

# Official GED Practice Test

## LANGUAGE ARTS, WRITING, PART I

Tests of General Educational Development

### Directions

The Language Arts, Writing Test measures your ability to use clear and effective written English. This test includes both multiple-choice questions and an essay. The following directions apply only to the multiple-choice section; a separate set of directions is given for the essay.

The multiple-choice section consists of passages with lettered paragraphs and numbered sentences. Some of the sentences contain an error in sentence structure, usage, or mechanics (punctuation and capitalization). After reading the numbered sentences, answer the multiple-choice questions that follow. Some questions refer to sentences that are correct as written. The best answer for these questions is the one that leaves the sentence as originally written. The best answer for some questions is the one that produces a sentence that is consistent with the verb tense and point of view used throughout the text. A passage is often repeated in order to allow for additional questions on a second page. The repeated passage is the same as the first.

You will have 83 minutes to complete this test. Spend no more than 38 minutes on the 25 multiple-choice questions, leaving the remaining time for the essay. Work carefully, but do not spend too much time on any one question. Answer every question. You will not be penalized for incorrect answers. You may begin working on the essay section of this test as soon as you complete the multiple-choice section.

Do not mark in this test booklet. Record your answers on the separate answer sheet provided. Be sure that all requested information is properly recorded on the answer sheet.

To record your answers, fill in the numbered circle on the answer sheet that corresponds to the answer you select for each question in the test booklet.

#### EXAMPLE:

Sentence 1: **We were all honored to meet governor Phillips and his staff.**

Which correction should be made to sentence 1?

- (1) change were to was
- (2) insert a comma after honored
- (3) change governor to Governor
- (4) insert a comma after Phillips
- (5) no correction is necessary

(On Answer Sheet)



In this example, the word "governor" should be capitalized; therefore, answer space 3 would be marked on the answer sheet.

Do not rest the point of your pencil on the answer sheet while you are considering your answer. Make no stray or unnecessary marks. If you change an answer, erase your first mark completely. Mark only one answer space for each question; multiple answers will be scored as incorrect. Do not fold or crease your answer sheet. All test materials must be returned to the test administrator.

**DO NOT BEGIN TAKING THIS TEST UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO**