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INTRODUCTION

This Study Guide was specifically designed for persons preparing to take the Georgia Teacher Certification Test (TCT) in Hearing Impaired. The test was developed by the National Evaluation System, Inc., and educators in the state of Georgia. The test covers four subareas: Anatomy, Physiology and Physics of Sound; Audiological Interpretation, Etiology and Identification; Amplification, Language and Communications; Other Skills.

This Study Guide has been organized by these subareas and follows the sequential order found within the published content objectives of the TCT in Hearing Impaired. The guide contains an alphabetical list of references to the test objectives for each of the four test subareas.

This listing of numerous sources does not mean that all are needed to grasp a particular concept or meet a given objective. Some examinees will have better access to certain sources than to other sources. Additionally, certain readings cover several topics. The references given are suggested references only and are not intended to be an exhaustive or complete listing.

TEST FORMAT

1. The TCT items are multiple choice or fill-in.
2. There are no penalties for guessing when unsure of an answer.
3. Examinees are given 3½ hours of actual test time, but may request up to an additional hour at the end of the session.
4. The total score determines pass/fail. The subarea scores are listed for your information only.
Examinees wanting specific help with test-taking skills should ask for assistance from their college/university counseling center and/or refer to one or more of the references listed below:


I. ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY AND PHYSICS OF SOUND

A. Objective

Identify the primary components and functions of the auditory mechanism.

Analyze the functions of the diaphragm and lungs as the sources of sound.

Analyze the functions of the larynx and vocal cords in the process of phonation.

Identify the elements involved in articulation.

Analyze the relationship of the central nervous system to the vocal mechanism.

Demonstrate an understanding of the generation, transmission, and reception of sound waves.

Demonstrate an understanding of frequency and intensity as physical attributes of sound measurement.

B. Recommended Readings


II. AUDIOLOGY AND AMPLIFICATION

A. Objective

Demonstrate an understanding of the definitions and characteristics of the different degrees of hearing loss.

Demonstrate an understanding of the nature and symptoms of conductive hearing loss.
Identify the causes of hearing impairment (congenital, traumatic, drug of disease-related, other).

Identify additional handicapping conditions which commonly occur with hearing impairment.

Identify behaviors which indicate that a student should be tested for possible hearing impairment.

Demonstrate an understanding of the types of assessment that should be conducted with a person suspected of suffering from a hearing impairment.

Differentiate between body and ear-level hearing aids.

Identify the major parts of a hearing aid (microphone, receiver, cord, ear mold, battery, switches).

Identify the types and parts of auditory training units.

Identify the functions of amplification units.

Demonstrate an understanding of the teacher's responsibility for maintaining amplification equipment and for troubleshooting when problem arise.

B. Recommended Readings


III. LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Objective

Analyze the components of language (syntax, morphology, semantics, phonology, and idioms).

Distinguish among the receptive, expressive, semantic, and syntactic aspects of normal language acquisition.

Analyze the difficulties of the hearing impaired in acquiring receptive language.

Analyze the difficulties of the hearing impaired in acquiring expressive language.

Analyze the difficulties of the hearing impaired in acquiring syntactic language acquisition (basic structure and transformation).

Analyze the difficulties experienced by the hearing impaired in acquiring semantic language (lexicon, semantic rules, discourse).

Distinguish among the major methods of language assessment appropriate for the hearing impaired child.

Identify the methods and uses of a "natural" language instructional approach.

Identify the methods and uses of a "structural" approach to teaching language to the hearing impaired.

Analyze the supra-segmental elements of speech (e.g., pitch, intensity, phrasing, etc.).

Analyze the factors involved in the pronunciation of vowel sounds.

Analyze the factors involved in the pronunciation of consonants.

Distinguish among the different methods of assessing speech.

Identify the types and uses of orthographic systems.

Compare the major instructional approaches for teaching speech to the hearing impaired.
Differentiate between the synthetic and analytic approaches to speech reading.

Interpret an audiogram in terms of pure-tone and formant information.

Interpret an audiogram in terms of pure-tones and speech awareness threshold (SAT).

Interpret an audiogram in terms of speech reception threshold (SRT) and speech discrimination scores.

Identify the components of auditory processing.

Distinguish among the major sign language systems currently in use.

Demonstrate an understanding of special characteristics of the hearing impaired in regard to reading and writing.

Distinguish among the different communication methods.

B. Recommended Readings


IV. OTHER SKILLS

A. Objective

Identify major figures and events in the treatment and education of the hearing impaired (e.g., Gallaudet, Bell, Clarke).

Compare the advantages and disadvantages of different types of educational settings for hearing impaired children (e.g., residential day school, day class).

Identify the different types of schools (e.g., public, private, state) that provide services for hearing impaired students.

Identify the titles and responsibilities of different types of teachers of the hearing impaired.

Analyze the roles of support personnel in the education of hearing impaired students.

Demonstrate knowledge of the special services which are offered to hearing impaired persons and their families.

Demonstrate an understanding of the provisions of federal and state legislation and their influence on the education of hearing impaired students.

Demonstrate knowledge of the provisions of the Adequate Program for Education in Georgia (APEC).

Identify the names and functions of the major professional associations and organizations in the hearing impaired field.
Analyze the factors involved in developing and implementing Individualized Education Programs.

Identify factors which should be considered when designing, selecting, or modifying curriculum or instructional materials for use with the hearing impaired.

Demonstrate an understanding of behavior modification.

Analyze the advantages and disadvantages of group and individual instruction.

Analyze the issues involved in mainstreaming hearing impaired students.

Identify the uses of learning centers with hearing impaired students.

Identify the types and uses of instructional equipment.

3. Recommended Readings


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