

GENERAL INFORMATION

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	GED® TEST	HiSET® TEST	TASC TEST
PUBLISHER	Pearson	Educational Testing Service (ETS)	Data Recognition Corporation / CTB
TEST FORMAT	Computer-based	Paper or computer-based	Paper or computer-based
WHERE TO TEST	Pearson VUE Testing Centers	State decisions	State decisions
COST	Varies by jurisdiction	Varies by jurisdiction	Varies by jurisdiction
COST TO RETEST	Discounted retests	Two retests of each subject free within 12 months with purchase of full test battery. \$10 per retake if tests purchased individually.	Two retests free
NUMBER OF TEST SUBJECTS	Four	Five	Five
TESTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasoning Through Language Arts Mathematical Reasoning Science Social Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing Reading Mathematics Science Social Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Arts, Writing Language Arts, Reading Mathematics Science Social Studies
RECEIPT OF SCORE REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online scores within three hours of completion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate unofficial scores 3-5 business days for multiple choice scores 6-10 business days for essay score reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate (within 3 hours) unofficial scores for computer-based tests 24 hours for complete scores for computer-based tests 10 days for official, paper-based, and writing test scores
PASSING SCORE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scores range from 100 to 200 for each content area Passing score 145 for each content area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combined scaled score of 45 Passing score 8 for each of the five subtests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passing score 500 or above in each content area. The Writing test requires an additional two out of 8 possible points to pass.

Test-Specific Information

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TEST SUBJECT	Reasoning Through Language Arts (Reading)	Language Arts—Reading	Language Arts—Reading
READING COMPETENCIES REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine the details of what is explicitly stated and make logical inferences or valid claims that square with textual evidence Read and respond to questions from a range of texts that are from the upper levels of complexity, including texts at the career-and-college-ready level of text complexity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand, interpret, and analyze a broad range of literary and informational texts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read informational text Identify key ideas Analyze claims Determine definition and context Infer conclusions
READING CONTENT AND LENGTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75% Informational 25% Literary 450–900 words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60% Literary 40% Informational 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 70% Informational 30% Literary 10–15% Overall Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
READING LENGTH OF TIME	60 minutes	65 minutes	75 minutes (English) 80 minutes (Spanish)
READING NUMBER AND TYPES OF QUESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 51 questions Multiple choice (four options) Drag-and-drop Drop-down Fill in the blank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 questions Multiple choice (four options) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48 (computer-based) or 49 (paper-based) Multiple choice 1 Constructed response 1 Technology-enhanced (computer-based)

NEXT: Language Arts-Writing (Part 1)

Test-Specific Information

	GED® TEST	HiSET® TEST	TASC TEST
TEST SUBJECT	Reasoning Through Language Arts (Writing: Language)	Language Arts—Writing • Part 1: Edit and revise text	Language Arts—Writing • Part 1: Edit and revise text
WRITING (LANGUAGE) COMPETENCIES REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edit text in context to eliminate errors and nonstandard usage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edit and revise written text Recognize correct written language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 22% Organization of Ideas - 43% Language Facility - 35% Writing Conventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise text structure Create divisions to achieve more effective text organization that provides a more unified and clear meaning
WRITING (LANGUAGE) LENGTH OF TIME	35 minutes	120 minutes split between Parts 1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 105 minutes, including 45 minutes for essay (English) 110 minutes, including 45 minutes for essay (Spanish)
WRITING (LANGUAGE) NUMBER AND TYPES OF QUESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 51 questions Multiple choice (four options) Drag-and-drop Drop-down Fill in the blank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 questions Multiple choice (four options) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 (computer-based) or 51 (paper-based) Multiple choice 1 Constructed response 1 Technology-enhanced (computer-based)

NEXT: Language Arts-Writing (Part 2)

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	GED® TEST	HiSET® TEST	TASC TEST
TEST SUBJECT	Reasoning Through Language Arts (Writing: Essay)	Language Arts—Writing • Part 2: Essay	Language Arts—Writing • Part 2: Essay
WRITING (ESSAY) COMPETENCIES REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of arguments and use of evidence • Development of ideas and structure • Clarity and command of standard English conventions • Grammar • Usage • Capitalization • Punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate and organize ideas by analyzing an issue, stating a position, and supporting the position with cited evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and interpret complex text • Anchor interpretations in text • Contextual cues to interpret unfamiliar vocabulary • Use information to support the ideas in writing • Use skills and rules necessary for editing and revision
WRITING (ESSAY) CONTENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw relevant and sufficient evidence from a literary or information text to support analysis or reflection • Use technology to produce writing, demonstrating sufficient command of keyboarding skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuasive essay with reasons to support the idea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidenced based informative/explanatory or an argument/opinion essay that effectively uses source text to support claims • 600–800-word source text
WRITING (ESSAY) LENGTH OF TIME	45 minutes	120 minutes split between Parts 1 and 2	45 minutes
WRITING (ESSAY) SCORING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-point rubric • 12-point scale • Computer scorer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of ideas • Organization of ideas • Language facility • Writing conventions • Human scorers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity of expression • Clear and strategic organization • Complete development of ideas • Sentence structure, punctuation, grammar, word choice, and spelling • Human scorers

NEXT: Mathematics

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	GED® TEST	HiSET® TEST	TASC TEST
TEST SUBJECT	Mathematical Reasoning	Mathematics	Math
COMPETENCIES REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know and apply procedure • Math fluency • Use math reasoning to solve problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solve quantitative problems using fundamental concepts and reasoning skills • Perform multi-step procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem solving and mathematical modeling • Justifying mathematical claims • Analyzing mathematical reasoning • Using technology item enhancements
CONTENT	Quantitative Problems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% Rational numbers • 20% Measurement Algebraic Problems • 30% Expressions/equations • 25% Graphs and functions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19% Numbers and Operations on Numbers • 18% Measurement and Geometry • 18% Data analysis, Probability and Statistics • 45% Algebraic Concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26% Algebra • 26% Functions • 23% Geometry • 13% Numbers and Quantity • 12% Statistics and Probability
LENGTH OF TIME	115 minutes	90 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 105 minutes (English, two parts) • 110 minutes (Spanish, two parts)
NUMBER AND TYPES OF QUESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46 questions • Multiple choice (four options) • Fill-in-the-blank • Drop down • Hot spot • Drag-and-drop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55 questions • Multiple choice (five options) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42 (computer-based) or 43 (paper-based) Multiple choice • 11 Gridded response • 1 Constructed response • 1 Technology-enhanced (computer-based)
CALCULATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TI-30XS online calculator • Part 1: no calculator (5 questions) • Part 2: calculator (41 questions) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple calculator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TI-30XS online calculator • Part 1: no calculator (55 minutes English and Spanish) • Part 2: calculator (50 minutes English; 60 minutes Spanish)

NEXT: Science

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	GED® TEST	HiSET® TEST	TASC TEST
TEST SUBJECT	Science	Science	Science
COMPETENCIES REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze, understand and extract information from a scientific text Make inferences based on scientific data Solve problems by applying scientific theory and processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use science content knowledge Apply principles of scientific inquiry Interpret and evaluate scientific information Understand scientific concepts Distinguish among hypothesis, assumptions, and observations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of conceptual knowledge of core ideas in the physical, life, and earth/space sciences Assessment of ideas such as cause and effect; scale, proportion, and quantity; systems and system models; energy and matter (flows, cycles, and conservation); structure and functions; stability and change Assessment of engineering practices such as defining and delimiting a problem, designing solutions to a problem, and evaluating and optimizing design solutions
CONTENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40% Life Science 40% Physical Science 20% Earth and Space Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 49% Life Science 28% Physical Science 23% Earth and Space Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 36% Life Science 36% Physical Science 28% Earth and Space Science
LENGTH OF TIME	90 minutes total	80 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75 minutes (English) 80 minutes (Spanish)
NUMBER AND TYPES OF QUESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 34 questions Multiple choice (four options) Fill-in-the-blank Hot spot Drag-and-drop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 questions Multiple choice (four options) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48 (computer-based) or 49 (paper-based) Multiple choice 1 Constructed response 1 Technology-enhanced (computer-based) 8 stimuli
CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE	None	None	1 Constructed response item

NEXT: Social Studies

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	GED® TEST	HiSET® TEST	TASC TEST
TEST SUBJECT	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
COMPETENCIES REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a deep conceptual understanding of social studies themes • Analyze evidence from source text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpret social studies information, materials, and graphics • Distinguish between fact and opinion • Make simple inferences and predictions • Identify cause and effect 	Comprehension, application, analysis, and evaluation of social studies themes
CONTENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% Civics and Government • 20% U.S. History • 15% Economics • 15% Geography and the World 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35% U.S. History • 35% Civics and Government • 20% Economics • 10% Geography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% U.S. History • 25% Civics and Government • 20% Economics • 15% Geography • 15% World History
LENGTH OF TIME	70 minutes	70 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75 minutes (English) • 80 minutes (Spanish)
NUMBER AND TYPES OF QUESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 questions • Multiple choice (four options) • Fill-in-the-blank • Drop down • Hot spot • Drag-and-drop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 questions • Multiple choice (four options) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 (computer-based) or 49 (paper-based) Multiple choice • 1 Constructed response • 1 Technology-enhanced (computer-based) • 8 Stimuli