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## **TEST TAKING TIPS FOR THE GED TESTS**

### **REST AND EAT WELL BEFORE THE TEST**

Get a good night's rest before taking the GED Tests and eat a good breakfast. Take pride that you have come this far.

### **RELAX**

Arrive at least 20 minutes before testing time. Wear comfortable clothes and make yourself as comfortable as possible in the GED testing room. Once testing begins, anyone arriving late will have to return on the next testing date.

### **UNDERSTAND DIRECTIONS**

Read all directions carefully. Note exactly what is to be done and do it that way. Never assume that these directions are the same as those for other tests you have taken. Ask the GED examiner to repeat any instructions you do not understand.

### **READ THOROUGHLY**

Read test items carefully before answering them. Understand what the question calls for. Use reasoning from the context to answer questions. Do not use your opinion or reactions.

## **ANSWER EVERY QUESTION YOU CAN BY ELIMINATING ALTERNATIVES**

Do not guess blindly. Every item should be viewed as a probability. If there are five possible answers you have a one-in-five (or 20%) chance of guessing correctly. If you eliminate one option as clearly wrong, you have a 25% chance of answering correctly. Eliminating two alternatives increases your chance to one-in-three, or 33%. Reduce it to two choices and you have a 50% chance of selecting the right answer. So, if you must guess, choose from among the smallest number of choices you can.

## **MARK ANSWER BOOK CAREFULLY**

All answers should be darkly “bubbled” in. You may not select more than one answer for an item. If you change an answer, erase the first selection completely. Do not make stray marks on the answer sheet. This could interfere with the scoring of your test. Work steadily throughout the test. Do not take too long to answer any one question, because all items have the same weight in scoring. If a question is difficult, come back to it later, after you have finished the rest of the test.

## **CHECK RESPONSES, USE CAUTION WHEN CHANGING ANSWERS**

After finishing the exam, check over your answers for careless reading and/or errors, such as marking your response to question number 14 in the space for question number 13. The rule for changing answers is to “play it cool”. If you think an answer you have selected is correct, leave it alone. The first response is more often correct than incorrect. If, later, you’re sure that your first answer was wrong, then change it.

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