

## What is the *GED*<sup>®</sup> test like?

Even though you have not finished high school, you have probably gained knowledge and skills through experience, training, and reading. The *GED*<sup>®</sup> tests are designed to measure the important knowledge and skills that you may have obtained in a different manner.

With the exception of Language Arts: Writing – Part II (in which you must write an essay) and the alternate format questions in math, all questions on the *GED*<sup>®</sup> are multiple choice with five possible answers given.

### • **Language Arts: Writing – Part I**

- 50 questions, 75 minutes
- 30% Sentence Structure
- 30% Usage
- 25% Mechanics
- 15% Organization

### • **Language Arts: Writing – Part II**

Essay, 45 minutes

### • **Social Studies**

- 50 questions, 70 minutes
- 25% United States History
- 15% World History
- 15% Geography
- 25% Civics and Government
- 20% Economics

### • **Science**

- 50 questions, 80 minutes
- 45% Life Science
- 35% Physical Science
- 20% Earth and Space Science

### • **Language Arts: Reading**

- 40 questions, 65 minutes
- 75% Literary Text
- 25% Nonfiction Text

### • **Mathematics**

- Part I – 25 questions, 45 minutes (with calculator)
- Part II – 25 questions, 45 minutes (without calculator)
- 20-30% Number Sense & Operation
- 20-30% Geometry and Measurement
- 20-30% Data, Statistics & Probability
- 20-30% Algebra, Functions, & Patterns

Calculator use will be allowed for Part One of the mathematics section of the test. Only the calculator provided by the test examiner will be allowed. Also, 20% of the math test will not be multiple choice but will require answers to be entered on a grid.

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# Reading Area Community College Office of Community Education

## GED®: *The key to your future*

### *Why should you get a GED® Diploma?*

- To make you more competitive in the job market
- To qualify you for further education or training programs
- To show your family that you think education is important
- To show yourself and everyone else that YOU CAN DO IT!

### *What are GED® classes like?*

Classes and instruction are informal, well-organized, and conducted by experienced teachers. The instructors do not give grades; they simply help you prepare for the GED® test.

You may begin class at designated times throughout the school year and may attend for as long as necessary to meet your educational needs.

### *Is extra help available?*

Volunteer tutors are available for extra help. Students must show consistent class attendance for this added service.

*Please call 610.372.4721, ext. 5154 for more information about volunteer tutors.*



### *How much do classes cost?*

There is no cost to attend the classes. RACC is able to provide this service through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Books are provided for your use in class; however, purchasing your own book may accelerate your progress as you will be able to do textbook work at home.

### *Who may take the GED® test?*

You must be at least 18 years of age to take the GED® test. However, if you are 16 or 17 years of age, you may take the test if

- proof of withdrawal from high school is shown, **and**
- an employer, recruiter, or director of a post-secondary institution writes a letter stating the reason the test is required.

A PA driver's license or PA photo ID is needed to register for the test.

### *When is the test given?*

The GED® test is offered on a weekly basis. Please call 610.372.4721, extension 5182 for available GED® test dates. Practice tests are available for students who are registered in classes.



### *What test score is needed to pass the GED® test?*

To pass the test, you must obtain a minimum total test score of 2250. Each subtest score must be no less than 410. If you do not pass the test, you may take all or part of it again, but no more than three times in one calendar year.

### *What does the test cost?*

Please call 610.372.4721, extension 5182 for current test fees.

### *To register for:*

**CLASSES** – Contact the Community Education Department of Reading Area Community College at 610.607.6227, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm daily. After 4:30 please leave a message on voice mail.

**GED® TEST** – Register in person with a PA driver's license or a PA photo ID at Schuylkill Hall, 3rd floor, RACC. Payment is required at time of registration. For questions call 610.372.4721, extension 5182.