

FIELD 005: ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS

SUBTEST I: READING

TEST FRAMEWORK

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0001 Apply knowledge of word structure and contexts to determine the meaning of words and phrases.

- Determine the meaning of unfamiliar or uncommon words and phrases in the context of a paragraph or passage.
- Infer the meaning of words and phrases with multiple meanings in the context of a paragraph or passage.
- Determine the meaning of figurative and connotative language in the context of a paragraph or passage.
- Identify appropriate synonyms or antonyms for words in the context of a paragraph or passage.

0002 Analyze the main idea and supporting details in a wide range of texts (e.g., fiction, nonfiction, classic, contemporary).

- Recognize the stated main idea of a paragraph or passage.
- Determine the implied main idea of a paragraph or passage.
- Determine an effective summary of a paragraph or passage and synthesize the information for appropriate applications.
- Evaluate ideas that support, illustrate, or elaborate the main idea of a paragraph or passage.
- Interpret ideas and text organized in multiple ways (e.g., outline, text map, graphic organizer).

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0003 Analyze a writer's purpose, intended audience, and point of view in a wide range of texts (e.g., fiction, nonfiction, classic, contemporary).

- Recognize a writer's stated or implied purpose for writing.
- Interpret the content, word choice, and phrasing of a passage to determine a writer's point of view/perspective.
- Identify a writer's intended audience.
- Recognize the influence a writer's choice of words or phrases may have on a reader's ideas and opinions.

0004 Apply critical reasoning skills to evaluate a wide range of texts (e.g., fiction, nonfiction, classic, contemporary).

- Analyze cause-and-effect relationships.
- Draw conclusions from information stated or implied in a paragraph or passage.
- Recognize the stated or implied assumptions on which the validity of an argument depends.
- Distinguish between fact and opinion in a paragraph or passage.
- Evaluate the writer's selection and use of various sources and evidence to support an argument.
- Assess the credibility, objectivity, or bias of the writer.
- Interpret and evaluate information presented in charts, tables, diagrams, maps, or other graphic forms.