



WHAT'S ON THE GED?

The GED (General Educational Development) test consists of four main subject areas: Mathematical Reasoning, Reasoning Through Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science. Once you have passed all four exams, you will earn a GED credential that is the equivalent to a high school diploma. Below is a breakdown of the test.

**A passing score is at least
145
for each test**

**Total Time
7.5 hours**

**The GED Test contains a total of 161 questions and
one written response essay.**

Mathematical Reasoning
46 questions
115 minutes

- Basic Math
- Geometry
- Basic Algebra
- Graphs and Functions

Reasoning Through Language Arts
46 questions, one essay
150 minutes

- Reading for Meaning
- Identifying and Creating Arguments
- Grammar and Language

Social Studies
35 questions
70 minutes

- Reading for Meaning
- Analyzing Historical Events and Arguments in Social Studies
- Using Numbers and Graphics in Social Studies

Science
34 questions
90 minutes

- Reading for Meaning in Science.
- Designing and Interpreting Science Experiments
- Using Numbers and Graphics in Science

There's no better time than right now! You can continue to receive your unemployment insurance benefits while taking these steps toward a more profitable future. Go to <https://www.dew.sc.gov/ged-free> to find out the specifics about the test and find **free** study materials too!



BREAKING DOWN THE GED MATHEMATICAL REASONING TEST



The Mathematical Reasoning test covers math concepts, measurements, equations and applying math concepts to solve real-life problems. This math may be much easier than you think. The material on the test is basic knowledge you probably use everyday. No need to memorize formulas! A formula sheet is provided for you to use while you take the test.

TIME TO TAKE THE TEST

- 115 minutes
- Includes two minutes of instructions and final review
- Includes three-minute breaks between sections

TEST FORMAT

- The test is made up of two parts, and a calculator is allowed on the second part.
- You have access to a calculator reference sheet and math formula sheet.
- Question types include multiple choice, drag and drop, fill-in-the-blank, select an area, and drop down.

WHAT'S ON THE TEST?

Test subjects include: Basic Math, Geometry, Basic Algebra and Graphs and Functions. The GED Math test has 46 questions. You are required to get a correct score of 145 to pass this section. A calculator and a reference sheet will be provided.

+ BASIC MATH

Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and other common math equations.

GEOMETRY —

Math involving the shape, size, distance and position of figures.

× BASIC ALGEBRA

Math equations using letters to stand in for unknown numbers in order to solve the question.

GRAPHS AND FUNCTIONS ÷

Using graphs and equations to relate how one quantity depends on other quantities.

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BREAKING DOWN THE GED REASONING THROUGH LANGUAGE ARTS TEST

The Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA) section tests your reading comprehension and writing skills. For this section of the test, you should be familiar with reading and writing concepts (including grammar), and be able to demonstrate your understanding of the content, draw conclusions and write clearly.

TIME ALLOTMENT

- 150 minutes
- Includes three minutes of instructions and final review
- Includes ten-minute breaks between parts two and three
- Includes 45 minutes for written essay

TEST FORMAT

- Three sections
- One written essay
- Question types include multiple choice, drag and drop, select an area and drop down

WHAT'S ON THE TEST?

The test evaluates your reading and writing skills. Test subjects include: Reading for Meaning, Identifying and Creating Arguments, and Grammar and Language. There are approximately 46 questions (reading and language), and one Extended Response. You are required to earn a score of at least 145 to pass this section.



READING FOR MEANING

Apply your reading and thinking skills to answer questions based on single and paired passages.

IDENTIFYING AND CREATING ARGUMENTS



Demonstrate your ability to analyze two passages, decide which argument has more convincing evidence and explain why the evidence supports your choice.



GRAMMAR AND LANGUAGE

Review written text, select words and phrases so the sentence structure is written correctly (i.e. capitalization, punctuation, verb tense, etc.)

EXTENDED RESPONSE



Write an essay analyzing two arguments to explain which argument is best supported.

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BREAKING DOWN THE GED SOCIAL STUDIES TEST

The Social Studies test gives you context to understand the nation, the world and society. This not a memorization test! You'll need to apply social studies concepts, know how to read graphs and charts displaying social studies data and use reasoning to interpret information. Questions are based on your ability to determine central ideas, analyze words and events, evaluate the author's reason, and interpret data and statistics.

TIME ALLOTMENT

- 70 minutes
- Includes two minutes of instructions and final review
- No break

TEST FORMAT

- Calculator allowed
- Access to a calculator reference sheet
- Question types include multiple choice, drag and drop, fill in the blank, select an area, and drop down

WHAT'S ON THE TEST?

The GED Social Studies Test evaluates your ability to understand, interpret, and apply information. Test subjects include: Reading for Meaning in Social Studies, Analyzing Historical Events and Arguments in Social Studies, and Using Numbers and Graphs in Social Studies. There are 35 questions. You are required to earn a score of at least 145 to pass this section.



CIVICS AND GOVERNMENT

Modern and historic governments, constitutional government, levels and branches of the United States government, the electoral system and the role of the citizen.

U.S. HISTORY



Colonialism and the American Revolution through the Civil War and Reconstruction into the modern era of industrialization, two world wars, the Cold War and the movements for equal rights.



ECONOMICS

Basic economic concepts and systems, the government and the economy, and labor and consumer economic issues.

GEOGRAPHY AND THE WORLD



Major stages in world history as well as the relationship among resources, the environment and societies.

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BREAKING DOWN THE GED SCIENCE TEST



The Science Test evaluates your ability to understand and apply scientific concepts, know how to read graphs and charts displaying scientific data and use reasoning to interpret scientific information. It is not a memorization test. Questions are based on your understanding of skills that are used in scientific study and investigation.

TIME ALLOTMENT

- 90 minutes
- Includes two minutes of instructions and final review
- No break

TEST FORMAT

- Calculator allowed
- Access to calculator reference sheet
- Question types include multiple choice, fill in the blank, drag and drop, select an area and drop down

WHAT'S ON THE TEST?

Test subjects include: Reading for Meaning in Science, Designing and Interpreting Science Experiments, and Using Numbers and Graphics in Science. There are 34 questions that are based on reading passages and graphics such as diagrams, tables, graphs, and maps — or a combination of the two. You are required to earn a score of at least 145 to pass this section.



LIFE SCIENCE

Topics include cell structures and processes, human body systems, health and nutrition, heredity and reproduction, genetics and DNA, evolution and natural selection, and the organization of ecosystems.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE



Topics include atoms and molecules, properties and states of matter, chemical reactions, energy and work, motion and forces, waves, electricity and magnetism.



EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE

Topics include the structure of Earth, plate tectonics, geological cycles and processes, renewable and nonrenewable natural resources, weather and climate, the solar system and the universe.

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