



SECTION 2

TEST I SAMPLE QUESTIONS

This section of the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators® (GACE™) Preparation Guide provides sample selected-response questions with an annotated answer key for you to review as part of your preparation for the test. The sample selected-response questions are designed to illustrate the nature of the test questions. Work through the questions carefully before referring to the annotated answer key, which follows the sample selected-response questions. The answer key provides the correct response to each question, describes why each correct response is the best answer, and lists the objective within the test framework to which each question is linked.

QUESTIONS

1. Read the poem below, "Ozymandias," by Percy Bysshe Shelley; then answer the question that follows.

I met a traveler from an antique land
Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed:
And on the pedestal these words appear:
"My name is Ozymandias¹, king of kings:
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!"
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare,
The lone and level sands stretch far away.

¹**Ozymandias:** the Greek name for Rameses II, a pharaoh who ruled Egypt during the thirteenth century B.C.E. and built many palaces and statues

A significant theme of the poem above is that rulers tend to:

- A. overestimate their abilities and influence.
- B. be easily morally corrupted by absolute power.
- C. prize their reputations for goodwill above all else.
- D. become weaker and more fallible with age.

Section 2: Test I Sample Questions

2. The fiction of Amy Tan, Jamaica Kincaid, and Bharati Mukherjee frequently examines which of the following themes?
 - A. the devastation of war and its aftermath
 - B. the expanding influence of science and technology
 - C. the hypocrisy and corruption of government
 - D. the nature of the experience of some recent immigrants
3. Which of the following characteristics of Elizabethan tragedy represents a departure from the classical Greek form of tragedy?
 - A. The main character is a person of renown, stature, or exceptional qualities.
 - B. Dialogue is written in verse and embellished with prose, song, and other artistic forms.
 - C. The tragic hero's downfall is brought about by a fatal flaw or error in judgment.
 - D. Violent acts are represented on stage, particularly during the play's final act.
4. Which of the following periods in the development of European literature was characterized by a new emphasis on the vernacular languages and a revival of classical forms?
 - A. the Middle Ages
 - B. the Renaissance
 - C. the Enlightenment
 - D. the modern age
5. The main advantage of the chapter summaries that are often found in informational and technical texts is that they:
 - A. provide readers with better summaries than they could create on their own.
 - B. indicate which ideas the writers of the text consider most important.
 - C. allow readers to skip the chapters and simply read the summaries.
 - D. include interesting information that is not in the chapters themselves.

Section 2: Test I Sample Questions

6. Structural analysis would be most effective in helping a reader determine the meaning of which of the following words?
- A. circumnavigate
 - B. blithe
 - C. charlatan
 - D. raucous
7. **Read the excerpt below; then answer the question that follows.**
8. The term *superhighway* has similar meanings and applications in the fields of transportation and:
- A. information technology.
 - B. mathematics.
 - C. political science.
 - D. agriculture.

¹More hybrid cars are appearing on U.S. roads every day. ²Registration of hybrids, which run on gasoline and electricity, is at an all-time high, and sales of one hybrid model more than doubled last year. ³The financial benefits of owning a hybrid include tax breaks and potential annual savings at the pump of hundreds of dollars. ⁴But monetary considerations are not the only incentive for purchasing a hybrid car. ⁵Most drivers of hybrids say that saving the environment is more important to them than saving money. ⁶The eagerness with which U.S. car buyers are embracing the hybrid is a good sign for both the automotive industry and the environment.

Which of the following sentences in the excerpt above states the author's opinion rather than a fact?

- A. Sentence 3
- B. Sentence 4
- C. Sentence 5
- D. Sentence 6

ANNOTATED ANSWER KEY

For question	The correct response is	Reason	Test Objective
1	A	The poem draws a contrast between the ruined statue ("Two vast and trunkless legs of stone") and the arrogance of the monarch who is its subject, expressed by the "sneer of cold command" on the "shattered visage." In his self-description on the statue's pedestal, Ozymandias shows himself to overestimate his power (calling himself "king of kings") and his "works," of which, the poem says, "Nothing... remains."	0001
2	D	These three writers are noted for their fictional explorations of the nature of the experience of recent immigrants, in works such as <i>The Joy Luck Club</i> (Amy Tan), <i>Lucy: A Novel</i> (Jamaica Kincaid), and <i>Jasmine</i> (Bharati Mukherjee).	0002
3	D	In classical Greek tragedy (e.g., <i>Oedipus the King</i> , by Sophocles) news of violence is usually reported by messengers; the dramatic focus is on the onstage characters' reaction to the news. By contrast, in Elizabethan tragedy (e.g., <i>Hamlet</i> , by William Shakespeare), violent acts often become an important part of the action on stage.	0003
4	B	A new emphasis on the use of European vernacular languages rather than Latin for literary expression and a revival of classical forms in drama and poetry were characteristic of the Renaissance. The Italian writers Petrarch (1304–1374) and Boccaccio (1313–1375) were among the pioneers both in language and in form, making use of such classical forms as satire, epic, and comedy.	0004
5	B	Chapter summaries are often placed in informational and technical texts in order to aid the reader by highlighting ideas that the authors consider most significant. Readers often use this information to decide which parts of the text to skim and which to read in depth.	0005
6	A	In structural analysis, a reader considers roots, prefixes, and suffixes within a word in order to determine the word's meaning. This technique would help a reader determine the meaning of the word <i>circumnavigate</i> , which consists of a prefix (<i>circum-</i> , meaning <i>around</i>) and a root word (<i>navigate</i> , meaning <i>sail</i>).	0006
7	D	The remark that car buyers' eager embrace of the hybrid "is a good sign" is a value judgment, an assertion of the author's opinion. Though it may be based on facts, it is not itself a statement of fact.	0007
8	A	In the transportation field, the term <i>superhighway</i> refers to a main, multilane road designed for high-volume, high-speed vehicular traffic. Similarly, in the field of information technology, <i>superhighway</i> refers to a global communication network used to send and receive very rapidly large amounts of audio, video, and textual data.	0008