



STUDENT GUIDE

2014 GED® EXAM

Everything You Should
Know BEFORE You Take
the Exam

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- *Are you unsure about what topics the GED® Exam will cover?*
- *Do you know how much time you have to take the exam?*
- *Are you confused about where you sign up for the exam?*

This guide has been designed to show you everything you should know about the GED® Exam.

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PART TWO: Basic Information about Each Subject Area

PART THREE: Questions You Should Ask Your Local Testing Center



5 Things to Know About

GED TEST

2014

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THE TEST WILL BE ADMINISTERED ON A
COMPUTER

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THE TEST CENTER WILL GIVE YOU A WHITE
BOARD AND MARKER TO USE DURING THE EXAM

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THE ENTIRE TEST IS SEVEN HOURS, BUT
IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SUBJECT AREAS.

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THE TEST-TAKER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SIGNING UP FOR
THE EXAM AND SETTING THEIR OWN TEST-DATES

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YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO USE PRIOR
KNOWLEDGE ON THE THE EXAM

Basic Information about the Social Studies Exam

The infographic is a 3x3 grid of images with a blue border. The top row contains: a teal circle with '50% of the exam: Civics & Government', a photo of a student writing, and a teal circle with '20% of the exam: U.S History'. The middle row contains: a globe, a teal circle with '35 Questions', and an American flag. The bottom row contains: a teal circle with '15% of the exam: Economics', a photo of a stack of books, and a teal circle with '15% of the exam: Geography & the World'. At the bottom, the text 'Social Studies' is flanked by two teal L-shaped brackets.

50% of the exam: Civics & Government		20% of the exam: U.S History
	35 Questions	
15% of the exam: Economics		15% of the exam: Geography & the World

Social Studies

Content Areas

Civics and Government

(50%) Some content examples include, constitutional government, branches and levels of the government, electoral system, voting, citizenship, basic government.

U.S. History

(20%) Content material will span from colonialism to American Revolution, through the Civil War, Reconstruction and into the modern era.

Economics

(15%) Some content topics include, basic economic concepts and systems, government and the economy, labor.

Geography and the World

(15%) Some content topics include, major world history events, the environment, and resources.

Number of Questions

35 Questions Total, including 1 extended response

Time Length

The allotted time is 90 minutes.
25 minutes will be reserved for the extended response

Basic Information About Reasoning Through Language Arts Exam

The collage features several images: a bookshelf filled with books, graduates in blue gowns throwing their caps, a close-up of an open book, a student studying at a desk with a notebook and a cup, and a library interior with bookshelves and a study table.

Fiction
Reading
Non-Fiction

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Questions

Language
Skills

Reasoning Through
Language Arts

Content Areas

Reading:

75% informational texts
25% fictional texts

Language Skills

Some examples include: Homonyms, possessives, punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure, possessives

Extended Response

Number of Questions

46 Questions Total, including 1 Extended Response

Time Length

The allotted time is 150 minutes, with a 10 minute break.

Basic Information about the Mathematics Exam

46 Questions

Mental Math

Algebraic Reasoning

Quantitative Reasoning

Mathematics

Content Areas

Mental Math Skills

Quantitative Reasoning:

(45%) Some examples include, whole numbers, decimals, fractions, proportions, ratios, percentages, data, geometric measurements, statistics

Algebraic Reasoning

(55%) Some content examples include, polynomials, expressions, linear expressions, exponential expressions, quadratic equations, functions.

Number of Questions

46 Questions Total

5 are mental math

41 are Quantitative and Algebraic Reasoning

Test Length

The test is 90 minutes.

12 of those minutes may be used for the mental math portion of the exam.

Basic Information about the Science Exam

The graphic is a collage with a green border. It contains several panels:

- Top-left: Graduates in blue gowns throwing their black caps into the air.
- Top-middle: A teal circle containing the text "35 Questions".
- Top-right: A blurred green background with bokeh light effects.
- Middle-left: A teal circle with a white border containing the text "LIFE Science".
- Middle-center: A photograph of laboratory glassware, including a beaker with red liquid, a graduated cylinder with blue liquid, and a smaller beaker with yellow liquid.
- Middle-right: A teal circle with a white border containing the text "Earth & Space".
- Bottom-left: A close-up photograph of a green leaf showing its vein structure.
- Bottom-middle: A teal circle with a white border containing the text "PHYSICAL Science".
- Bottom-right: A photograph of a male graduate in a black cap and gown holding a diploma.

At the bottom of the collage, the word "Science" is written in a large, blue, sans-serif font, flanked by two blue L-shaped brackets.

Content Areas

Life Science

(40%) Content examples include, cells and their structures and processes, DNA, evolution, natural selections.

Earth and Space Science

(20%) Content examples include, plate tectonics, structure of the earth, geological cycles, weather, solar systems.

Physical Science

(40%) Content examples include, atoms, energy, chemical reactions, magnetism, states of matter

Number of Questions

There are 34 questions on the exam, including 2 short answer responses.

Test Length

The test is 90 minutes.

Questions Your Local Testing Centers Can Answer

What are the test dates?

How do you sign up for the tests?

Do they offer additional classes?

How much does the test cost?

Are there study groups in the area?

What other free services do they offer?