English / Language Arts
Review of Commonly Tested Skills

Vocabulary
Word Parts, Vocabulary in Context, Dictionary Entries, Multiple Meaning Words

Grammar and Writing Mechanics
Parts of Speech, Subject-Verb Agreement, Fragments and Run-Ons, Capitalization and Punctuation

Reading Comprehension
Main Idea, Author’s Purpose, Important Information, Summarizing

Listening
Active Listening, Listening for Sequence and Details, Taking Notes (Determining the important points to focus on when taking notes)

Inferential Thinking
Inferences, Predicting, Conclusions, Cause and Effect

Nonfiction Texts
Types of Nonfiction, Topic and Main Idea, Author's Purpose, Facts vs. Opinions, Evaluating Web Sites for Validity and Bias

Literary Texts
Literary Genres, Author’s Purpose, Elements of Fiction, Literary Devices

Poetic Texts
Types of Verse, Sound and Rhythm, Poetic Devices, Types of Poems

Functional Passages
Advertisements, Outlines, Instructions, Charts and Graphs

Graphic Organizers
Quality Charts, Venn Diagrams, Sequence Charts, Webs

Comparing Texts
Comparing Messages, Genres, Points of View, and Elements

General Writing
Knowing your Audience, Supporting your Arguments, Maintaining your Focus

Essay Writing
Understanding the Task, Writing Thesis Statements, Supporting your Thesis, Proofreading