### Special Instructions for the

Braille Edition of the

## **DeSSA Science**

## **Grade 8 Training Test Booklet**

## **UEB Technical**

**General Comments**

1. For some items, duplicate pages are provided, unbound, inside the front cover of the Tactile Graphic Supplement. These pages will be used to record the student’s answers. Use a #2 pencil or permanent marker to write on the duplicate page.
2. For some items, the student may be instructed to ask the test administrator to record their answer on the duplicate page. Use a #2 pencil or permanent marker to write on the duplicate page.
3. This test is transcribed according to the *Unified English Braille: Guidelines for Technical Material, 2008* *version updated August 2014*.
4. Braille pages are numbered sequentially in the lower right-hand corner. The corresponding print page numbers are in the upper right-hand corner.
5. A Special Symbols page is included to provide the student with information about the dot formation of special braille characters. A Transcriber's Note page is included within the test to explain special format and layout of information.
6. All tactile graphics are prepared according to the *Guidelines and Standards for Tactile Graphics, 2010.*
7. When a key to a graphic does not fit on the same page as the graphic, the key will be on the page that faces the graphic.
8. The footers “Go on” are deleted in braille.
9. Blank lines provided in print for student to write their Constructed Response answers are omitted in braille.

**Specific Comments:**

Page 3 Directions

Selected Response Instructions

* Write your answer on the braille paper provided. Be sure to number your answers.

Multiple Selected Response Instructions

* These items will require that more than one answer be selected.
* Be sure to write your answer on the braille paper provided.
* If you need to change an answer, use the full braille cell to erase completely.

Constructed Response Instructions

* In addition to selected response questions, there will be constructed response questions that require a written answer.
* You may mark in your Test Book; however, be sure to write all your answers on the braille paper provided.
* Remember, only what you write on the braille paper provided will be scored.

Page 4 A transcriber’s note is included, “See diagram in the Tactile Graphic Supplement.” Three-dimensional diagram is presented and labeled “Side-view.” Jars 1 and 4 shown in this view.

Page 10, #4 A transcriber’s note is included before the question, “See Tactile Graphic Supplement to answer question 4.” Third paragraph is modified to read, “Follow the steps on the next page to complete…” First sentence in Step 1 is modified to read, “Look at the six particle…” First sentence in Step 2 is modified to read, “Ask your test administrator to write the letter…” First sentence in Step 3 is modified to read, “…model, ask your test administrator to write the letter…” A transcriber’s note is included, “A duplicate page is provided, unbound, at the beginning of the Tactile Graphic Supplement to answer this question.”