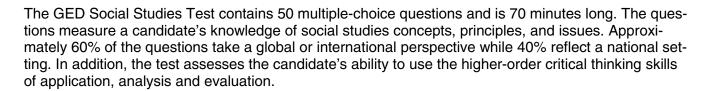
## **GED Social Studies Test**



## Content

The Social Studies Test includes questions from each of the following areas:

- History (National and World) 40%
- o Geography 15%
- o Civics and Government 25%
- o Economics 20%

Each Social Studies Test includes an excerpt from:

- A key historic document
  - Declaration of Independence
  - o U.S. Constitution
  - o Landmark Supreme Court cases
  - Federalist Papers
- A practical (real-life) document
  - Voter's guide, tax forms, political speeches
  - o Consumer information, atlases and almanacs, budget graphs

## **Format**

The multiple-choice questions on the Social Studies Tests are taken from three basic sources of materials with 60% of the questions including graphic based material.

- Prose or passages from narratives, textbooks, editorials, newspapers
- Graphic-based material including maps, charts, graphs, tables, photographs, and political cartoons.
- Prose and graphic-based material that combine items such as a narrative and map, an editorial and political cartoon, etc.

## **Cognitive Level of Questions**

The GED Social Studies Test assesses the following cognitive skill levels:

- Comprehension questions (20%) that measure the candidate's ability to understand the basic meaning and intent of a passage or graphic.
- Application questions (20%) that assess the ability to use information in a new context or situation
- Analysis questions (40%) that assess the ability to deconstruct information or understand the relationship among its basic parts.
- Evaluation questions (20%) that assess the ability to make judgments about the information based on criteria provided in the passage or graphic.