

The GED (General Educational Development) Tests

Test	Content Areas	Items	Time Limit
Language Arts Writing Part I	Sentence Structure 30% Organization 15% Usage 30% Mechanics 25%	50 questions	75 minutes
Language Arts Writing, Part II	Essay		45 minutes
Social Studies	U.S. History 25% World History 15% Civics and Government 25% Economics 20% Geography 15%	50 questions	70 minutes
Science	Life Science 45% Earth and Space Science 20% Physical Science 35%	50 questions	80 minutes
Language Arts, Reading	Nonfiction Texts 25% Literary Texts 75% • Prose Fiction • Poetry • Drama	40 questions	65 minutes
Mathematics	Numbers and Operations 20-30% Geometry 20-30% Measurements and Data Analysis 20-30% Algebra 20-30%	Part I: 25 questions with optional use of a calculator Part II: 25 questions without a calculator	90 minutes

Test One: Language Arts, Writing, Part II, the Essay

Time: 45 minutes for one assigned essay topic

For the GED Language Arts, Writing Test, Part II, you will write an expository essay. An essay gives a writer's views on a particular topic. You will be given an essay topic describing a situation and asking you to present your opinion or explanation. Topics cover general knowledge, so that you may draw on personal observations and experiences to write the essay.