

TESTS OF ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (TABE): Competencies/Skills tested	# of Items
READING – 25 minutes	25
Interpret Graphic Information- Interpretation of information displayed in drawings, photographs, maps, graphs or charts.	4
Words in Context- The meaning of words depends on the context in which they appear, i.e. pitcher means two different things based upon context.	4
Recall Information -Remembering information to use later.	4-5
Construct Meaning -From what you read, you can figure out the main point, compare facts or draw conclusions about the information – in other words you get a meaning from what you read.	8
Evaluate/Extend Meaning -When reading a story or article you evaluate or form an opinion about what you read.	4-5
MATH COMPUTATION – 15 minutes (no calculators allowed)	25
Multiplying and Dividing Whole Numbers	0-8
Decimals - A number that represents a part of a whole/another way of writing a fraction ($1/10 = .1$)	4
Fractions -A number that represents a part of a whole that has been divided into equal parts (ex. $2/3 = 2$ of 3 parts)	4
Integers –Positive and negative numbers. Fractions and decimals are not integers.	5
Percents – The percent symbol (%) means per hundred or divided by 100 ($16\% = 16/100$ or 16 per hundred)	4
Algebraic Operations - In algebra, letters are used to represent numbers.	0-8
APPLIED MATH – 25 minutes (calculators allowed)	25
Numeric Operations - Basic addition and subtraction	3-4
Computation in Context/Problem Solving - Solution of real life problems.	2-3
Estimation - Process of finding the approximate answer rather than an exact one.	3
Measurement - Use of rulers, scales, thermometers and clocks to find information.	3-4
Geometry - Determines the relationship, properties and measurement of all types of shapes, points, lines, angles, plane figures and solid figures.	3
Data Interpretation - Interpretation of information from graphs, charts, tables and diagrams	3-4
Statistics and Probability – A probability (or chance) tells how likely it is that an event will occur.	1-2
Pre-Algebra and Algebra- The process of finding the value of the letter or variable through addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.	4
LANGUAGE – 25 minutes	25
Usage - Usage refers to the way we use words in speaking and writing.	4-5
Sentence Formation - Formation of sentences requires a completed idea with a subject and verb.	4
Paragraph Development - A paragraph is a group of sentences that are written about a single thought or idea. It generally has a main or thesis statement followed by other sentences that support the main idea.	4
Capitalization - This section covers the rules for capitalization.	4
Punctuation- Covers the proper use of periods, question marks, exclamation points, commas and quotation marks.	4-5
Writing Conventions - Covers the rules and customs used in writing such as proper use of apostrophe, quotation marks and format of addresses and letters.	4
SUMMARY - 90 minutes plus 35 minute locator test = 2+ hours	100