

# Shorter Testing Times on ELA Smarter Balanced Assessment 2018

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## Estimated Testing Times\* for Online Tests 2018

Smarter Balanced Assessment	Grades	Computer Adaptive Test hrs : mins	Performance Task hrs : mins	Total hrs : mins	Total Time 2016-17
English Language Arts/Literacy	3-5	1:40	2:15	3:55	5:00
	6-8	1:50	2:05	3:55	5:10
	HS	1:55	2:05	4:00	4:55

\* SBAC estimated testing times are based on a student scoring at the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile

Source: [ODE 2017-18 Test Administration Manual](#), page 35

### Reasons for reduced time

- **Replace human-scored items on CAT with machine-scored**

- No constructed response questions included on CAT
- All selected response questions

- **Eliminate all Brief Writes on CAT**

- Not assessed: Claim 2 (Writing) at Depth of Knowledge 3 (Strategic Thinking & Reasoning)

Sample question Claim 2, DOK 3

*A student is writing an editorial for the local paper about cell phones. Read his rough draft and complete the task that follows. [rough draft] Write an introduction to the editorial that establishes and introduces a clear claim that supports the use of cell phones in schools. (grade 7)*

- **Reduce research items on Part 1 of the Performance Task**

- The previous test had 2-3 constructed response or multiple selection questions
- There will be one question on Part 1 of the Performance Task
- Part 2 will still include the Full Write (essay)

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