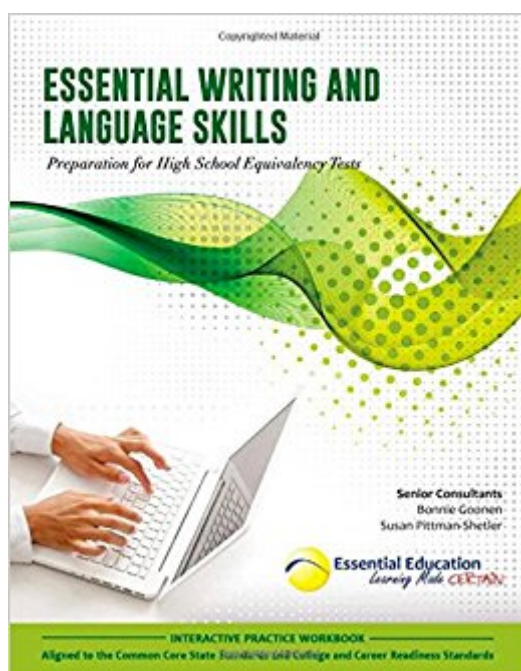


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# Essential Writing And Language Skills, Preparation For High School Equivalency Tests



## Synopsis

Increase Extended Response Scores on High School Equivalency Tests Learn strategies for developing ideas and expressing them clearly through writing. Using the Plan, Draft, Evaluate, Submit process, students develop stronger, more persuasive writing. Lessons are divided into four easy steps that connect new ideas to familiar concepts, demonstrate strategies for make writing decisions, provides practice and explains how to check the work. This 412-page book covers business, social studies, and science writing and develops extended response writing skills to prepare for the 2014 GED test, TASC Test, or HiSET exam. Aligned to Common Core and College and Career Readiness Standards, this book can be used to compliment a test preparation course or as a stand-alone study guide. Subjects covered in this book: The Writing Process: Determining Purpose and Audience, Reading and Thinking for Writing, Choosing an Organizational Structure, Developing a Thesis Statement, Drafting an Introduction, Body Paragraphs and Conclusions, Revising and Editing, Reading Critically, Language and Word Choice, Voice and Tone, Unity and Cohesion, Fluidity, Clarity, Proofreading, Publishing Organization: Short Answers, Extended Responses, Workplace Documents, Developing Ideas, Arguments and Evidence, Connecting with Claims, Drawing Conclusions Issues in Revising and Editing: Obstructions to Communication, Word Usage, Spelling, Capitalization, and Punctuation, Sentence Structure Writing Practice: Everyday Writing Practice, Reasoning through Language Arts, Social Studies and Science Writing

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I bought this book because I went to a workshop for TASC teachers and was told by the presenter that it would be very helpful to TASC math instructors. As anyone who is a TASC instructor knows, there is hardly anything out there that is of any help whatsoever to us, so I eagerly awaited the book. My hopes were high not only because of the presenter's glowing recommendation, but also because the title proudly proclaims that this book is for "Preparation for High School Equivalency Tests." Alas! Deceived again. The book is a total waste of money. I would estimate that 80% of the material in the book is basic math material at the upper middle school level. Of the other 20%, maybe half of it is even remotely relevant to the TASC math exam. What a disappointment. I will add it to the growing pile of material that I have purchased in a desperate attempt to find something that will help me prepare my students for the TASC exam.

Essential Math Skills has become my GO TO book. In our GED program we use many resources, which include online programs. However, I understand the need to have good "print" material. I like Essential Math Skills because it helps the student process the problems and recognize common mistakes we make with math. It is not just about "solving" the problem, it provides instruction on how to "understand" the problem, process, and answer. The Math is presented as an essential part of Science and Social Studies applications. This supports the concept that "math is everywhere" . My favorite section is the Practice/Worksheets. It provides a good computation overview and always provides the algebraic link which helps students understand how algebra is also everywhere. The word problems in the practice section also enhance the students' ability to think beyond the "plug and chug" . I usually do not purchase big books- I prefer the smaller, pamphlet style books- but Essential Math Skills changed my mind. I used it in ALL my lessons.

I had quite a time finding books for my daughter to study for the HiSet test. This is a new test and there are few books to help study for it. The few books out there have no reviews to help choose which books to buy. After buying a couple and sending them back, this book series is exactly what I want. The author has broken down the content of the test subject and does not just have questions to answer. For example, The first topic in the book is "The Writing Process." Under that heading are subheadings of "Plan, Draft, Evaluate." Under each of these subtopics, the author teaches how to do it. I wanted a book that taught how the HiSet wanted each subject done since they go on the common core teaching. A person cannot just get a GED book because it is a different way of learning and will not help on the HiSet test. I do not agree with how common core is taught, but if you want to pass the HiSet, the student must learn it. In my state, it is the only equivalency test

offered. This series also has books on Math, and reading skills. It is a shame this series does not also cover the science and social studies parts of the HiSet.

It is okay, but I still need to look for other resources to help the students.

I bought this for my son and it helped him with his college course. Made a good grade.

Great book.

Very helpful

This book is very beneficial for the skills needed to accomplish your GED requirements. Very easy to understand and use. Lots of practice routines .

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