

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GEORGIA ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS ASSESSMENTS

Test	Test Function	Material Examined	Time	Number of Items	Purpose	Reading Section	Editing Section	Essay Section
Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT) English/language arts	state achievement	sample items	180 minutes for both reading and editing; additional time allowed if student is making progress	50 multiple choice for both reading and editing	monitor student achievement toward state standards; provide high school diploma	yes	yes	no
Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT)	state achievement	sample items	90 minutes for writing section; additional time allowed if student is making progress	one open-ended writing	monitor student achievement toward state standards; provide high school diploma	no	no	yes
ACT	college admissions	full sample form	80 minutes (35 minute reading, 45 minute editing)	40 multiple choice reading; 75 multiple choice editing	Selection of students for higher education	yes	yes	no
AP Language and Composition	college admissions	full sample form	180 minutes (60 minute reading, 120 minute writing)	52 multiple choice reading; 3 open-ended (1 reading, 2 writing)	provide opportunities for high school students to receive college credit and advanced course placement	yes	no	yes

SAT I	college admissions	full sample form	75 minutes	78 multiple choice (40 reading, 38 editing)	selection of students for higher education	yes	yes	no
SAT II- literature	college admissions	full sample form	60 minutes	60 multiple choice reading	selection of students for higher education	yes	no	no
SAT II-writing	college admissions	full sample form	60 minutes (40 minute editing, 20 minute writing)	60 multiple choice editing; 1 open-ended writing	selection of students for higher education	no	yes	yes
COMPASS reading	college placement	full sample form	no time limit	number of multiple choice questions given depends upon ability	assess whether students possess entry-level reading skills	yes	no	no
COMPASS writing skills	college placement	full sample form	no time limit	number of multiple choice questions given depends upon ability	assess whether admitted students possess entry-level editing skills	no	yes	no
University of Georgia English/ language arts placement test (UOG-ELA placement test)	college placement	full sample form	one 55 minute multiple choice session for both reading and editing; one 60 minute writing	60 multiple choice for both reading and editing; 1 open-ended writing	assess whether admitted students possess entry-level English skills	yes	yes	yes