

## Welcome to the GED Testing Service's 2014 GED® Free Practice Test!

Taking this test will give you an introduction to the look, feel, and content of the 2014 GED® test that you will take in a GED Testing Center™ (Pearson VUE Testing Center). Before you begin the 2014 GED® Free Practice Test, note the following:

The 2014 GED® Free Practice Test is about one-quarter of the length of the 2014 GED® test. That means that although this test includes each of the question types that appear on the 2014 GED® test, it only covers a portion of the skills tested on the 2014 GED® test.

The Free Practice Test is not timed, so you can devote whatever amount of time to it that you choose. Each module of the 2014 GED® test is timed, however, with each content area lasting a specific number of minutes, as follows:

- Reasoning Through Language Arts: 150 minutes (including a 10-minute break)
- Mathematical Reasoning: 115 minutes
- Science: 90 minutes
- Social Studies: 90 minutes

As a result, in order to simulate the amount of time you would have for a similar number of questions on the 2014 GED® test, you should consider spending the following amount of time on each content area of the Free Practice Test:

- Reasoning Through Language Arts: 65 minutes (20 minutes for the first 11 questions and 45 minutes for question 12)
- Mathematical Reasoning: 39 minutes
- Science: 45 minutes (10 minutes each for questions 6 and 12, and 25 minutes for the remaining 14 questions)
- Social Studies: 52 minutes (27 minutes for the first 15 questions and 25 minutes for question 16)

The 2014 GED® Free Practice Test has most of the functions that will be available to you when you take the 2014 GED® test, but not all of them. Some of the things that are not available to you on the Free Practice Test include:

- A fully functional onscreen calculator. On this test, there is an icon on each test question that allows the use of the calculator. Clicking on the icon simply brings up an image of the Texas Instruments TI-30XS calculator, rather than a full working calculator that is available on the 2014 GED® test. As you take the Free Practice Test, you will want to have a handheld TI-30XS or another similar scientific calculator available for your use.

- The ability to mark text in the stimulus materials using an on-screen highlighter. On the 2014 GED® test, as you read a test question or other written material on the screen, you can use the highlighter tool in a variety of different colors to mark things you think are important in helping you answer the question.
- The ability to change the color of the text and background screen color. The Free Practice Test has one available color scheme – black text on a white background. On the 2014 GED® test you can choose from a variety of color palettes to make viewing the test on the screen as comfortable as possible.
- Full scoring. On the Free Practice Test, you can select or write your answer as indicated on each test question, but the test does not automatically score your answer. Instead, you will select the “Answer Explanation” tool that provides you with lots of information about the test question and all of the answer choices, identifies the correct answer and why that answer is correct, and identifies any incorrect answers and why those are incorrect. On the 2014 GED® test you actually receive a score report with lots of information as to why you scored at that level, which skills you might consider studying further to improve your score if you need or want to take the test again, and suggested study materials to help you build particular skills.
- A timer. Because the Free Practice Test is untimed, there is no clock built into it. The 2014 GED® test, however, does have a built-in timer for each section. If you would like to time yourself, you might consider using a cell phone or other timer to keep track of how much time you are spending on each test section. See the timing suggested above for each of the content tests on the Free Practice Test.

After you complete the 2014 GED® Free Practice Test, consider checking out the 2014 GED® Free Practice Test Companion. This resource provides you with an overview of the content that is assessed on the 2014 GED® test, as well as specific details about what content each one of the questions on the Free Practice Test covers.

Finally, once you have completed your test preparation for the 2014 GED® test and want to find out how you might score on the test, consider taking the GED Ready™ Official Practice Test. In late November 2013, The GED Ready™ will be available through your adult education provider or directly from the GED Testing Service at [www.GEDmarketplace.com](http://www.GEDmarketplace.com).

Best wishes from the GED Testing Service as you embark on earning your high school equivalency credential and as you prepare for college and career!