

PRACTICE TEST 1: DIAGNOSTIC ANSWER KEY

This answer key is designed to help you identify your areas of strength and weakness so you can decide how to best use your time studying. For each question, we've provided the specific chapters and sections in the book that you should review if you answered the question incorrectly. To calculate the percent of questions you answered correctly for each section, follow the three-step process below.

Note that this answer key does NOT provide a scaled score or indicate your level of preparedness to take the GED® test.



Check your answers and mark any correct answers with a ✓ in the appropriate column.

Reading Through Language Arts, Section 1							
Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title	Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title
1	A		Ch. 5, Development (of Ideas, Events, or Characters) Ch. 7, How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?, How Do the Seven Question Tasks Look in a Literary Passage?	10	C		Ch. 7, Putting It All Together
2	C		Ch. 5, Language Use Ch. 6, Putting It All Together	11	B		Ch. 6, How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?, Putting It All Together
3	B		Ch. 5, Structure Ch. 7, How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?	12	C		Ch. 6, Informational Passage Drill
4	A		Ch. 5, Structure, Development (of Ideas, Events, or Characters) Ch. 7, How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?, Putting It All Together	13	B		Ch. 5, Comparison (of Different Passages that Deal with Similar Topics)
5	A		Ch. 5, Development (of Ideas, Events, or Characters) Ch. 7, How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?, Who Are the Main Characters and What Do We Know About Them?	14	A		Ch. 5, Structure, Evaluation (of the Author's Argument or Reasoning) Ch. 6, Informational Passage Drill
6	(d), (a), (b), (c)		Ch. 5, Development (of Ideas, Events, or Characters) Ch. 7, How Do the Seven Question Tasks Look in a Literary Passage?	15	B		Ch. 5, Structure Ch. 6, How Should I Read Informational Passages on the Test?, Putting It All Together
7	Happy; Uncertain; Surprised		Ch. 5, Development (of Ideas, Events, or Characters) Ch. 7, How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?, Who Are the Main Characters and What Do We Know About Them?	16	A		Ch. 5, Language Use Ch. 6, Putting It All Together
8	D		Ch. 5, Development (of Ideas, Events, or Characters) Ch. 7, How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?, Putting It All Together	17	See explanation		Ch. 8, Examples of Key Areas of Language Use Ch. 9, How Do the Drop-Down Questions Look in a Language Passage?
9	(c), (d)		Ch. 5, Purpose (or Point of View) Ch. 6, How Do the Seven Questions Tasks Look in an Informational Passage?				

Reading Through Language Arts, Section 2

Ch. 10, What Is the Prompt Telling Me to Do?, What Does the Prompt Mean by “Support”?, Exactly What Traits Should My Essay Demonstrate?
Ch. 11, How Do I Build My Argument?, How Do I Organize My Argument?, How Can I Improve My Writing?

Reading Through Language Arts, Section 3

Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title	Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title
18	B		Ch. 5, Purpose (or Point of View?) Ch. 6, How Do the Seven Questions Tasks Look in an Informational Passage? Ch. 7, How Do the Seven Question Tasks Look in a Literary Passage?	28	D		Ch. 5, Structure Ch. 6, Putting It All Together Ch. 7, How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?
19	D		Ch. 5, Structure Ch. 6, Putting It All Together	29	A		Ch. 5, Development (of Ideas, Events or Characters) Ch. 6, Putting It All Together
20	A		Ch. 5, Structure Ch. 6, How Should I Read Informational Passages on the Test?, Putting It All Together	30	D		Ch. 5, Evaluation (of the Author’s Argument or Reasoning) Ch. 7, Informational Passage Drill
21	C		Ch. 5, Development (of Ideas, Events or Characters) Ch. 7, How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?, Who Are the Main Characters and What Do We Know About Them?	31	B		Ch. 5, Language Use Ch. 6, Putting It All Together
22	D		Ch. 5, Structure Ch. 6, Putting It All Together Ch. 7, How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?	32	D		Ch. 5, Structure Ch. 6, Putting It All Together Ch. 7, How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?
23	B		Ch. 5, Language Use Ch. 6, Putting It All Together	33	A		Ch. 5, Purpose (or Point of View?) Ch. 6, How Do the Seven Questions Tasks Look in an Informational Passage? Ch. 7, How Do the Seven Question Tasks Look in a Literary Passage?
24	(c), (b), (a), (d)		Ch. 5, Development (of Ideas, Events or Characters) Ch. 6, How Do the Seven Questions Tasks Look in an Informational Passage? Ch. 7, How Do the Seven Question Tasks Look in a Literary Passage?	34	B		Ch. 5, Purpose (or Point of View?) Ch. 6, How Do the Seven Questions Tasks Look in an Informational Passage? Ch. 7, How Do the Seven Question Tasks Look in a Literary Passage?
25	A		Ch. 5, Development (of Ideas, Events or Characters) Ch. 6, Putting It All Together	35	A		Ch. 5, Purpose (or Point of View?) Ch. 6, How Do the Seven Questions Tasks Look in an Informational Passage? Ch. 7, How Do the Seven Question Tasks Look in a Literary Passage?
26	(b), (c)		Ch. 5, Purpose (or Point of View) Ch. 6, How Do the Seven Question Tasks Look in an Informational Passage?	36	D		Ch. 5, Structure Ch. 6, Putting It All Together Ch. 7, How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?
27	B		Ch. 5, Language Use Ch. 6, Putting It All Together	37	C		Ch. 5, Some Common Rhetorical Techniques Ch. 6, Putting It All Together Ch. 7, How Do the Seven Question Tasks Look in a Literary Text?

Reading Through Language Arts, Section 3 (Continued)

Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title	Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title
38	D		Ch. 5 , Language Use Ch. 6 , Putting It All Together	45	B		Ch. 5 , Development (of Ideas, Events or Characters) Ch. 7 , How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?, Who Are the Main Characters and What Do We Know About Them?
39	A		Ch. 5 , Development (of Ideas, Events or Characters) Ch. 6 , How Do the Seven Question Tasks Look in an Informational Passage, Putting It All Together, Informational Passages Drill	46	A		Ch. 5 , Development (of Ideas, Events or Characters) Ch. 7 , How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?, Putting It All Together
40	(b), (e)		Ch. 6 , How Should I Read Informational Passages on the Test?, Putting It All Together	47	Hushed, Confused, Amused		Ch. 5 , Development (of Ideas, Events or Characters) Ch. 7 , How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?, Who Are the Main Characters and What Do We Know About Them?
41	C		Ch. 5 , Purpose (Point of View) Ch. 6 , How Do the Seven Question Tasks Look in an Informational Passage?	48	D		Ch. 6 , Putting It All Together, Informational Passage Drill
42	C		Ch. 5 , Development (of Ideas, Events or Characters) Ch. 7 , How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?, Who Are the Main Characters and What Do We Know About Them?	49	B		Ch. 5 , Development (of Ideas, Events or Characters) Ch. 7 , How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?, Putting It All Together
43	A		Ch. 5 , Structure Ch. 6 , Putting It All Together Ch. 7 , How Should I Read Literary Passages on the Test?	50	See explanation		Ch. 8 , Examples of Key Areas of Language Use Ch. 9 , How Do the Drop-Down Questions Look in a Language Passage?
44	D		Ch. 6 , Putting It All Together Ch. 7 , How Do the Seven Question Tasks Look in a Literary Passage?				

Mathematical Reasoning							
Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title	Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title
1	D		Ch. 15, Simple Equations, Algebra Drill	20	D		Ch. 16, Graphing, Slope, Equation of a Line, Graphing Drill
2	C		Ch. 15, Inequalities, Algebra Drill	21	B		Ch. 16, Graphing, Slope, Equation of a Line, Graphing Drill
3	D		Ch. 14, Rate Problems, Applied Arithmetic Drill	22	B		Ch. 14, Setup Problems, Rate Problems Ch. 15, Translation, Algebra Drill
4	B		Ch. 14, Setup problems Ch. 15, Translation, Algebra Drill	23	See explanation		Ch. 14, Charts and Graphs
5	38,000		Ch. 13, Percents, Percent Word Problems, Basic Arithmetic Drill	24	A		Ch. 14, Charts and Graphs, Ratios and Proportions
6	A		Ch. 14, Charts and Graphs	25	D		Ch. 14, Mean, Median, Mode, Range, and Weighted Mean, Setup Problems
7	B		Ch. 13, Basic Arithmetic Drill	26	See explanation		Ch. 15, Rational Expressions, Algebra Drill
8	See explanation		Ch. 13, The Number Line	27	C		Ch. 13, Basic Arithmetic Drill
9	See explanation		Ch. 13, The Number Line	28	C		Ch. 13, Percents, Percent Word Problems, Basic Arithmetic Drill
10	A		Ch. 14, Setup Problems, Rate Problems Ch. 15, Translation, Algebra Drill	29	See explanation		Ch. 16, Graphing, Graphing Drill, Equation of a Line
11	D		Ch. 14, Scientific Notation, Scientific Notation Drill	30	200		Ch. 13, Percents, Percent Word Problems, Basic Arithmetic Drill
12	C		Ch. 14, Ratios and Proportions, Applied Arithmetic Drill	31	C		Ch. 14, Setup Problems
13	B		Ch. 16, Rectangles and Squares, Geometry Drill	32	D		Ch. 14, Setup Problems, Ch. 15, Translation, Algebra Drill
14	-54		Ch. 14, Radicals, Exponents and Radicals Drill	33	B		Ch. 14, Ratios and Proportions Ch. 16, Rectangles and Squares
15	9, 34		Ch. 16, Triangle, Geometry Drill	34	B		Ch. 13, Percents, Percent Word Problems, Basic Arithmetic Drill
16	2,550		Ch. 13, Percents, Percent Word Problems, Basic Arithmetic Drill	35	D		Ch. 16, Other Polygons, Geometry Drill
17	A		Ch. 13, Basic Arithmetic Drill	36	4.5		Ch. 16, Rectangles and Squares, Geometry Drill
18	See explanation		Ch. 14, Probability, Applied Arithmetic Drill	37	A		Ch. 13, Percents, Percent Word Problems, Basic Arithmetic Drill
19	D		Ch. 13, Computative and Distributive Properties Ch. 14, Exponents Ch. 15, Algebra Drill	38	less than half		Ch. 16, Circles, Spheres, Cylinders, and Cones, Geometry Drill

Mathematical Reasoning (Continued)

Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title	Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title
39	A		Ch. 16, Circles, Spheres, Cylinders, and Cones, Geometry Drill	43	4 and 5		Ch. 16, Triangles
40	92,650		Ch. 13, Basic Arithmetic Drill	44	10		Ch. 13, Basic Arithmetic Drill
41	See explanation		Ch. 13, Number Line	45	C		Ch. 13, Percents, Percent Word Problems, Basic Arithmetic Drill
42	See explanation		Ch. 13, Number Line	46	A		Ch. 16, Circles, Graphing

Social Studies

Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title	Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title
1	B		Ch. 17, Comprehension Questions, Application Questions Ch. 19, Politics in Action and Activism	12	A		Ch. 17, Comprehension Questions, Application Questions Ch. 19, The Documents That Started It All
2	B		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions	13	D		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions, Graphic Material Questions Ch. 20, Economics Drill
3	C		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 18, The Progressive Era	14	D		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 20, Types of Economies, Markets
4	D		Ch. 17, Comprehension Questions, Evaluation Questions Ch. 18, World War II	15	D		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 20, Types of Economies, Markets
5	A		Ch. 17, Comprehension Questions, Evaluation Questions Ch. 18, World War II	16	D		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions, Graphic Material Questions
6	B		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions, Graphic Material Questions Ch. 18, World War II	17	C		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 18, Reconstruction
7	D		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 18, The Civil War	18	D		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions, Graphic Material Questions Ch. 20, Statistics, Economics and Geography Drill
8	D		Ch. 17, Comprehension Questions, Application Questions Ch. 19, Politics in Action and Activism	19	C		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 19, Types of Government
9	C		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 18, Westward Expansion	20	D		Ch. 17, Analysis Questions Ch. 20, Markets
10	A		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 18, Westward Expansion	21	B		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 19, Constitutional Powers
11	C		Ch. 17, Comprehension Questions, Application Questions Ch. 19, The Documents That Started It All	22	D		Ch. 17, Application Questions, Analysis Questions, Graphic Material Questions Ch. 20, Maps, Human Geography

Social Studies (Continued)							
Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title	Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title
23	B		Ch. 17 , Application Questions, Analysis Questions, Graphic Material Questions Ch. 20 , Maps, Human Geography	30	(a), (d), (f)		Ch. 17 , Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 20 , Types of Economies, Production, Markets
24	D		Ch. 17 , Application Questions, Analysis Questions, Graphic Material Questions Ch. 20 , Maps, Human Geography	31	C		Ch. 17 , Application Questions, Analysis Questions, Graphic Material Questions Ch. 18 , Cold War
25	B		Ch. 17 , Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 19 , Constitutional Powers	32	A		Ch. 17 , Application Questions, Analysis Questions, Graphic Material Questions, The GED Test Cartoon Ch. 18 , The Civil War
26	A		Ch. 17 , Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 19 , Constitutional Powers	33	B		Ch. 17 , Comprehension Questions, Application Questions Ch. 19 , Constitutional Powers
27	B		Ch. 17 , Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 19 , Constitutional Powers	34	D		Ch. 17 , Comprehension Questions, Application Questions Ch. 19 , Politics in Action and Activism
28	D		Ch. 17 , Comprehension Questions, Application Questions Ch. 20 , Microeconomics, Markets	35	A		Ch. 17 , Application Questions, Analysis Questions Ch. 19 , Types of Government
29	C		Ch. 17 , Comprehension Questions Ch. 20 , Markets, Economics Drill				

Science							
Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title	Q #	Ans.	✓	Chapter # and Section Title
1	D		Ch. 21, Analysis Questions Ch. 23, Energy and Heat	19	B		Ch. 21, Analysis Questions Ch. 22, The Human Body and Health
2	A		Ch. 21, Comprehension Questions Ch. 22, The Human Body and Health	20	D		Ch. 21, Application Questions Ch. 23, Astronomy
3	85%		Ch. 21, Comprehension Questions Ch. 23, Energy and Heat, Natural Resources	21	B		Ch. 23, The Changing Earth
4	D		Ch. 23, Energy and Heat, Natural Resources	22	R1, Nicaragua		Ch. 23, The Changing Earth
5	Peat (a); Anthracite (d)		Ch. 23, Energy and Heat, Natural Resources	23	C		Ch. 21, Comprehension Questions Ch. 22, Evolution and Natural Selection
6	C		Ch. 21, Comprehension Questions Ch. 22, Plants	24	C		Ch. 22, Evolution and Natural Selection
7	C		Ch. 23, Plants	25	C		Ch. 23, Physical Laws, Work, and Motion
8	C		Ch. 22, The Human Body and Health	26	D		Ch. 21, Analysis Questions Ch. 22, The Human Body and Health
9	A		Ch. 23, Plants	27	A		Ch. 22, Ecosystems and Food Chains
10	#4 is the oldest; #1 is the newest		Ch. 21, Analysis Questions Ch. 23, Fossils	28	B		Ch. 21, Analysis Questions Ch. 23, Astronomy
11	C		Ch. 21, Analysis Questions Ch. 22, Ecosystems and Food Chains	29	B		Ch. 21, Analysis Questions Ch. 22, Bacteria and Viruses
12	C		Ch. 22, Evolution and Natural Selection	30	D		Ch. 23, Bacteria and Viruses
13	C		Ch. 21, Application Questions Ch. 23, Solids, Liquids, and Gases	31	D		Ch. 22, Genetics
14	D		Ch. 22, Scientific Method Ch. 23, Energy and Heat	32	A		Ch. 22, Genetics
15	Mode, 0.43 kg		Ch. 21, Application Questions	33	C		Ch. 23, Energy and Heat
16	0.93		Ch. 21, Application Questions	34	See explanation		Ch. 23, Solids, Liquids, and Gases
17	D		Ch. 21, Application Questions Ch. 23, Solids, Liquids, and Gases	35	B		Ch. 22, Ecosystems and Food Chains
18	A		Ch. 21, Analysis Questions Ch. 23, Chemical Reactions				

STEP 2»

Add the total number correct for each test subject. Divide Number Correct by Potential, move the decimal two places to the right, and put the results in Percent Correct.

Test Subject	Number Correct	Potential	Percent Correct
Reading Through Language Arts		50	
Mathematical Reasoning		46	
Social Studies		35	
Science		35	

STEP 3»

Use the results above to customize your study plan. You may want to start with the test subject for which you had the lowest percent correct. Give special attention to the Step 1 chapters and sections associated with each of your incorrect answers.