

Praxis Core Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

— Scored questions	— Time limit	Each state sets its own p... Passing score
— Exam fee	Educational Testing Serv... Governing body	— Pass rate

The three subtests

- Reading (5713): 85 min · 56 questions · all selected-response on passages/statements
- Writing (5723): 100 min = 40-min 40-question selected-response + two 30-min essays
- Mathematics (5733): 90 min · 56 questions · selected-response + numeric entry
- Combined = 5752, all three in one session, \$150 · at home or test center · 4 free score recipients
- Passing scores are set by each state — check yours first; unscored pretest items are unmarked, so answer everything

Reading anchors

- Every answer is in the passage — outside-knowledge choices are traps by design
- Main idea / best title must span the WHOLE passage, not one detail
- Inference = the most modest conclusion the text supports; beware always/never/entirely
- Vocabulary in context: substitute each choice into the sentence
- Fact vs opinion = verifiable vs evaluative · transition words reveal structure (however = pivot, indeed = intensifier, first/next = sequence)
- Weakening a causal claim = find the alternative explanation or exposed assumption

Writing anchors

- SR section parts: usage · sentence correction · revision-in-context · research skills
- Subject-verb: ignore the prepositional phrase — each / every = singular; neither...nor = agree with the nearer subject
- Opening participle must modify the main-clause subject (dangling modifier)
- Series must stay parallel in tense and form · 'only' modifies what it touches
- Comma alone between independent clauses = splice; semicolon or comma + conjunction joins legally
- Case: object of preposition = me ('between you and me'); who/whoever by role inside its own clause
- Plural possessive: coaches' · affect = verb, effect = noun · hardly/scarcely already negative
- Essays (30 min each): arguable thesis + one-job paragraphs + specific support; plan 5 / write 20 / revise 5

Math anchors

- Areas: Number & Quantity · Data/Stats/Probability · Algebra & Geometry
- PEMDAS: exponents before multiply before add · signed substitution in parentheses
- Percent change base = the earlier value · sale price! = discount amount
- Median needs sorted data · mean $\times$ count = total (work backward for missing values)
- Probability = favorable/total · NOT-event = $1 - P$ · area = $l \times w$, perimeter = $2(l+w)$ · triangle angles sum 180°
- Slope = y/x · 'seven less than twice n' = $2n - 7$ (English order reverses)
- Numeric entry has no choices: estimate first, then compute

Night before

- Re-run the grammar rules and math formula rows above — they are the whole selected-response game
- Confirm your state's cut scores and your named score recipients
- At-home testers: system check, quiet room, webcam ready

Official sources

- Educational Testing Service (ETS) — Praxis Core Combined (5752) — ETS:
<https://praxis.ets.org/test/core-combined-subtests-5752.html>
- Educational Testing Service (ETS) — Praxis Core Reading (5713) — ETS:
<https://praxis.ets.org/test/core-academic-skills-for-educators-reading-5713.html>
- Educational Testing Service (ETS) — Praxis Core Writing (5723) — ETS:
<https://praxis.ets.org/test/core-academic-skills-for-educators-writing-5723.html>

Free practice questions for this exam: www.everyexamprep.com/practice/exams/education/praxis-core