

GACE Elementary Education Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

150 Scored questions	4h Time limit	220 scaled score (scale ...) Passing score
\$193 Exam fee	Georgia Professional Sta... Governing body	— Pass rate

The numbers to remember

- Selected-response questions: 150 combined
- Constructed-response questions: 2 combined
- Testing time: 240 minutes for the combined Test I and Test II session
- Test fee: \$193 for the combined content assessment
- Score scale: 100-300
- Passing score: 220 at the induction level, 250 at the professional level
- Retake wait: 30 days after a non-passing attempt
- Format: computer delivered

Keep this list next to your keyboard tonight. Every other decision — how long to study each section, when to schedule the retest window if needed, how to pace the appointment — traces back to one of these seven numbers.

Subtests and scores

Test I breaks into Reading and Language Arts (50%), Social Studies (25%), and Analysis (25%) — and Analysis is assessed only through the exam's constructed-response items, not multiple choice. Your score report gives a single scaled number on the 100-300 range rather than a raw percentage; 220 clears the bar, but 250 is the stronger benchmark if you want margin above the minimum. Don't confuse the number of questions you got right with the scaled score — they aren't the same figure, and scaled scoring exists so results stay comparable across different test forms and dates.

High-yield review areas

- Reading and Language Arts — the single biggest content slice at half of Test I, covering phonics, comprehension, writing process, and language conventions
- Social Studies — geography, civics, economics, and historical thinking at an elementary level
- Constructed-response writing — practice outlining and answering every part of a multi-part prompt under timed conditions, since these 2 questions carry the entire Analysis area
- Pacing — rehearse the full 240-minute session at least once so time pressure isn't new on test day
- Weak-area triage — score your last practice set by content area, then spend remaining hours on your lowest bucket instead of reviewing everything evenly

Top traps

- Treating constructed-response as an afterthought — it's worth a full quarter of Test I and can't be recovered with multiple-choice guessing
- Studying every content area equally instead of weighting time toward Reading and Language Arts, which carries 50% of Test I
- Assuming a passing scaled score means you answered that percentage of questions correctly — scaled scores aren't raw percentages

- Skipping a full-length timed practice run and discovering pacing problems only during the real 240-minute session
- Forgetting the 30-day retake wait and assuming you can simply reschedule immediately after a non-pass
- Leaving selected-response items blank — an unanswered question guarantees zero credit while a guess at least has a chance

Official sources

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