

# THE ACHIEVERS

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For Adult Learners

GED/HiSET Preparation & Skills Building Courses (TABE)

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### 2019-2010 Math & Writing Seminar

There are many exciting things happening at YOURpath. Among them are our fall, winter, and spring Math and Writing Seminars. Students now have the opportunity to select a day and time to attend one of our seminars at their

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own convenience. As our students continue to build their academic knowledge and skills through their online personalized coursework and reinforce their learning through our content resources page, they now have the opportunity to also receive extra support through our

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Math and Writing Seminars. These seminars are intended to strengthen students' skills in these subject areas by effectively aligning the content materials with the standards in terms of what students will need to know in order to successfully pass the official GED/HiSET exam. The materials in our math



### STUDENT RECOGNITION!

Last quarter has been one of our most exciting academic seasons to date. We have seen many successes in terms of students' level of commitment and accountability and these students should be extremely proud of themselves as we are of them. First, Congratulations to **Ms. Chhaya** on successfully PASSing her Official HiSET social studies and essay writing exams! Congratulations to **Mrs.**

**Billi** on successfully PASSing her HiSET science exam! Congratulations to **Ms. Lynda** on successfully PASSing her official HiSET Language Arts exam! Excellent work to all of our Testers! Also, Congratulations to our TOP performing students for consistently meeting, exceeding or superseding weekly study hours expectation: **Ms. Chhaya, Mr. Fitzroy** (new student), **Ms. Rina** (new student), and **Mr. Tyrone** (new student). Excellent work on demonstrating your commitment to achieving your personal academic/career goals. Lastly, this quarter we enrolled 8 new students. Welcome to all of our new students! We are excited to have you and look forward to your success in the program. **Great Work Students!**

Essay Writing Check list

	Do you have?	YES	NO
PARAGRAPH 1	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> Clearly state your position (which side of the topic do you agree with?) 2 Main Ideas (What are the 2 points you will discuss in the body of your paper?)		
PARAGRAPH 2	Transition into Main Idea 1 (e.g. First) <b>BODY</b> Main Idea 1 (Your point #1) Textual Evidence Life experience		
PARAGRAPH 3	Transition into Main Idea #2 (e.g. Next) Main Idea 2 (Your point #2) Textual Evidence Life experience		
PARAGRAPH 4	Transition into Counter-argument (e.g. Some people argue...) Present the other side's position on the topic Transition into your rebuttal (e.g. On the other hand, Contrarily) Argue against the other side's position		
PARAGRAPH 5	Transition into your conclusion (e.g. Overall, Finally, To sum it up, in summary) <b>CONCLUSION</b> Restate your position & Thesis (which are Main Idea 1 & 2) Leave a lasting impression on your readers regarding your position on the topic		
	***GOOD JOB (if you answered yes to everything above)!		

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seminar cover topics such as number senses and operation, algebra, geometry, data analysis and probability with a focus on word problems. The materials in our the Writing Seminar focus on applying the various components of an essay to include the essay's introduction (i.e. background and thesis), body (i.e. main ideas, supportive statements, and counter-argument/rebuttal) and conclusion (i.e. restatement of the position statement (thesis) and summary of main points). We use this opportunity to familiarize students with the official GED/HiSET rubric so that they have an understanding of how their essay will be evaluated for scoring. We have been fortunate to witness enormous success from our essay writing/coaching as students' essays have improved from a rubric score of 0 to 3 and 4 levels of proficiency. Both, our Math and Writing Seminars are an excellent way for our adult students to receive reinforcement in these subject areas and feel comfortable with asking questions and getting an on the spot response to help bridge their gap in knowledge.

### What's New at YOURpath?

New and exciting things are continuing to take place at YOURpath.

- **Student Satisfaction Surveys:** Again, this quarter our students have shared very positive feedback in terms of their satisfaction with our program & services. To read our positive review, [click here!](#)
- **New Board:** Welcome to our new Board Secretary and Student Representative, Ms. Chhaya Cook. We are excited to have you as a Member of the Board and look forward to your contributions!
- **Opportunities:** YOURpath is currently seeking volunteers to help with our instructional program. If you have a passion for education and helping others achieve their goals and aspirations, we encourage you to [contact us](#). All volunteer positions have the potential to advance into future employment opportunities. Additionally, YOURpath is currently seeking to expand its Board. If you are interested in acting as a committee board member, feel free to [contact us](#). We would love to hear from you!

## HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASONS!

### Welcome OCTOBER!

Excerpt from *The Raven* by Edgar Allen Poe



*"Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary,  
Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore,  
While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping,  
As of some one gently rapping, rapping at my chamber door.  
'Tis some visitor," I muttered, "tapping at my chamber door-  
Only this, and nothing more."*

### Welcome NOVEMBER!



Thanksgiving by Langston Hughes

*"When the night winds whistle through the trees  
and blow the crisp brown leaves a-crackling down,  
When the autumn moon is big and yellow-orange and round,  
When old Jack Frost is sparkling on the ground,  
It's Thanksgiving Time!"*

**Welcome DECEMBER!**



*Christmas Spirit* by Kelly Roper

*"The smell of pine boughs fills the air,  
Pretty silver bells tinkle everywhere.  
Sparkling snow covers the ground,  
Christmas spirit is all around."*

## **OTHER "NEW" PUBLICATION RELEASES**

- [GED/HISET MATH: COMBINING LIKE TERMS & USING DISTRIBUTIVE METHOD](#)
- [GED/HISET: IT'S HAPPENING AT YOURPATH](#)
- [GED/HISET: INTRO. TO ESSAY WRITING SEMINAR](#)
- Be sure to Subscribe to our **YOUTUBE** Channel for updated releases!

## GED/HISET

### Test YOUR Knowledge

### Fill in the Blank

1. The chemical process used in plants to convert energy in the form of sunlight into chemical energy in the form of sugar or other carbohydrates, as represented by the equation:  $6\text{CO}_2 + 12\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Light Energy} \Rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + 6\text{O}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is called:  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. The three different phases of photosynthesis are: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The human body is composed of how many major organs? \_\_\_\_\_
4. In November of 1620, Pilgrims and other groups arrived at Cape Cod on the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What are the two forms of democracy? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ is used as alternative method to solve quadratic equations when other methods are too difficult.
7. When solving the following expression:  $(x^2+4)+(3x^2+4x+2)$ , when  $x=5$ , you get: \_\_\_\_\_?
8. When tossing a coin, the probability of getting either heads or tails is:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
9. Your is an adjective because it shows: \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The name of a specific person, place or thing is called: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Word Bank:** Light phase, indirect, photosynthesis, mayflower, dark phase, ownership, photorespiration, direct, quadratic formula, 110, 112, 10, 11, 5%, 25%, 100%, 50%, proper noun, common noun