

Verizon Life Span Literacy Matrix: Adult Literacy Measures

Test - Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE), Forms 9&10

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Purpose – TABE 9&10 assesses basic reading, mathematics and language skills, and includes optional spelling, vocabulary and language mechanics tests.

Population – Although TABE items were specifically designed for adults, the scale scores are linked statistically to the California Achievement Tests, Fifth Edition (CAT/5) which was created for k-12 students.

Time

The TABE 9&10 Survey takes about 2 hours, and the Complete Battery takes about 3.5 hours.

Description

The TABE 9&10 is designed to assess adult basic skills in vocabulary, reading, language, language mechanics, mathematics, and spelling. It is a commercially produced multiple-choice test with answer booklets, color-coded answer sheets, and supporting materials. It offers:

- Tests of basic education achievement
- A flexible component selection system, including an interview form and locator test
- Multiple levels, including pre-literacy
- A complete Battery version with detailed diagnostics-Survey version for screening purposes

Benefits

TABE 9&10 provides:

- A means for measuring student progress with pre-and post-testing
- Flexible tools to assess a diverse student population
- Relevant content to engage and motivate test takers
- Easy-to-understand scores

TABE 9&10 scores for Levels D (Difficult) and A (Advanced) predict performance on the GED. Programs that use the National Reporting System can use TABE to demonstrate student progress toward literacy, education, and job-related goals.

Validity/Reliability

TABE 9&10 were piloted on thousands of adult students to make sure the test items are true indicators of student abilities. The scores reveal student mastery of topics similar to those covered by the new GED or if more instruction and practice are required.

Cost

TABE 9&10 Review Kit - \$34.00

TABE 9&10 LOC/PRAC Test (pkg/25) – 61.00

TABE 9&10 Word List - \$28.00

Other test materials and prices are available on the publisher's Web site.

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Note:

TABE Espanol is also available to assess the reading, language, and mathematics skills of Spanish-speaking adults