

# HSE OVERVIEW

High School Equivalency Tests



	GED®	HiSET®	TASC®
<b>TEST OVERVIEW</b>			
<b>Number of Sections</b>	4	5	5
<b>Cost for Whole Test</b>	\$120 \$40 with voucher	Paper \$115 \$35 with voucher	Computer \$94 \$14 with voucher
<b>Ways to Take the Test</b>	Computer Only	Paper/Pencil or Computer	Paper/Pencil or Computer
<b>Where to Sign Up</b>	www.ged.com	www.hiset.ets.org	www.ohio.tasctest.com
<b>LANGUAGE ARTS</b>			
<b>Time</b>	150 Minutes	READING 65 Minutes	WRITING 120 Minutes
<b>Types of Questions</b>	Multiple Choice Drag & Drop Drop-Down Menu Extended Response (the Essay)	Multiple Choice	Multiple Choice Essay
<b>Subjects Covered</b>	30% Literary Texts 70% Informational Texts Argumentative Essay	60% Literary Text 40% Informational Text	60% Literary Text 40% Informational Text Argumentative Essay
<b>Minimum Essay Score</b>	No minimum		2 out of 6
			60% Literary Text 40% Informational Text
			65% Literary Text 40% Informational Text Argumentative Essay -or- Informational Essay
			2 out of 8
<b>MATH</b>			
<b>Time</b>	115 Minutes	90 Minutes	105 Minutes
<b>Types of Questions</b>	Multiple Choice Drag & Drop Drop-Down Menu Hotspots	Multiple Choice	Multiple Choice Grid-In Response
<b>Subjects Covered</b>	45% Quantitative (numbers based) 55% Algebraic (variable based)	19% Order of Operations 18% Measurement & Geometry 18% Data Analysis & Probability 45% Algebra	26% Algebra 23% Geometry 26% Functions 12% Statistics and Probability 13% Whole numbers or quantities
<b>Calculator Usage</b>	5-7 questions with no calculator TI-30XS for the rest	TI-30XS calculator for the entire test	First half — no calculator Second half — TI-30XS

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<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>			
<b>Time</b>	70 Minutes	70 Minutes	75 Minutes
<b>Type of Questions</b>	Multiple Choice Drag & Drop Drop-Down Menu	Multiple Choice	Multiple Choice Technology Enhanced Question
<b>Subjects Covered</b>	Civics & Government US History Economics Geography	Civics & Government US History Economics Geography World History	Civics & Government US History Economics Geography World History
<b>SCIENCE</b>			
<b>Time</b>	90 Minutes	80 Minutes	85 Minutes
<b>Type of Questions</b>	Multiple Choice Drag & Drop Drop-Down Menu	Multiple Choice	Multiple Choice Technology Enhanced Question
<b>Subjects Covered</b>	Life Science Chemistry Physics Geology Meteorology Astronomy	Life Science Chemistry Physics Geology Meteorology Astronomy	Life Science Chemistry Physics Geology Meteorology Astronomy
<b>HOW WILL I CHOOSE WHICH TEST TO TAKE?</b>			
<b>CONSIDER GED IF...</b>	<b>CONSIDER HiSET IF...</b>	<b>CONSIDER TASC IF...</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓Already taken portions of the GED</li> <li>✓Already have a GED voucher</li> <li>✓Can do well on Language Arts questions but may struggle with writing</li> <li>✓Like variety and are comfortable with computer-based questions</li> <li>✓Want Science &amp; Social Studies closely tied to reading skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓Prefer a paper test / are not comfortable on computer</li> <li>✓Want to spend the least amount of money</li> <li>✓Like writing, and can learn to write well enough to help raise Language Arts score</li> <li>✓Prefer multiple choice questions</li> <li>✓Feel comfortable with Science and Social Studies and can apply concepts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓Prefer a paper test / are not comfortable on computer</li> <li>✓Want to save money</li> <li>✓Like writing, don't mind learning two kinds of essay</li> <li>✓Prefer multiple choice questions, but ok with a few other question types</li> </ul>	

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