



TESTS OF ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

TABE Activity Booklet

TABE 11&12

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Using TABE 11&12 Locator Test results to determine appropriate pretest

Reading	Math	Language	TABE Level
0-5	0-5	0-5	E
6-11	6-9	6-10	M
12-15	10-12	11-13	D
16-19	13-16	14-16	A

TABE 11&12 Locator Results:

1. Sandra got 10 correct on the Reading test. What pretest should be administered? _____
2. Jamal got 6 correct on the Math test. What pretest should be administered? _____
3. Nelly got 8 correct on the Language test. What pretest should be administered? _____
4. Richard got 12 correct on the Reading test. What pretest should be administered? _____
5. Andrea got 11 correct on her Language test. What pretest should be administered? _____
6. Molly got 13 correct on her Math test. What pretest should be administered? _____

Looking at the tests

- When administering the tests, the proctor must read the instructions verbatim – found in the Test Directions

Practice:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. a. _____
b. _____

Table 19. Mathematics Level E

Raw Score	Form 11			Form 12		
	Scale Score	SEM	NRS Level	Scale Score	SEM	NRS Level
0	310	46	1	310	53	1
1	318	41	1	310	53	1
2	347	28	1	310	53	1
3	364	22	1	340	40	1
4	376	19	1	362	31	1
5	385	17	1	377	25	1
6	394	16	1	389	21	1
7	401	15	1	398	19	1
8	407	14	1	406	17	1
9	413	14	1	413	16	1
10	419	13	1	419	15	1
11	424	13	1	425	14	1
12	429	13	1	431	14	1
13	434	12	1	436	14	1
14	439	12	1	441	14	1
15	444	12	1	446	14	1
16	448	12	1	451	14	2
17	453	12	2	456	14	2
18	457	12	2	462	14	2
19	462	12	2	467	15	2
20	467	13	2	473	15	2
21	472	13	2	478	15	2
22	477	13	2	484	16	2
23	482	14	2	491	17	2
24	488	14	2	498	17	3
25	494	15	2	505	18	3
26	500	16	3	512	19	3
27	508	17	3	521	20	3
28	516	18	3	530	22	3
29	525	20	3	536+	24	3
30	536	22	3	536+	26	3
31	536+	26	3	536+	30	3

Jaime scored 18 on his Level E (Form 12) Math test.

1. What is his scale score? _____
2. What is his SEM? _____
3. What is his NRS Level? _____

Table 29. Reading Level M

Raw Score	Form 11			Form 12		
	Scale Score	SEM	NRS Level	Scale Score	SEM	NRS Level
0	N/A	N/A	O/R	N/A	N/A	O/R
1	N/A	N/A	O/R	N/A	N/A	O/R
2	N/A	N/A	O/R	N/A	N/A	O/R
3	N/A	N/A	O/R	N/A	N/A	O/R
4	N/A	N/A	O/R	N/A	N/A	O/R
5	N/A	N/A	O/R	N/A	N/A	O/R
6	N/A	N/A	O/R	N/A	N/A	O/R
7	N/A	N/A	O/R	N/A	N/A	O/R
8	442-	14	2	442-	15	2
9	442-	14	2	442-	15	2
10	442-	14	2	442	15	2
11	442	14	2	447	14	2
12	447	13	2	452	14	2
13	451	13	2	457	13	2
14	455	13	2	461	13	2
15	459	12	2	465	13	2
16	463	12	2	469	13	2
17	467	12	2	473	13	2
18	471	12	2	477	13	2
19	474	12	2	481	13	2
20	478	12	2	485	13	2
21	482	12	2	489	13	2
22	485	12	2	493	13	2
23	489	13	2	497	13	2
24	493	13	2	501	13	3
25	497	13	2	505	14	3
26	501	13	3	509	14	3
27	505	14	3	514	14	3
28	509	14	3	518	15	3
29	514	15	3	523	15	3
30	519	15	3	528	16	3

Sally scored 7 on her Reading (Form 11).

1. Is this a valid score? _____
2. What is your recommendation? _____

Jolene scored 20 on her Reading (Form 12).

1. What is her scale score? _____
2. What is her NRS level? _____

Table 29. Reading Level M (continued)

Raw Score	Form 11			Form 12		
	Scale Score	SEM	NRS Level	Scale Score	SEM	NRS Level
32	529	17	3	538	17	4
33	535	17	3	544	18	4
34	541	18	4	550	18	4
35	548	19	4	557	20	4
36	555	21	4	564	21	4
37	563	22	4	572	22	4
38	572	23	4	575+	24	4
39	575+	25	4	575+	27	4
40	575+	28	4	575+	30	4
41	575+	30	4	575+	34	4
42	575+	35	4	575+	39	4
43	575+	41	4	575+	48	4
44	575+	52	4	575+	61	4
45	575+	75	4	575+	78	4
46	575+	78	4	575+	78	4
47	575+	78	4	575+	78	4

Talia scored 34 on Reading (Form 12).

1. What is her scale score? _____
2. What is her NRS level? _____

Jorge scored 42 on Reading (Form 11).

1. What is his scale score? _____
2. Can you report this score? _____

TABE 11&12 NRS Levels and Scale Scores

Literacy Level	NRS Level	Reading SS	Language SS	Math SS	TABE Level
Beginning ABE Lit.	1	300–441	300–457	300–448	L
Beginning Basic Ed	2	442–500	458–510	449–495	E
Low Int. Basic Ed	3	501–535	511–546	496–536	M
High Int. Basic Ed	4	536–575	547–583	537–595	D
Low Adult Sec. Ed	5	576–616	584–630	596–656	A
High Adult Sec. Ed	6	617–800	631–800	657–800	

1. Darien scored 462 on his Reading pretest and 510 on his Reading posttest. Is this a level gain? _____
2. Scott score 462 on his Language pretest and 510 on his Language pretest. Is this a level gain? _____
3. Willow scored 462 on her Math pretest and 510 on her Math posttest. Is this a level gain? _____

Reading

	NRS Level 1	NRS Level 2	NRS Level 3	NRS Level 4	NRS Level 5	NRS Level 6
TABE L	300-441	442-541	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TABE E	310-441	442-500	501-535	n/a	n/a	n/a
TABE M	n/a	442-500	501-535	536-575	n/a	n/a
TABE D	n/a	n/a	501-535	536-575	576-616	n/a
TABE A	n/a	n/a	n/a	536-575	576-616	617-800

Mathematics

	NRS Level 1	NRS Level 2	NRS Level 3	NRS Level 4	NRS Level 5	NRS Level 6
TABE L	300-448	448-485	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TABE E	310-448	449-495	496-536	n/a	n/a	n/a
TABE M	n/a	454-495	496-536	537-595	n/a	n/a
TABE D	n/a	n/a	501-536	537-595	596-656	n/a
TABE A	n/a	n/a	n/a	537-595	596-656	657-800

Language

	NRS Level 1	NRS Level 2	NRS Level 3	NRS Level 4	NRS Level 5	NRS Level 6
TABE L	300-457	458-510	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TABE E	310-457	458-510	511-546	n/a	n/a	n/a
TABE M	n/a	459-510	511-546	547-583	n/a	n/a
TABE D	n/a	n/a	513-546	547-583	584-630	n/a
TABE A	n/a	n/a	n/a	549-583	584-630	531-800

1. Nicole scored 500 on her Reading pretest, and 501 on her Reading post-test. Is this a level gain? _____
2. Clint scored 501 on his Reading pretest, and 535 on his Reading post-test. Is this a level gain? _____
3. Saba scored 543 on her Language pretest, and 578 on her Language post-test. Is this a level gain? _____
4. Marcus scored 540 on his Math pretest, and 580 on his Math post-test. Is this a level gain? _____

True or False?

1. _____ TABE is suitable for adult students who read below the ninth-grade level.
2. _____ Programs must immediately transition to TABE 11&12.
3. _____ You should use the TABE 11&12 Locator Test to screen students to determine the appropriate pretest to administer.
4. _____ It is not important to read the test directions to the students exactly as printed.
5. _____ Testing accommodations for disabled students are required by law.
6. _____ A student should be allowed any accommodation he or she wants to use.
7. _____ Sometimes it is OK to show an examinee a few test questions before an assessment actually starts.
8. _____ Test administrators should never let examinees take breaks during the administration of a TABE test.

Answers

Page 2 – Determining Pretest

1. Level M
2. Level M
3. Level M
4. Level D
5. Level D
6. Level A

Page 3

1. B
2. C
3. D
4. D
5. a. D
b. D

Page 4

1. 462
2. 14
3. Level 2

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Sally

1. No
2. Retest with Level E

Jolene

1. 485
2. Level 2 High Intermediate

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Talia

1. 550
2. Level 4

Jorge

1. 575
2. Yes (But would consider retesting with Level D – definitely next test will need to be Level D)

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1. Darien – Yes (level 2 to Level 3)
2. Scott – No (Both in Level 2)
3. Willow – Yes –(Level 2 to Level 3)

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1. Nicole – Yes (Level 2 to Level 3)
2. Clint – No (Both In Level 3)
3. Saba – Yes (Level 3 to Level 4)
4. Marcus – No (Both in Level 4)

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1. True
2. False. TABE 9&10 is approved through June 30, 2019.
3. True.
4. False. Standardized test rules require that the test directions be used exactly as printed.
5. True
6. False
7. False
8. False. Examinees may break between tests, but not during a test.