GED in Spanish: Complete Exam Preparation



GED en español: preparación completa del examen

The Complete Course — Bilingual Edition

El curso completo — Edición bilingüe

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Introduction · Introducción

English

Welcome to this comprehensive bilingual preparation manual designed specifically for the GED® examination. Spanning 15 comprehensive instructional units, this guide provides in-depth, rigorous coverage of all four tested subject areas. Every chapter is built to develop academic confidence, critical thinking skills, and practical test-taking strategies through targeted instruction, realistic model problems, and scaffolded practice exercises.

This book is crafted intentionally for Spanish-speaking adult learners living in the United States and Puerto Rico who are pursuing their high school equivalency credential. Whether your primary goal is to take the official examination in English or in Spanish, this resource acknowledges your bilingual journey. It bridges language gaps by presenting content side by side, allowing you to strengthen your academic English vocabulary while fully grasping core concepts in your native or preferred language.

To maximize your study time, engage with each unit systematically. Read the English section first to build familiarity with official testing terminology, then consult the mirror Spanish text immediately below to clarify complex concepts and verify your understanding. Complete all practice sets under timed conditions to simulate the pressure of the actual testing environment. Finally, review the comprehensive answer keys at the end of each module to analyze detailed, step-by-step solutions for every question.

The curriculum comprehensively covers the four core subtests of the GED credential: Mathematical Reasoning, Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA), Social Studies, and Science. You will master foundational arithmetic, algebraic expressions, geometric principles, and data analysis; analyze complex informational texts and craft evidence-based essays; examine United States history, civics, economics, and geography; and explore life sciences, physical sciences, and Earth and space systems.

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Español

Bienvenido a este manual integral de preparación bilingüe diseñado específicamente para el examen de GED®. A lo largo de 15 unidades didácticas integrales, esta guía proporciona una cobertura rigurosa y profunda de las cuatro materias evaluadas. Cada capítulo está estructurado para desarrollar la confianza académica, el pensamiento crítico y las estrategias prácticas para rendir exámenes mediante instrucción dirigida, problemas modelo realistas y ejercicios de práctica estructurados.

Este libro fue creado intencionalmente para estudiantes adultos hispanohablantes que residen en los Estados Unidos y Puerto Rico y que buscan obtener su credencial de equivalencia de escuela secundaria. Ya sea que su objetivo principal sea tomar el examen

oficial en inglés o en español, este recurso acompaña su trayectoria bilingüe. Cierra las brechas lingüísticas al presentar el contenido lado a lado, lo que le permite fortalecer su vocabulario académico en inglés mientras comprende plenamente los conceptos fundamentales en su idioma materno o de preferencia.

Para aprovechar al máximo su tiempo de estudio, trabaje con cada unidad de manera sistemática. Lea primero la sección en inglés para familiarizarse con la terminología oficial del examen y, a continuación, consulte el texto espejo en español que se encuentra inmediatamente después para aclarar conceptos complejos y verificar su comprensión. Resuelva todos los conjuntos de práctica bajo condiciones cronometradas para simular la presión del entorno real del examen. Por último, revise las claves de respuestas integrales al final de cada módulo para analizar las soluciones detalladas paso a paso de cada pregunta.

El plan de estudios abarca de manera integral las cuatro materias principales de la credencial de GED: Razonamiento Matemático, Razonamiento a través de las Artes del Lenguaje (RLA), Estudios Sociales y Ciencias. Usted dominará la aritmética fundamental, las expresiones algebraicas, los principios geométricos y el análisis de datos; analizará textos informativos complejos y redactará ensayos basados en evidencias; examinará la historia de los Estados Unidos, la educación cívica, la economía y la geografía; y explorará las ciencias de la vida, las ciencias físicas y los sistemas terrestres y espaciales.

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Unit 1 — How the GED Works · Cómo funciona el GED

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Welcome to your preparation for the GED test, developed by MKLDesignsShop. Earning a high school equivalency diploma is one of the most powerful steps an adult learner can take toward higher earning potential, college admission, and professional career advancement across the United States and Puerto Rico. This comprehensive study guide is engineered to deliver rigorous, classroom-level instruction in both English and Spanish, ensuring that language is never an obstacle to mastering essential academic content. Please note that this publication is an independent learning resource designed exclusively for test preparation; it is not endorsed by, sponsored by, or affiliated with GED Testing Service LLC or the American Council on Education.

Approaching this credential with confidence requires more than memorizing formulas or reading comprehension strategies; it demands a clear understanding of the operational mechanics of the test itself. The exam is administered entirely on a computer and evaluates critical thinking across four distinct subject areas. Throughout this unit, you will learn the exact duration, question formats, scoring parameters, and retake policies governing the examination. By familiarizing yourself with the digital testing interface, time-allocation metrics, and strategic study planning techniques, you will transform test anxiety into structured, decisive action on exam day.

Bienvenido a su preparación para el examen GED, desarrollada por MKLDesignsShop. Obtener un diploma de equivalencia de escuela secundaria es uno de los pasos más trascendentales que un estudiante adulto puede dar hacia un mayor potencial de ingresos, la admisión universitaria y el avance profesional en los Estados Unidos y Puerto Rico. Esta guía de estudio integral está diseñada para brindar instrucción rigurosa de nivel académico tanto en inglés como en español, garantizando que el idioma nunca sea un obstáculo para dominar el contenido académico esencial. Tenga en cuenta que esta publicación es un recurso de aprendizaje independiente diseñado exclusivamente para la preparación del examen; no está respaldada, patrocinada ni afiliada con GED Testing Service LLC ni con el American Council on Education.

Afrontar esta certificación con confianza requiere más que memorizar fórmulas o estrategias de comprensión de lectura; exige una comprensión clara de la mecánica operativa de la prueba en sí. El examen se administra completamente por computadora y evalúa el pensamiento crítico en cuatro materias distintas. A lo largo de esta unidad, usted aprenderá la duración exacta, los formatos de preguntas, los parámetros de puntuación y las políticas de repetición que rigen la prueba. Al familiarizarse con la interfaz digital de evaluación, las métricas de asignación de tiempo y las técnicas de planificación estratégica de estudio, transformará la ansiedad ante los exámenes en una acción estructurada y decisiva el día de la prueba.

Lesson 1.1 — The Four Subjects and the Computer-Based Test · Las cuatro materias y el examen por computadora

English

The examination for high school equivalency consists of four independent content areas: Mathematical Reasoning, Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA), Science, and Social Studies. Rather than testing rote memorization, each module measures analytical reasoning, evidence-based evaluation, and quantitative problem-solving skills. Mathematical Reasoning lasts 115 minutes and covers algebraic problem solving and quantitative arithmetic. Science lasts 90 minutes and focuses on life science, physical science, and Earth and space science. Social Studies lasts 70 minutes, examining civics, government, U.S. history, economics, and geography. Reasoning Through Language Arts is the longest module at 150 minutes; it integrates reading comprehension, language conventions, and an Extended Response essay section that includes a scheduled 10-minute break between sections.

The testing platform is administered exclusively via computer at authorized Pearson VUE testing centers or through monitored online proctoring (OnVUE). Testing on a computer offers distinct advantages, including an interactive timer, an on-screen formula reference sheet for mathematics and science, and a digital Texas Instruments TI-30XS MultiView scientific calculator. Candidates taking the test at an in-person center also receive physical scratch paper or a dry-erase grid board with a marker to work out mathematical steps and outline written essays before typing them into the testing terminal.

Candidates must interact with several distinct digital item formats beyond traditional multiple-choice questions. Standard four-option multiple-choice questions remain common, but you will also encounter drop-down menu selections, drag-and-drop matching items, hot-spot items where you click directly on a specific coordinate or image area, and fill-in-the-blank text boxes. In the RLA section, candidates compose a full-length argumentative essay using a built-in word processor that includes basic cut, copy, paste, and undo functions, but deliberately excludes automatic spell check or grammar correction tools.

Effective time management requires calculating pacing benchmarks before you sit for the test. Spending an excessive amount of time on a single complex item compromises your opportunity to answer multiple accessible questions later in the section. Because there is no negative scoring penalty for incorrect answers, leaving any question blank directly harms your final score. Mastering the test interface includes using the on-screen "Flag for Review" tool, which allows you to mark difficult questions, input your best preliminary guess, and return to them if surplus time remains at the end of the section.

Worked Examples

Example 1. Elena is taking the Mathematical Reasoning section at a testing center in Miami, Florida. The test has an overall duration of 115 minutes and is split into two parts. Part 1 consists of 5 questions where no calculator is permitted, and the test software recommends spending no more than 12 minutes on it. Part 2 contains 41 questions where the on-screen calculator is enabled. If Elena completes Part 1 in exactly 11 minutes, calculate: 1. The total testing time remaining for Part 2. 2. Elena's average available time per question in Part 2, rounded to the nearest tenth of a minute and expressed in minutes and seconds.

Step-by-step Solution: 1. Calculate the remaining time for Part 2: $$\text{Remaining Time} = \text{Total Time} - \text{Time Spent on Part 1}$$ $$\text{Remaining Time} = 115\text{ minutes} - 11\text{ minutes} = 104\text{ minutes}$$ 2. Calculate the average time available per question in Part 2: $$\text{Average Time per Question} = \frac{\text{Total Remaining Time}}{\text{Number of Questions in Part 2}}$$ $$\text{Average Time per Question} = \frac{104\text{ minutes}}{41\text{ questions}} \approx 2.536585\text{