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| **LA4 Common Final Instruction**  **& Study Guide** |
| * 40 question test * 1 fiction passage, 1 poem 2 non-fiction passages * 2 passages at grade level, 2 passages no more than two years below grade level * 1-2 graphs or charts * 5 questions requiring students to cite textual evidence |

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| **Essential Questions that *may* be reflected in the reading passages** |
| * Does the end justify the means? * How do people balance personal desire and responsible behavior? * How does a society decide what is good and what is not? * How does society determine what is or is not appropriate? * What aspects of human nature do not change? |

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| **Question stems that *may* appear on the exam (literature)** | |
| **Standard** | **Possible Stem** |
| RL 10.1 | It can be reasonably inferred that  The author indicates that  Which sentence from the passage best develops the theme of…  Which choice provides the best evidence for the answer to the previous question?  The author most strongly implies which of the following about |
| RL 10.2 | Which choice best summarizes …  Which statement best describes the central theme of the poem/story? |
| RL 10.3 | Which characteristic best describes \_\_\_\_\_?  What inference can be made about how the narrator differs from… |
| RL 10.4 | As used in line \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ most nearly means |
| RL 10.5 | The author’s use of the phrase “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (lines \_\_\_\_\_) reveals  The reference to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in lines \_\_\_\_\_\_ primarily serves to  What is the effect of the phrase \_\_\_\_?  The author’s reference to \_\_\_\_ serves mainly to?  Which of the following best describes the organization of the poem?  In the poem/story the author’s tone shifts from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_?  The author’s use of \_\_\_\_ point of view functions to… |

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| **Question stems that *may* appear on the exam (informational)** | |
| **Standard** | **Possible Stem** |
| RI 10.1 | The author most strongly implies which of the following about  Which choice provides the best evidence for the answer to the previous question?  It can be reasonably inferred that  According to the excerpt… |
| RI 10.2 | What is the author’s main point about…  Which choice best summarizes …  Lines \_\_\_\_ best support the theme of: |
| RI 10.4 | As used in line \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ most nearly means |
| RI 10.5 | The author of this passage use the phrase, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” in order to  The reference to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in lines \_\_\_\_\_\_ primarily serves to  Which phrase best illustrates the shift from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_?  It is reasonable to infer that the purpose of the \_\_\_\_ is: |
| RI 10.6 | Which of the following is the best example of a counterargument to the author’s claim?  Which of the following pieces of evidence doe the author use to refute the opposing view that…  Which of the following best describes the author’s tone in the article?  Which of the following best summarizes the author’s purpose? |