



Test Framework

Paraprofessional (517)

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Content Domain	Range of Competencies	Approximate Percentage of Test Score
I. Literacy	0001–0003	34%
II. Language Arts	0004–0006	33%
III. Numeracy	0007–0009	33%

LITERACY

0001: Understand word structure and context clues to read and comprehend text.

- Use word structure (e.g., prefixes, suffixes, root words, compound words) to determine the meaning of words.
- Demonstrate knowledge of how to use word order and arrangement to determine the meaning of words and phrases in the context of a paragraph or passage.
- Determine the meaning of figurative language (e.g., similes, metaphors, idioms) in the context of a paragraph or passage.
- Identify and use words and phrases with multiple meanings in the context of a paragraph or passage.
- Identify and use synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms in the context of a sentence or paragraph.

0002: Understand the main idea and supporting details in text.

- Identify the writer's stated or implied purpose for an intended audience.
- Determine the main idea of a paragraph or passage.
- Demonstrate knowledge of content and phrasing of a passage to determine a writer's point of view and/or perspective.
- Demonstrate knowledge of methods to identify the main idea and relevant supporting details of a paragraph or passage (e.g., summarizing texts, examining the first and last sentences, sequencing vocabulary words).
- Identify key details that support, illustrate, or elaborate the main idea of a paragraph or passage.
- Identify details that are unrelated to the main idea of a text.

0003: Understand how to use basic comprehension skills.

- Distinguish between statements of fact and expressions of opinion presented in a paragraph or passage.
- Draw reasonable conclusions from information stated or implied in a paragraph or passage.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the structure or organizational elements of expository and other nonfiction texts.
- Interpret and evaluate information presented in charts, tables, diagrams, maps, and other graphic forms.

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- Make relevant inferences from information presented in a paragraph or passage.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the elements of fiction and/or narrative texts.

LANGUAGE ARTS

0004: Understand standard written English usage.

- Demonstrate knowledge of the rules of spelling and commonly misspelled words.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the rules of capitalization for proper nouns (e.g., names, titles, places).
- Demonstrate knowledge of the rules of punctuation and the standard use of punctuation marks.
- Identify rules of standard English verb usage and variations of spelling depending on the tense of the verbs.

0005: Understand grammatical structure in standard written English.

- Demonstrate knowledge of the standard use of nouns and pronouns.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the standard use of verb forms.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the standard use of adjectives and adverbs.
- Demonstrate knowledge of subject-verb agreement.
- Identify basic grammatical errors in standard written English text.

0006: Understand elements of effective writing.

- Identify purpose for writing (e.g., persuade, inform, entertain, explain).
- Demonstrate knowledge of writing organization (e.g., sequence, cause and effect, problem and solution).
- Demonstrate knowledge of prewriting planning (e.g., outlining, brainstorming, researching).
- Demonstrate knowledge of effective introductions and conclusions used in writing.
- Demonstrate knowledge of effective topic sentences and supporting details used in writing.

NUMERACY

0007: Understand number properties and number operations.

- Solve problems and make reasonable estimates for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with whole numbers, fractions, and decimals.
- Demonstrate knowledge of ways to compose and decompose (i.e., build and break down) whole numbers.
- Demonstrate knowledge of common errors in writing and solving equations and word problems.
- Identify and order different forms of numbers (e.g., integers, fractions, decimals) and locate them on a number line.
- Demonstrate knowledge of place value for whole numbers and decimal numbers.
- Solve problems and make reasonable estimates using whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percentages, and ratios.

0008: Understand algebraic principles and data analysis.

- Solve single-step and two-step equations involving one variable.
- Solve real-world mathematical problems using numerical or algebraic expressions and equations.
- Recognize and extend basic numerical and visual patterns.
- Represent data in a variety of graphical formats (e.g., tables, pie charts, line graphs, paragraphs, pictographs).
- Analyze data presented in tables, line graphs, pictographs, bar graphs, and pie charts.

0009: Understand concepts in measurement and geometry.

- Convert between units of time, money, length, mass, volume, and weight in the standard measurement system.
- Use metric units to convert units within the metric system.
- Identify and describe geometric figures based on their properties (e.g., square, circle, triangle, rectangle).
- Solve real-world word problems involving the area, perimeter, and volume of two-dimensional and three-dimensional geometric figures.
- Locate points and recognize geometric figures on a coordinate plane.

- Solve real-world problems using measurement (e.g., standard, metric).