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# Ohio Achievement Tests



## Reading

## Student Test Booklet

Half-Length Practice Tests



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# Acknowledgments

## **Selection 1: John Glenn**

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## **Selection 2: Homegrown Tomatoes**

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**Directions:**

Today you will be taking the Ohio Grade 3 Reading Practice Test. This is a test of how well you understand what you read. The test consists of vocabulary questions and reading selections followed by questions. Three different types of questions appear on this test: multiple choice, short answer and extended response.

There are several important things to remember:

1. Read each selection to see what it is about. You may look back at the reading selection as often as necessary.
2. Read each question carefully. Think about what is being asked. If a graph or other diagram goes with the question, look at it carefully to help you answer the question. Then choose or write the answer that you think is best.
3. When you write your answers, write them neatly and clearly in the space provided.
4. When you are asked to select the answer, make sure you fill in the circle next to the answer. Mark only one answer.
5. If you do not know the answer to the question, skip it and go on. If you have time, go back to the questions you skipped and answer them before you hand in your test booklet.
6. If you finish the test early, you may check over your work. When you are finished and your test booklet has been collected, you may take out your silent work.

**Directions:** Carefully read each question. Fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

1. What word is an antonym for **cool**?
  - A. warm
  - B. mild
  - C. damp
  
2. The student **misbehaved** in class.  
What does the word **misbehaved** mean?
  - A. behaved well
  - B. behaved quietly
  - C. behaved badly

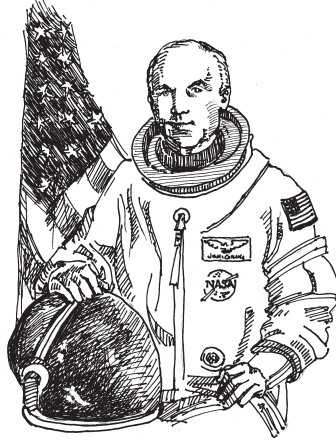


3. **Who's** going home on the bus?  
**Who's** is a contraction for which words?
- A. Who will be
  - B. Who likes
  - C. Who is
4. He felt **helpless** when his brother cried.  
What does **helpless** mean in this sentence?
- A. not able to help
  - B. able to help
  - C. willing to help



Directions: Read the selection.

## John Glenn



**Astronaut** and U.S. Senator John Glenn was born in Cambridge, Ohio. He grew up in New Concord, Ohio. At an early age, John showed an interest in science and flying.

John Glenn learned to fly planes when he was in college. After college, he joined the Navy and became a fighter pilot. During two wars, John received many medals for his brave service. One time, John's plane was hit in the tail by enemy fire. He almost crashed, but John used all his skill to return to the airport safely.

After the wars, John Glenn spent his days flying new types of aircraft. In 1957, he set a **transcontinental** record by flying across the continent in 3 hours and 23 minutes. To go that fast, he had to travel at the speed of sound nearly the entire time.

In 1959, John Glenn was chosen to be one of our country's first astronauts in Project Mercury. The goal of the project was to put a man in space.

John made history by becoming the first American to **orbit** Earth. He circled Earth three times in his space capsule called Friendship 7. He was 162 miles high in space and traveled at 17,500 miles per hour. The flight lasted almost 5 hours from launch to splashdown.

In 1974, John Glenn was elected U.S. senator. For the next 24 years he served the people of Ohio in our nation’s capital, Washington, D.C. As a senator, John helped pass some important laws. He even ran for president in 1984.

John Glenn made space history again 36 years after he first orbited Earth. In 1998, at the age of 77, John became the oldest person to travel into space. He blasted off on the space shuttle Discovery for a 9-day journey. One of the things he tested was how weightlessness affects older people. John Glenn is a hero for Ohio and our entire nation. We are very proud of him.

### Word Bank

**Astronaut**—a person who travels in space

**orbit**—to circle around

**transcontinental**—across the continent

**Directions: Use the selection to answer questions 5 – 14.**

5. These are sentences from the selection.

“He blasted off on the space shuttle Discovery for a 9-day journey. One of the things he tested was how **weightlessness** affects older people.”

What does the word **weightlessness** mean?

- A. weighing too much
- B. weighing almost nothing
- C. having weak muscles



6. Number the events in John Glenn's life in the order that they happened.

\_\_\_ John Glenn worked as a senator.

\_\_\_ John Glenn was a fighter pilot in two wars.

\_\_\_ John Glenn became the first person to orbit Earth.

7. An important idea from the reading selection is that John Glenn made space history.

What detail from the selection supports this idea?

A. John Glenn received medals for his brave service in war.

B. John Glenn was the oldest person to travel in space.

C. John Glenn ran for president once in 1984.



8. What is this selection about?

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List three details that support the main idea.

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B. 

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9. Why did John Glenn join the Navy after college?

A. He wanted to become a fighter pilot.

B. He wanted to study weightlessness.

C. He wanted to be the first man in space.



10. John Glenn has had different jobs. Explain what he did in each job listed below.

Job	What He Did
Astronaut	<hr/> <hr/>
Senator	<hr/> <hr/>

11. What was the name of the space capsule in which John Glenn orbited Earth?
- A. Friendship 7
  - B. Project Mercury
  - C. Discovery



12. Using information from the reading selection, list four important things that John Glenn did.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

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B. \_\_\_\_\_

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C. \_\_\_\_\_

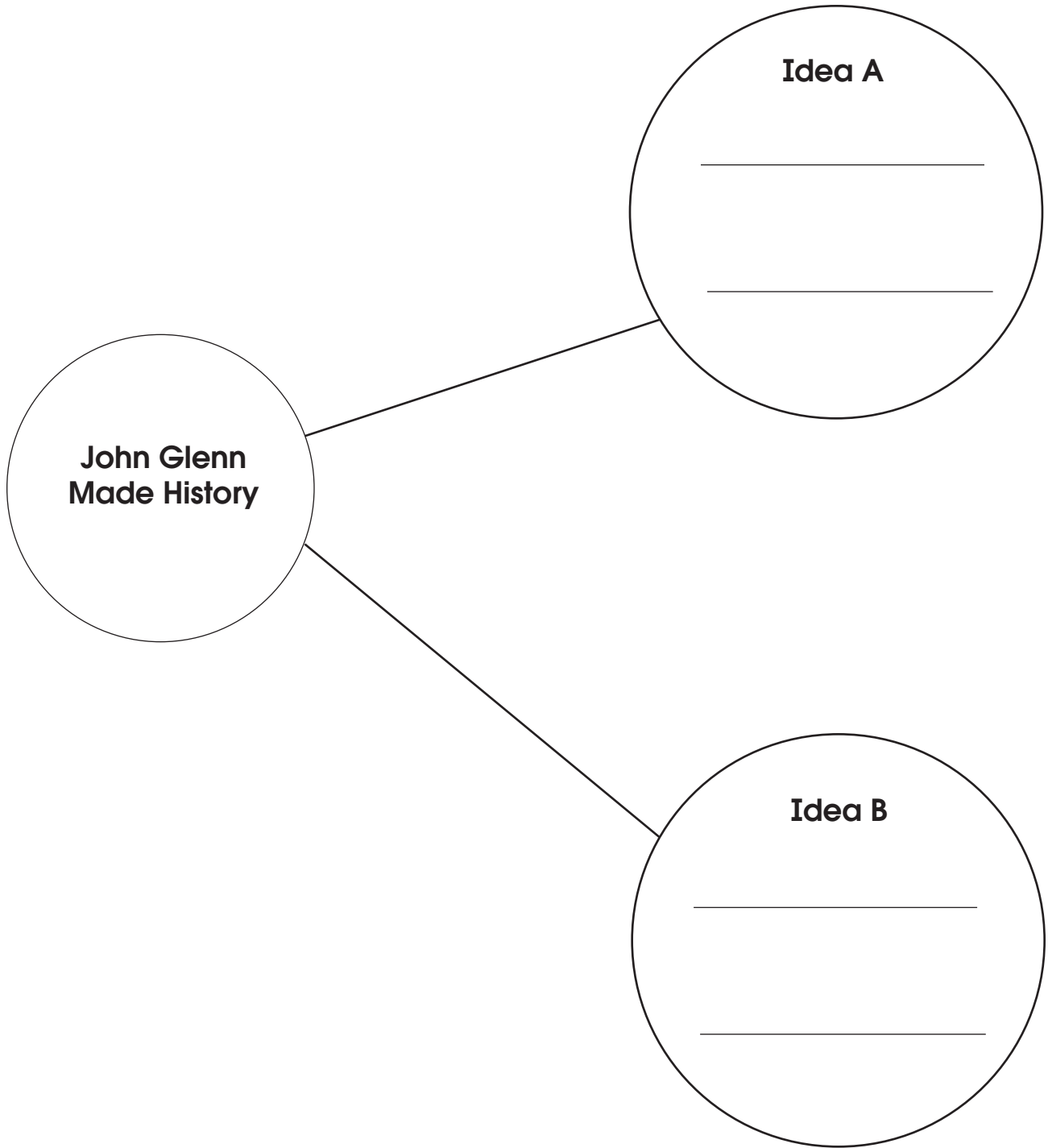
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13. Fill in the web with ideas from the selection about how John Glenn made history.



14. This is a paragraph from the selection.

“John Glenn made space history again 36 years after he first orbited Earth. In 1998, at the age of 77, John became the oldest person to travel into space. He blasted off on the space shuttle Discovery for a 9-day journey. One of the things he tested was how weightlessness affects older people.”

Which question does this paragraph answer?

- A. Why does it take 9 days to travel into space?
- B. Why does weightlessness bother older people?
- C. Why did John Glenn travel into space in 1998?



Directions: Read the selection.

## Homegrown Tomatoes



Everyone knew that Mario's Uncle Joe grew the best tomatoes in town. On Tuesday, Uncle Joe said, "Are you ready to become a gardener? Let's get started." They went out to the sunny patch of soil behind the garage. Mario and his uncle dug up the soil and raked it smooth the day before.

"First, we need to dig a deep hole to bury the roots of the tomato plant," said Uncle Joe.

Mario took the shovel. He followed Uncle Joe's directions carefully. "Now, fill the hole with water. Let the water soak in so that the roots will be moist." Mario watched as the water disappeared.

Next, Uncle Joe took a plant from a bucket. He handed it to Mario. "Put the roots at the bottom of the hole. Cover them with dirt." Mario liked the feel of the moist, rich soil.

The next few days were very sunny. Then, on Friday, it rained very hard. Mario was worried about his little plant!

The next morning, the plant was bent over. It was lying in the mud. Mario thought his plant was sick. Uncle Joe just laughed. Mario watched as Uncle Joe put a stick into the ground. Then he lifted the stem off the ground. He tied the stem to the stick so that it would stand up straight.

In just a few days, the light from the sun made the plant healthy and strong again.

Soon, Mario saw some yellow flower buds growing from his plant. Uncle Joe came over to take a look.

“It won’t be long now,” said Uncle Joe.

Weeks later, Mario saw small green tomatoes hanging from the leafy plant. Finally, one hot sunny day, he saw red, fat, juicy tomatoes.

With excited smiles, Mario and Uncle Joe picked their delicious homegrown tomatoes. It was time for lunch!

**Directions: Use the selection to answer questions 15 – 22.**

15. This is a sentence from the selection.

“Mario liked the feel of the **moist**, rich soil.”

Which word means the opposite of **moist**?

- A. dark
- B. dry
- C. warm



16. Use details from the selection to complete the two sentences.

A. Mario is sad because

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B. Mario is happy because

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17. This is a sentence from the selection.

“With excited smiles, Mario and Uncle Joe picked their delicious homegrown tomatoes.”

What word shows that Mario is very happy?

- A. picked
- B. delicious
- C. excited



18. Would Mario ever want to grow another tomato plant?
- A. Yes, because he is very excited to see the first tomato.
  - B. Yes, because he had fun at lunch with Uncle Joe.
  - C. No, because he is sad when the tomato plant fell over.
19. Why does Uncle Joe laugh when Mario thinks his plant is sick?
- A. Uncle Joe is just teasing Mario.
  - B. Uncle Joe thinks that Mario is funny.
  - C. Uncle Joe knows that the plant will be all right.



20. List four steps, in order, that Uncle Joe and Mario take to grow a tomato plant. Use information from the selection in your answer.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

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B. \_\_\_\_\_

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C. \_\_\_\_\_

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D. \_\_\_\_\_

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21. Why do Mario and Uncle Joe dig a hole?

A. to put a stick in the ground

B. to let the sun warm the ground

C. to bury the tomato plant's roots



22. Use details from the selection to complete the sentence.

A tomato plant needs

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from the sun, and

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for its roots to soak up.

