## Reasoning through Language Arts (RLA) covers:

- The ability to read closely
- The ability to write clearly
- The ability to edit and understand the use of standard written English in context
- The RLA has 3 sections to it, a reading section, the essay and the language skills section (punctuation and understanding grammar)
- The time allowed for this test is 155 minutes (approx. 2.5 hours)

## **Mathematical Reasoning covers:**

- Approximately 45 percent of the content in the test focuses on quantitative problem solving, and approximately 55 percent focuses on algebraic problem solving.
- The test includes items that test procedural skill and fluency as well as problem solving.
- The contexts within which problem solving skills are measured were taken from both academic and workforce contexts.
- The statistics and data interpretation standards are included in the Math test
- Candidates are provided with an onscreen calculator, the Texas Instruments TI-30XS Multiview scientific calculator, for use on most of the items on the 2014 GED® Mathematics Test.
- o The Math test is in 2 parts:
  - Part 1: for the first 5 questions, no calculators are allowed
  - Part 2: for the remaining 41 questions the calculator is allowed

## **Science covers:**

- Life science (approx. 40%)
- Physical science (approx. 40%)
- Earth and space science (approx. 20%)
- The test includes items that test textual analysis and understanding, data representation and inference skills, as well as problem solving with science content.
- Approximately 50 percent of the items are presented in item scenarios, in which a single stimulus (which may be textual, graphic or a combination of both) serves to inform two to three items.
- The time allowed for the Science test is 95 minutes.

## Social Studies covers:

- Civics and government (approx. 50%)
- United States history (approx. 20%)
- o Economics (approx. 15%)
- Geography and the world (approx. 15%)
- The test includes items that assess textual analysis and understanding, data representation and inference skills, and problem solving using social studies content.
- Approximately 50 percent of the items are presented in item scenarios, in which a single stimulus (which may be textual, graphic or a combination of both) serves to inform two to three items.
- The time allowed for the Social Studies test is 75 minutes

The time allowed for the Math test is 120 minutes (2 hours)