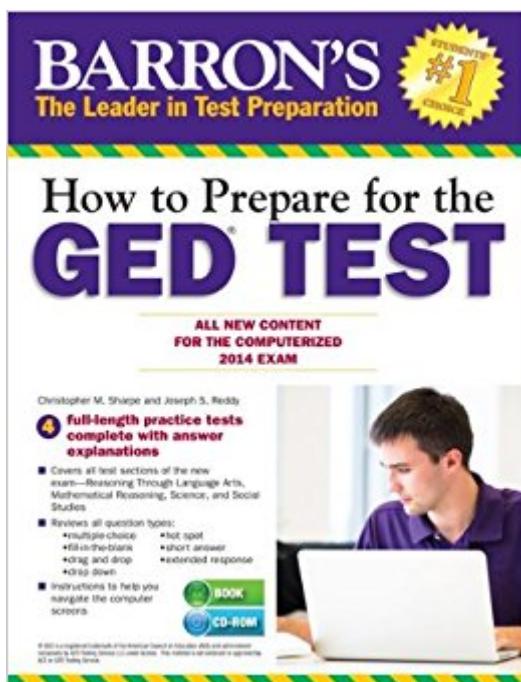


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# How To Prepare For The GED™ Test (with CD-ROM): All New Content For The Computerized 2014 Exam (Barron's Ged (Book & CD-Rom))



## Synopsis

The 2014 GED exam has been revised extensively to reflect the world we live in today. The most noticeable change is that the test is now computer based—â a transition that requires test-takers to have strong typing and computer skills. The new exam covers additional topics in the Math and Science sections and includes “blended” subject matter within the sections, meaning test-takers will see science questions that require math to produce a numerical answer or social studies questions that require essay-writing skills and so forth. Test-takers will also find all question types used on the new computer format. With such comprehensive changes in store for test-takers, it is fitting for Barron’s to offer a book based on the 2014 exam. The new *How to Prepare for the GED® Test* offers test-takers a guided approach to taking and passing the exam by building on the skills they already have. Test-takers will benefit from the book’s extensive subject reviews that cover all four of the new test sections: Social Studies, Science, Reasoning through Language Arts, and Mathematical Reasoning. The book also includes diagnostic tests and two full-length practice exams with all questions answered and explained. The included CD-ROM offers 2 additional practice tests that simulate the actual testing situation.

**System Requirements:** The program will run on a PC with: Windows® Intel® Pentium® II 450 MHz or faster, 128 MB of RAM, 1024 X 768 display resolution, Windows 2000, XP, Vista, CD-ROM Player. The program will run on a Macintosh® with: PowerPC® G3 500 MHz or faster, 128 MB of RAM, 1024 X 768 display resolution, Mac OS X v.10.1 through 10.4, CD-ROM Player, Browser with Adobe® Flash® Player installed.

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I've been teaching GED classes for years, and have been through three overhauls of the GED Test. I was anxious to get this book, as I have a student taking the new GED Test this week. I'm currently sitting with her as she attempts the Practice Tests on the included CD. The CD is, btw, the only reason I ordered this book. Since the new test is taken all on computer. I had hopes that the Barron's would simulate the actual test. OMG. This thing is awful. Let's overlook all the disclaimers about how the Barron's people have no freaking clue if their practice test is anything like the actual test, and how they wrote their textbook without the blessing of the GED Testing Service. I'm told by the publisher that the GED Testing Service REQUIRED all those disclaimers! The CD practice tests are incomprehensible. My student just took the Language practice test. The directions state there are 50 questions. There are actually 51, AND no way to answer the last one, so I guess there are actually only 50 questions, but my student spent several minutes trying to find a question to answer in #51. I'm told by the publisher that Question 51 is the essay. There are short answer questions, but when the test is scored, the analysis merely says the question is "attempted" not whether it was correct or not. There's no summary of the score. You have to go question by question to calculate

the number correct and, as I've said, the short answer questions just show the "attempted" marker. There's no quick way to score the tests, nor is there a correlation to projected GED Tests scores based on practice test performance. I was told by the publisher that this is an unsolvable problem due to the nature of short answer and fill in the blank questions. My advice to anyone looking at this as actual GED prep is run far, far away. A much better use of your time and money is to read everything you can get your hands on and purchase a comprehensive GED prep book. Contemporary, Kaplan, Steck-Vaughn, and McGraw Hill all put out excellent GED materials and perfectly good used copies are available pretty cheaply on half dot com. Even a For Dummies book would be better than this. If you're uncomfortable with a computer, your local school system can help you out. I live in one of the smallest towns in the US, and our public schools offer a basic computer class for adults, free of charge. What I know from 15 years plus in the GED classroom--with excellent passing rates, I might add-- is that students who have good reading comprehension, basic math skills through first year algebra, and can write a coherent essay will pass the test. I'd bet anything the new one is the same. Edited to correct some of the rage-induced errors. Added on 12/18: The student who crashed and burned taking the practice tests on the CD ROM included with this book took the online (new) GED Test in early December, and passed every section by a comfortable margin, and the whole test with room to spare. In other words, she blew it out of the water. This student had some significant challenges. In addition, she'd already failed the paper GED Test so many times that the paper test was not an option. To get her GED, she had to pass the online test. I'd heard all the doom and gloom prognostications about the difficulty of the new test, but agreed to work with this lady provided she do her part. I had deep reservations, as her initial practice test scores with me were very low, but we kept at it for four months. The materials we used during our sessions were exactly the ones described above, acquired used. I worked with her as a private tutor for three sessions per week, but she also did a substantial amount of reading on her own, as well as completing exercises in some old math texts. During our sessions, we worked extensively on test taking techniques, and ate a lot of cinnamon and peppermint. It worked. Oh, how it worked! Kudos to this student--she's the one who actually did it-- but the point is that the new test isn't the Evil Empire. It covers the same stuff it always has. If you are willing to work at it, you can so pass this test. Don't buy books you don't need and that won't help you any more than the cheap and free resources already available. Please. I know what I'm talking about. Added on 1/24: After speaking with the publisher, I've edited this review to remove a couple of statements and amend others. I was assured that work on this book is not complete and that every effort is being made to make this a state of the art resource.

so I have had the book for about a month and a half now . I have found it to be a good study guide and have learned and reviewed some of the stuff I had already studied in 2013 with another book . I must add than although it may be irrelevant I was ready to take the 2013 version of the GED and pass it , however I wasn't able to take the test due to other personal problems . anyways , the parts I have studied so far are science , Math and some social studies . so I will review each part separately letting everyone know than I haven't yet taken the test since I would like to learn some more before doing so .the Math section I have found it very helpful , although I believe you must pay very close attention to everything and must study from beginning to the end in the order they set it all up , because they will not re-explain what they already explained in past lessons , and because believe it or not the Math section does happen to have some few mistakes mainly in the final answers given at the end of every lesson , nothing big really if you are actually paying attention you will notice any mistakes right away ( page 168 for example has a tiny mistake on it and so does page 279, also saw another mistake in the equations part ) .. either way as I said the book still its very helpful , has a lot of material to study and to learn .. doesn't have SOH CAH TOA as I thought it would , so guess that won't be on the 2014 test after all .the Science section have found it very educating , and very well explained . lots of reading to do and expect it to be very helpful once I actually take the test .Social studies , also does have a lot of stuff to read , lots of History and important historic documents such as the declaration of sentiments , Social security act and so on , all which is used to help you read in an analytical way and teaches you I believe exactly what you will need to know not only for the GED but college as well .. one interesting thing about the SS part is than Mean, median, and mode was moved to it , however that's all the Math I found there although I still have lots of reading to do in that section .so summing it all up I think the book its pretty good material for what its suppose to do , not perfect but worthy of being used to learn all you need for the 2014 test as far as im concern , I definitely would not call it a rip off ...oh as an additional note I haven't even tried the cd it came with but if it sucks I know all I have to do its take one of the many tests available online for free instead , must add than this book its not really than expensive so I do not expect Plato inside their cd room.EDIT .sorry it took a while to get back to this review .. so Finally i have taken the SS test and glad to say i have passed i. so could i say than it was all thanks to the SS from this book ? well partially i would say so since it does have a lot of practice in it which actually will help you understand better History as you read ir , although my recommendation for all its to go ahead and read as much History as possible because you are going to need some History knowledge to be able to pass the test . also i have to add than this book

was a good guide to what i needed to look for from other sources such as the internet . oh and i think i would give the SS section four stars because even though it explains pretty well how to write an essay ( which you will need for SS ) it doesn't give you any examples of a good essay vs a bad one ( found that on the internet though ) .

My daughter used this book and so far she has passed the test that she attempted which was the math test. I think like anything else it's really good if you use it.

Ordered this book for my boyfriend who dropped out of high school several years ago. He was planning to just take the test, but I felt he should at least prepare for it using some kind of book. I Saw this book on , ordered it, and gave it to him. It has shown him many weaknesses and has really helped him prepare for taking the test.

This book is helping me teach a GED Language Arts class. It keeps me on track, so I am teaching things that my students actually need to know. It would be nice if it went more in depth for each topic, but all the basics are right here.

While we haven't completed all the sections yet, so far we've found that this book has several mistakes in it. This is especially true for the math section. My wife is trying to get her GED and I spend a lot of time showing her why the answers in the book are incorrect. There are places where they have the same answer for different problems. While I know that it is possible to do that in some cases, that isn't true for these particular questions. While this book may be okay if you are simply reviewing it for the GED test, it is not one that I would recommend to someone that is just getting started. The other thing that we dislike about it is that it is very difficult to find the answers. It would have been better to have put them at the end of the section or the back of the book instead of throughout the pages. Wait for this one to be revised or find a different one.

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