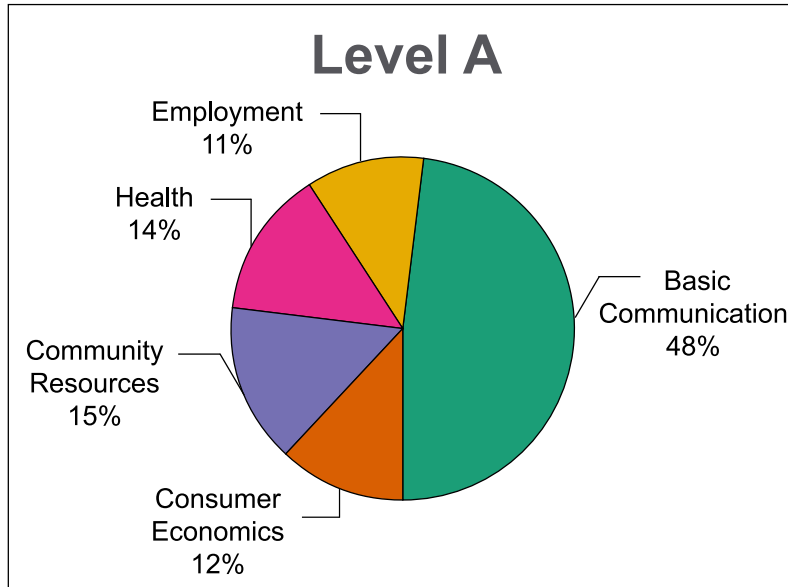


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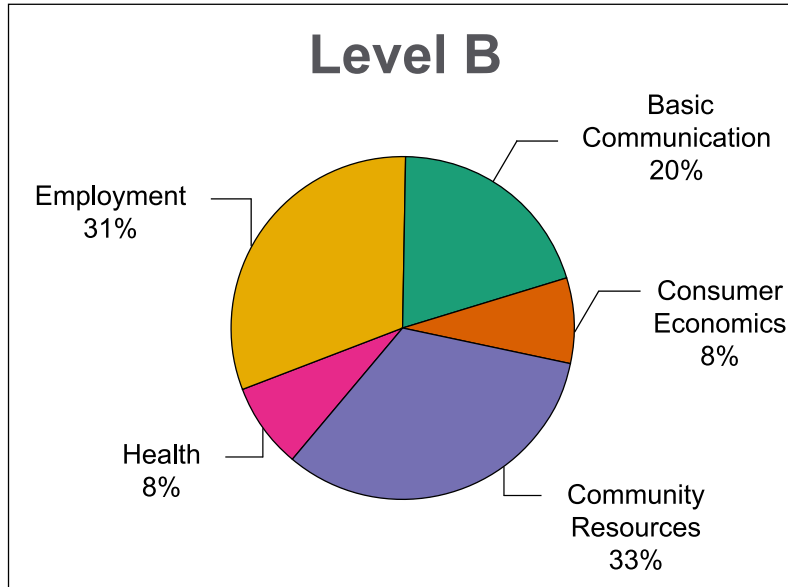
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- Basic Communication
- Consumer Economics
- Community Resources
- Health
- Employment
- Government and Law

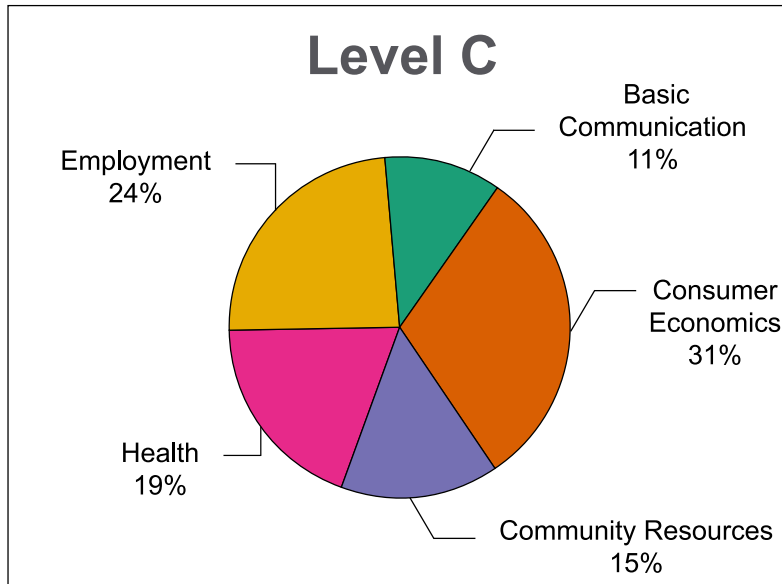
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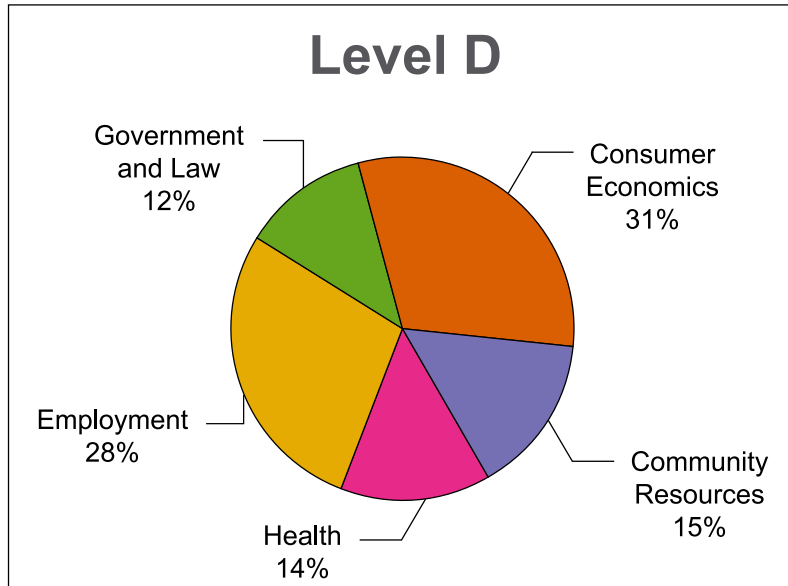
Competency Areas	% of test items
<b>0. Basic Communication</b> 0.1 Communicate in interpersonal interactions 0.2 Communicate regarding personal information	48%
<b>1. Consumer Economics</b> 1.1 Use measurement and money 1.2 Use information to identify and purchase goods and services 1.5 Understand how to manage household finances	12%
<b>2. Community Resources</b> 2.2 Understand how to locate and use different types of transportation and interpret travel-related information 2.3 Understand concepts of time and weather 2.5 Use community agencies and services	15%
<b>3. Health</b> 3.1 Understand how to access and use the health care system 3.2 Understand forms related to health care 3.5 Understand basic principles of health maintenance	14%
<b>4. Employment</b> 4.1 Understand basic principles of getting a job 4.2 Understand wages, benefits, employee rights, and concepts of employee organizations 4.4 Understand concepts and materials related to job performance and training 4.6 Communicate effectively in the workplace	11%



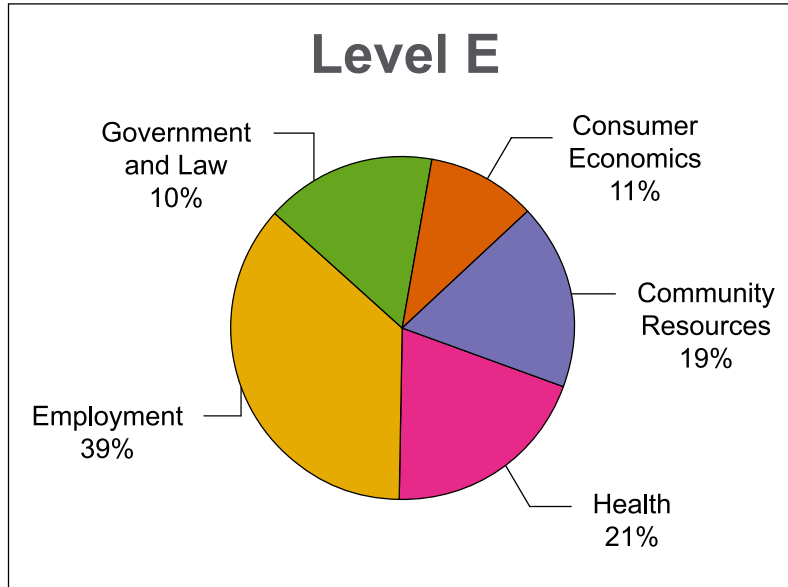
Competency Areas	% of test items
<b>0. Basic Communication</b> 0.1 Communicate in interpersonal interactions 0.2 Communicate regarding personal information	20%
<b>1. Consumer Economics</b> 1.1 Use measurement and money 1.2 Use information to identify and purchase goods and services 1.4 Understand methods and procedures to obtain housing and related services 1.5 Understand how to manage household finances	8%
<b>2. Community Resources</b> 2.2 Understand how to locate and use different types of transportation and interpret travel-related information 2.3 Understand concepts of time and weather 2.5 Use community agencies and services 2.6 Use leisure time resources and facilities 2.8 Understand how to access and use educational systems and services	33%
<b>3. Health</b> 3.1 Understand how to access and use the health care system 3.5 Understand basic principles of health maintenance	8%
<b>4. Employment</b> 4.1 Understand basic principles of getting a job 4.3 Understand work-related safety standards and procedures 4.4 Understand concepts and materials related to job performance and training 4.6 Communicate effectively in the workplace	31%



Competency Areas	% of test items
<b>0. Basic Communication</b> 0.1 Communicate in interpersonal interactions 0.2 Communicate regarding personal information	11%
<b>1. Consumer Economics</b> 1.1 Use measurement and money 1.2 Use information to identify and purchase goods and services 1.3 Understand methods and procedures used to purchase goods and services 1.4 Understand methods and procedures to obtain housing and related services 1.9 Understand how to purchase and maintain an automobile and interpret driving regulations	31%
<b>2. Community Resources</b> 2.2 Understand how to locate and use different types of transportation and interpret travel-related information 2.7 Understand aspects of society and culture 2.8 Understand how to access and use educational systems and services	15%
<b>3. Health</b> 3.1 Understand how to access and use the health care system 3.2 Understand forms related to health care 3.3 Understand how to select and use medications 3.4 Understand basic safety measures and health risks 3.5 Understand basic principles of health maintenance	19%
<b>4. Employment</b> 4.2 Understand wages, benefits, employee rights, and concepts of employee organizations 4.3 Understand work-related safety standards and procedures 4.4 Understand concepts and materials related to job performance and training 4.6 Communicate effectively in the workplace	24%



Competency Areas	% of test items
<p><b>1. Consumer Economics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.2 Use information to identify and purchase goods and services</li> <li>1.4 Understand methods and procedures to obtain housing and related services</li> <li>1.5 Understand how to manage household finances</li> <li>1.6 Understand consumer protection measures</li> <li>1.7 Understand procedures for the care, maintenance, and use of personal possessions</li> </ul>	31%
<p><b>2. Community Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.2 Understand how to locate and use different types of transportation and interpret travel-related information</li> <li>2.5 Use community agencies and services</li> <li>2.7 Understand aspects of society and culture</li> <li>2.8 Understand how to access and use educational systems and services</li> </ul>	15%
<p><b>3. Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 Understand how to access and use the health care system</li> <li>3.4 Understand basic safety measures and health risks</li> <li>3.5 Understand basic principles of health maintenance</li> <li>3.6 Understand basic health and medical information</li> </ul>	14%
<p><b>4. Employment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1 Understand basic principles of getting a job</li> <li>4.3 Understand work-related safety standards and procedures</li> <li>4.4 Understand concepts and materials related to job performance and training</li> <li>4.6 Communicate effectively in the workplace</li> </ul>	28%
<p><b>5. Government and Law</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.4 Understand information about taxes and fees</li> <li>5.6 Understand civic responsibilities and activities</li> </ul>	12%



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<b>1. Consumer Economics</b> 1.6 Understand consumer protection measures 1.7 Understand procedures for the care, maintenance, and use of personal possessions	11%
<b>2. Community Resources</b> 2.5 Use community agencies and services 2.6 Use leisure time resources and facilities 2.8 Understand how to access and use educational systems and services	19%
<b>3. Health</b> 3.1 Understand how to access and use the health care system 3.2 Understand forms related to health care 3.3 Understand how to select and use medications 3.6 Understand basic health and medical information	21%
<b>4. Employment</b> 4.1 Understand basic principles of getting a job 4.2 Understand wages, benefits, employee rights, and concepts of employee organizations 4.4 Understand concepts and materials related to job performance and training 4.6 Communicate effectively in the workplace	39%
<b>5. Government and Law</b> 5.1 Understand voting and the political process 5.8 Understand concepts of economics	10%