

The GED (General Educational Development) Tests

| Test | Content Areas | Items | Time Limit |
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| 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.