



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.

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QUESTIONS

1. A running record is an oral reading assessment tool used primarily to:
 - A. measure decoding skills.
 - B. evaluate a student's phonemic awareness.
 - C. establish a student's reading level.
 - D. review reading comprehension skills.

2. A teacher begins a thematic unit on China by posting a KWL chart. He asks the students what they already know about China and what they want to know, using the information to fill in the first two columns of the chart. Students then read independently from a book that describes the life of a child growing up in a large Chinese city. After reading, the students add more information to the KWL chart. This type of activity is most likely designed to:
 - A. support students' comprehension of informational text.
 - B. improve students' vocabulary knowledge for the unit.
 - C. help students identify organizational patterns of nonfiction text.
 - D. promote students' literary response skills.

3. A student has chosen a topic for an assigned research paper. Which of the following steps should she take *first* to help her develop the topic most fully before beginning her research?
 - A. Make an outline of all the information to be included in the paper.
 - B. Write down the background information known and questions for further study.
 - C. List possible sources of information and data that can be used for this study.
 - D. Ask for advice from several people who are authorities on the topic.

4. Use the poem below, "The Eagle," by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, to answer the question that follows.

He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ringed with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

Which of the following analyses describes the role of figurative language in this poem?

- A. Understatement emphasizes the eagle's relationship to nature.
 - B. Irony encourages readers to view the eagle as dramatic.
 - C. Alliteration accentuates the texture of the eagle's perch.
 - D. Personification induces readers to imagine the eagle's speed.
5. A student is writing a report on the Cold War and has done some research to come up with a list of topics of interest. Which of the following steps would best help the student arrange the topics in accordance with their historic significance?
- A. writing a summary paragraph
 - B. developing an outline
 - C. composing a complete first draft
 - D. making a timeline of events

6. Use the sentence below to answer the question that follows.

During my free period, I wanted to rest my busy schedule would not give me time later.

Which of the following is the best revision of the underlined portion of this sentence?

- A. rest; my busy schedule
 - B. rest, and my busy schedule
 - C. rest; however, my busy schedule
 - D. rest, then my busy schedule
7. Marco and Cindy are having a discussion about a program they both saw on television. Which of the following actions is the best indicator that one person is actively listening to the other?
- A. Marco looks directly at Cindy while she is speaking.
 - B. Marco states his own opinions when Cindy is finished speaking.
 - C. Marco nods or shakes his head while Cindy is speaking.
 - D. Marco restates what Cindy has said when she is finished speaking.

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8. Which of the following is the primary role of a lobbyist in the U.S. political system?
- A. introducing bills to Congress in support of special interests
 - B. contacting government officials in order to present ideas and influence decision making
 - C. unionizing workforces and launching public interest groups
 - D. engaging in protests or demonstrations against government decisions
9. In which of the following regions do the cultures tend to be most influenced by the blending of indigenous folk traditions and Roman Catholicism?
- A. Appalachian Mountains
 - B. Canadian Maritime Provinces
 - C. Central American uplands
 - D. Pacific Northwest
10. Which of the following was a direct consequence of the Georgia Platform in 1850?
- A. A movement was formed to resist the secession of Georgia from the Union.
 - B. Resolutions were proposed to protect the trade routes of southern states.
 - C. A proposal was accepted that established Georgia's western boundary.
 - D. Regulations were instituted for the oversight of the enlistment of soldiers in the state militia.
11. Which of the following historical figures inspired Martin Luther King Jr. and his doctrine of nonviolent resistance to oppression?
- A. Malcolm X
 - B. Nelson Mandela
 - C. Eleanor Roosevelt
 - D. Mohandas Gandhi

ANNOTATED ANSWER KEY

For question	The correct response is	Reason	Test Objective
1	C	A running record is an assessment tool in which a student reads a passage aloud. The teacher follows along and keeps a written record of parameters such as words read correctly, miscues, omissions, and self-corrections. An analysis of the results can provide information about the student's reading level and instructional needs.	0001
2	A	A KWL chart is a table students can fill out with what they already <i>Know</i> about a topic, what they <i>Want</i> to know, and what they <i>Learn</i> about the topic from reading. This is an effective strategy for supporting reading comprehension because it activates students' prior knowledge, sets a purpose and context for reading, and helps students identify relevant information in the text.	0002
3	B	The first step that should be taken after choosing a topic for a research paper is to establish what is already known by the researcher about the topic and to generate research questions on which to base further research. Developing focused research questions leads to more efficient and refined research.	0003
4	C	The hard 'c' alliteration found in the first line of the poem, "He clasps the crag with crooked hands," helps to emphasize the hard, rocky texture of the eagle's mountain wall perch.	0004
5	B	Since the topics are to be arranged according to their historic significance, rather than chronologically, developing an outline would be the best strategy for organizing the information. The relationships among the topics can be seen easily in an outline, and it is a simple matter to rearrange the topics as necessary. Organizing the topics in this manner before beginning to draft the report is likely to reduce the amount of rewriting that is necessary.	0005
6	A	A semicolon provides a separation between independent clauses. The two clauses in this sentence could stand as separate sentences, but the information is closely related, and a semicolon conveys this. The other suggested revisions are not appropriate in the context of the sentence and would not accurately convey its meaning.	0006
7	D	Active listening requires that the listener attend to and process what the other person is saying in order to understand the speaker's message. A listener who does this should be able to repeat in his or her own words what the other person has said. This is also an effective way for the speaker to determine whether further explanation is needed to aid understanding.	0007

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8	B	Lobbyists in the U.S. political system are political persuaders. They typically represent organized special-interest groups or businesses. Lobbyists attempt to influence government officials to make decisions or enact legislation that is to the benefit of the groups they represent.	0008
9	C	The people living in the Central American uplands have strong cultural ties to pre-Columbian traditions. Over the centuries since Spanish explorers introduced Roman Catholicism to the region, the traditions of both have influenced the cultures of the people living there.	0009
10	A	The Georgia Platform consisted of a set of resolutions accepting the Compromise of 1850, which was an attempt at settling slavery disputes between Northern and Southern states. The Georgia Platform was not an endorsement of the compromise, but it stated that Georgia would abide by the compromise provisions in order to avoid secession from the Union.	0010
11	D	Mohandas Gandhi was the leader of the Indian Nationalist movement against the British rule of India. He is internationally respected for his promotion of nonviolent protest to achieve political and social progress. Martin Luther King Jr. and his doctrine of nonviolent resistance to oppression during the civil rights movement were influenced by Gandhi's actions.	0011