

## FTCE General Knowledge Test (GKT) Reading Study Guide

### Test Format:

- 40 multiple-choice questions
    - 55-minute time limit
  - Passing score: 200 (scaled)
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### Domains Covered on the FTCE GKT Reading Test

#### 1. Key Ideas & Details (35%)

##### Skills Tested:

- Identifying main ideas & supporting details
- Making logical inferences
- Summarizing & paraphrasing

##### Sample Question:

*Read the passage:*

"The American Revolution was not just a war for independence but also a struggle over ideas. Enlightenment thinkers like John Locke influenced the colonists' belief in natural rights, which later shaped the Declaration of Independence."

##### What is the main idea of this passage?

- (A) The American Revolution was a long war.
- (B) Enlightenment ideas influenced the Revolution.
- (C) John Locke wrote the Declaration of Independence.
- (D) Natural rights were only an American concept.

☒ **Answer: (B)** (*The passage focuses on Enlightenment influence.*)

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#### 2. Craft & Structure (30%)

##### Skills Tested:

- Analyzing word choice & tone
- Understanding text structure (cause/effect, compare/contrast)
- Interpreting figurative language

##### Sample Question:

*Read the sentence:*

"The politician's speech was a **torrent** of promises, sweeping the crowd into a frenzy."

##### What does "torrent" suggest about the speech?

- (A) It was boring.
- (B) It was overwhelming and forceful.
- (C) It was short and quiet.

- (D) It was fact-based.

✓ **Answer: (B)** (*A "torrent" implies a flood-like intensity.*)

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### 3. Integration of Knowledge & Ideas (35%)

#### Skills Tested:

- Comparing multiple texts
- Evaluating arguments & evidence
- Analyzing graphs/charts paired with text

#### Sample Question:

*Read two passages:*

**Passage 1:** "Solar energy is clean and renewable but requires expensive infrastructure."

**Passage 2:** "Fossil fuels are cheaper now but contribute to climate change."

**Which statement best compares the two passages?**

- (A) Both passages reject alternative energy.
- (B) Passage 1 discusses costs; Passage 2 discusses the environment.
- (C) Both passages prioritize cost over the environment.
- (D) Passage 1 supports fossil fuels; Passage 2 supports solar energy.

✓ **Answer: (B)** (*Passage 1 focuses on solar's cost; Passage 2 on fossil fuels' environmental impact.*)

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#### Quick Study Tips

1. **Active Reading:** Underline main ideas & key details as you read.
2. **Context Clues:** Use surrounding text to guess unfamiliar words.
3. **Practice Timing:** Spend  $\leq 1$  minute per question; flag hard ones for review.
4. **Focus on Evidence:** Correct answers are always supported by the passage.

#### Need more practice? Try these:

- **Official FTCE Practice Test:** [Florida DOE FTCE Resources](#)
- **Free Reading Comprehension Drills:** [Khan Academy SAT Reading](#)