

GED Testing Information

The GED Tests are five tests in the areas of Language Arts Writing, Social Studies, Science, Language Arts Reading, and Mathematics. The questions in each of these tests require you to use general knowledge and thinking skills. A scientific calculator is used for a portion of the math test.

Even though you have not finished high school, you have probably gained knowledge and experience through reading, and informal training. The GED Tests are designed to measure the essential academic skills and concepts of a traditional high school education.

WHAT ARE THE GED TESTS LIKE?

With the exception of Part II of the Writing Skills Test, which requires you to write an essay, all questions on the GED Tests are multiple choice with five possible given answers. The contents of the tests are as follows:

LANGUAGE ARTS: WRITING: PART I 50 questions, 75 minutes

30% Sentence Structure

30% Usage

25% Spelling, Punctuation, Capitalization

15% Organization

WRITING SKILLS: PART II Essay, 45 minutes

SOCIAL STUDIES: 50 questions, 80 minutes

40% History

20% Economics

25% Political Science and Government

15% Geography (20% in Canada)

LANGUAGE ARTS: READING: 40 questions, 65 minutes

75% Literary Texts

25% Nonfiction Texts

SCIENCE: 50 questions, 80 minutes

20% Earth and Science

45% Life Science

35% Physical Science

MATHEMATICS: 50 questions, 90 minutes

20-30% Number Operations & Number Sense

20-30% Geometry and Measurement

20-30% Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability

20-30% Algebra