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THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Office of Assessment Policy, Development and Administration
Albany, New York 12234

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Notice to Teachers

2012 Grade 8 English Language Arts Test

Book 1, All Forms (A, B, C, and D) Questions 6–11 Only

Due to the ambiguous nature of the test questions pertaining to the passage “The Hare and the Pineapple” on the New York State Grade 8 English Language Arts Test, the State Education Department has decided that Questions 6-11 ***will not be counted in determining students’ test scores***. At the time of the scoring of the multiple-choice questions, this adjustment will be made by the Department’s contractor.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you and we thank you for your hard work on behalf of the students in New York State.

“The Hare and the Pineapple” passage and related questions can be found at:
<http://usny.nysed.gov/docs/the-hare-and-the-pineapple.pdf>