

TESTING

TEST WINDOWS

Two test windows are scheduled during the PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon year (Round 1/Test A in November, and Round 2/Test B in January). These test windows are modeled after those suggested by USAD. These test windows are for test security purposes. Local school districts are strongly encouraged to plan local testing within these prescribed test windows. Each test window is sufficiently long to provide adequate time for completing all testing. The State Director must approve local testing done outside the test window at least one month prior to the scheduled test window.

What test(s) should we participate in?

PRACTICE TESTS

The Curriculum Package from USAD contains a Practice Test Booklet and MP3 music files. Additional Practice Test options are available to purchase. Visit the USAD website at www.usad.org for ordering information. Practice tests may be administered by the team coach.

SCRIMMAGE AND COMPETITION TESTS

Official tests for local and district levels competitions (Round1/Test A and Round 2/Test B) come from the PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon and may not be administered by the team coach. Indicating your test dates on the form provided on the website (www.pageinc.org/gad) is part of your district's season registration process. More information explaining the process of submitting your test dates, planning for Test Security, who should do the testing, and USAD Guidelines regarding the administration of USAD tests, can be found in the District-Level Competition tabbed section.

All official tests must be secure and cannot be used for practice or study by the team or team coach(es). They must be destroyed within 24 hours after competition use. Tests may be requested by a coach, but must be sent to the school principal or a coordinator/administrator designated to handle the competition. **They are NEVER to be in the hands of the team coach or decathletes.**

A sample of the Answer Form used at state competition for the subject area tests is at the end of this tabbed section.

Chewing gum is not permitted in the testing rooms.

Each test is thirty minutes long.

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GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTERING PAGE GAD TESTS at DISTRICT-LEVEL COMPETITION

The following guidelines are provided to district-level coordinators responsible for testing at local school or district-level events.

1. Each participating school district, individual school or private school must have an Academic Decathlon Coordinator to be in charge of administering the Academic Decathlon tests. **Academic Decathlon team coach(es) is/are not permitted to administer or see any of the AD tests.**
2. The Academic Decathlon Coordinator is responsible for destroying the decathlon tests within 24 hours after the completion of the tests. Destroying the tests can be in the form of shredding, burning, or recycling as long as recycling ensures that no one has access to the tests.
3. Tests are not to be used for coaching purposes, for studying, or for preparation for competition.
4. There are seven objective tests. One copy of each is provided to the district-level coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for duplicating enough tests for all team members participating in the decathlon event.
5. Each test should be given separately, one test at a time, in the same format in which they are given at state competition. It is suggested that district competition follow state competition order for the tests – art, music, economics, mathematics, social science, science, and literature.
6. There are 50 questions per test with the exception of mathematics which has 35 questions.
7. Calculators are permitted to be used for the mathematics test ONLY. Only those calculators permitted per the USAD Calculator Policy can be used. (A copy of this policy can be found in the “Testing” tabbed section of the *PAGE GAD Coaches’ Manual*, or the United States Academic Decathlon website (www.usad.org). Georgia follows the national policy.
8. Each test period is 30 minutes long.
9. Students can respond on the official USAD Scantron or Apperson answer form, any type of 50-item test response form regularly used by high schools for testing purposes, or by paper and pencil. It is recommended that a form be selected that facilitates easy and rapid scoring in order to provide quick feedback to the team members and coaches regarding student scores on the various tests.
10. **REMINDER: Do not return tests to students or coaches.**

District-level coordinators should also consult the tabbed section, “Running a District-level Program” that is a part of the *PAGE GAD Coaches’ Manual*. This section of the manual provides more detail about how to organize a district-level event.

The United States Academic Decathlon® Calculator Policy for Curriculum Year 2020-2021*

**This policy applies for the United States Academic Decathlon® National Competition. Please contact your state director regarding the calculator policy that will apply at your local, regional, and state competitions.*

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The United States Academic Decathlon® has always endeavored to reflect current high school curriculum and instruction in our competitions. Recent surveys of calculator use in high schools nationwide indicate that calculators are now used in the vast majority of high school mathematics courses across the country, and our decision to allow calculators is consistent with this practice in math instruction.

After reviewing the policies of the major testing institutions and consulting state directors, the United States Academic Decathlon® has adapted MOST of the American College Testing (ACT) and College Board (SAT program) guidelines for calculator use as stated below.

I. Competitors May Use Calculators for the Mathematics Test

If competitors wish to use calculators on the United States Academic Decathlon® mathematics test and or Super Quiz™, they are responsible for bringing them to the test and/or Super Quiz™ Relay. Calculators will not be provided for students who do not bring their own. Calculator use is permitted only for mathematics and Super Quiz™ Relay; competitors will not be allowed to use calculators on any other test.

II. Permissible Calculators

If a competitor wishes to use a calculator, it can be a basic, four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator, provided it has none of the features listed in Section III below.

Calculator models with non-QWERTY keyboard are allowed. **Calculators with alphanumeric keys (such as the TI-Nspire and TI-84 plus) are acceptable.**

During the mathematics test, competitors are not permitted to refer to information that was stored in their graphing calculator memory prior to the test. Students wishing to utilize their graphing calculator's memory function during the mathematics test will be required to have the memory erased prior to entering the testing room and at the completion of the mathematics test.

III. Prohibited Calculators

Calculators with any of the following features are **NOT** allowed in the United States Academic Decathlon® competitions:

- pocket organizers
- hand-held or laptop computers
- electronic writing pads or pen-input devices
- models with QWERTY keyboard-like keypad, e.g. **TI-92 or HP-95**
- models with paper tape
- models that make noise

- models that can engage in wireless communication (transfer data or information with other calculators)
- models that require a power cord
- **models with CAS (computer algebra systems), e.g. TI-89 TI-Nspire CAS**

Because companies are continuously introducing new products, it would be impossible for the United States Academic Decathlon® to maintain an up-to-date list of specific model numbers that possess these features.

If a competitor is uncertain whether a particular calculator will be allowed, the student should bring a backup that does not possess any of the features in question. No backup calculator will be provided for any competitor whose calculator is disallowed. Backup calculators that are approved by USAD may be taken into the testing arena, but can only be used if the primary approved calculator fails.

IV. Competing without a Calculator

Competitors may opt to take the Mathematics Test without a calculator, however, the United States Academic Decathlon® is suggesting competitors use a basic, scientific, or graphing calculator for solving the mathematics test items.

V. Calculator Failure During a Test

If a competitor's calculator stops working during a test, the student should continue taking the test without a calculator. No additional calculator will be provided, and the competitor will not be allowed to take the test again later. However, as noted in Section III above, a competitor may bring a backup calculator and/or spare batteries to the test.

USA U.S. ACADEMIC DECATHLON ANSWER SHEET

Student's Name	Date
Subject	Room Number

Marking Instructions

USE NO. 2 PENCIL ONLY

• Example (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

- Make **Dark and Complete** Marks
- **Erase Completely** to Change
- Make No Stray Marks

Student ID Number

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1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7
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Test ID

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| 2. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 22. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 42. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 3. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 23. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 43. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 4. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 24. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 44. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 5. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 25. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 45. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
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| 8. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 28. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 48. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
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| 12. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 32. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | |
| 13. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 33. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | |
| 14. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 34. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | |
| 15. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 35. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | |
| 16. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 36. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | |
| 17. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 37. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | |
| 18. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 38. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | |
| 19. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 39. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | |
| 20. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 40. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | |