. a braille passage containing embedded errors. That passage has been double-spaced for your convenience.

Errors may be in letters, contractions, punctuation marks, composition signs, and/or spacing. It is not necessary to identify the section of the code involved or to indicate how to correct the error.

Mark each error by clearly circling the word or group of braille characters containing the error. Extra space errors should be indicated by circling the space. Missing space errors should be indicated by circling the word or group of braille characters that should contain the space. If two adjacent words or groups of words contain errors, each word or group should be circled separately.

You may want to open the booklet so that the page you are evaluating is by itself with no braille pages beneath it. This will reduce the possibility of accidentally erasing or flattening dots on the other pages.

# Passage Containing Embedded Errors

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## Reference Passage

### *EXOTIC SPICES*

Herbs and spices add flavor and interest to our foods. Explorers have searched the world over, going to many nations, to find the best and the freshest flavorings. One favorite spice is cinnamon. Can you name your favorite?

California has good conditions for growing herbs such as basil and dill year after year. "Jerk" seasonings come from Jamaican mountain jungles, cinnamon sticks come from Indonesia, thyme from France, fennel from India...

After these spices are imported, they are packaged and brought to the store. Then mothers and fathers can look for the sage below the chili peppers and beside the saffron.

Many people experiment with new herbs and spices to learn how they will taste in the foods they enjoy. Cookbooks such as The Joy of Cooking have recipes that introduce new spices.

Following are six ways to spice up your cooking:

1. It's a good idea to replace your herbs and spices on a yearly basis because they lose their flavors. Hard spices that need to be ground, however, such as whole peppercorns and whole nutmeg, can last up to three years.

2. A good way to familiarize yourself with a new spice is to make a tea and add the spice, or add it to another

neutral item such as plain hot water, chicken broth, or scrambled eggs. This will help you determine the character and the quality of the spice.

3. When adding spices to your food, don't just pour them straight from the jar. Rub them between your fingers first to release the oils.

4. Add your spices at the beginning of cooking, and then again three to five minutes before serving, if necessary, to adjust the flavor.

5. To reduce your fat and salt intake, try some unique pairings between sweet and hot tastes. For example, try combining cayenne pepper with fruit.

6. When using garlic, add it in small quantities to help heighten existing flavors, but be careful not to use too much or it will overwhelm them. Less is often better.

## Section Four: Multiple Choice

Carefully read and follow the instructions. Failure to do so may result in a loss of points.

This section contains multiple choice questions. If you are using print, indicate your answer by circling the letter on the answer sheet that corresponds to the number of the question you are answering. If you are using braille, use a braillewriter or slate to write the question number and answer on a blank sheet of paper.

You may choose only one answer per question. It is important that each answer is marked clearly.

In some items, the response options consist of a single braille character. In these items, the braille character is preceded by a dot locator, which is a braille cell showing all six dots.

1. The closing quotation mark is
  - a. ⠠⠨⠠
  - b. ⠠⠨⠠
  - c. ⠠⠨⠠
  - d. ⠠⠨⠠
  
2. The dots 3-4-5-6 represent
  - a. the letter sign
  - b. the number sign
  - c. the opening parenthesis
  - d. the italic sign
  
3. Braille dots 1-5-6 standing alone indicate the word
  - a. where
  - b. what
  - c. which
  - d. when
  
4. The "gh" contraction is brailled
  - a. ⠠⠨⠠
  - b. ⠠⠨⠠
  - c. ⠠⠨⠠
  - d. ⠠⠨⠠
  
5. The "dd" sign should not be used in which of the following?
  - a. wedding
  - b. paddle
  - c. muddy
  - d. daddy

6. The word "those" should be brailled

- a. ⠠⠠⠠⠠
- b. ⠠⠠⠠
- c. ⠠⠠⠠
- d. ⠠⠠⠠

7. The word "believe" is brailled

- a. ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠
- b. ⠠⠠⠠
- c. ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠
- d. ⠠⠠⠠





# Answers for Section Two: Slate and Stylus

1. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

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# Section Three: Proofreading

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97. The ninety-seventh part of the document is a list of items.

98. The ninety-eighth part of the document is a list of items.

99. The ninety-ninth part of the document is a list of items.

100. The hundredth part of the document is a list of items.



## Answers for Section Four: Multiple Choice

1. a

2. b

3. c

4. a

5. a

6. b

7. a

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END OF SAMPLE TEST

For more information, please refer to the NCLB Candidate Guide at: [www.nbpcb.org](http://www.nbpcb.org).