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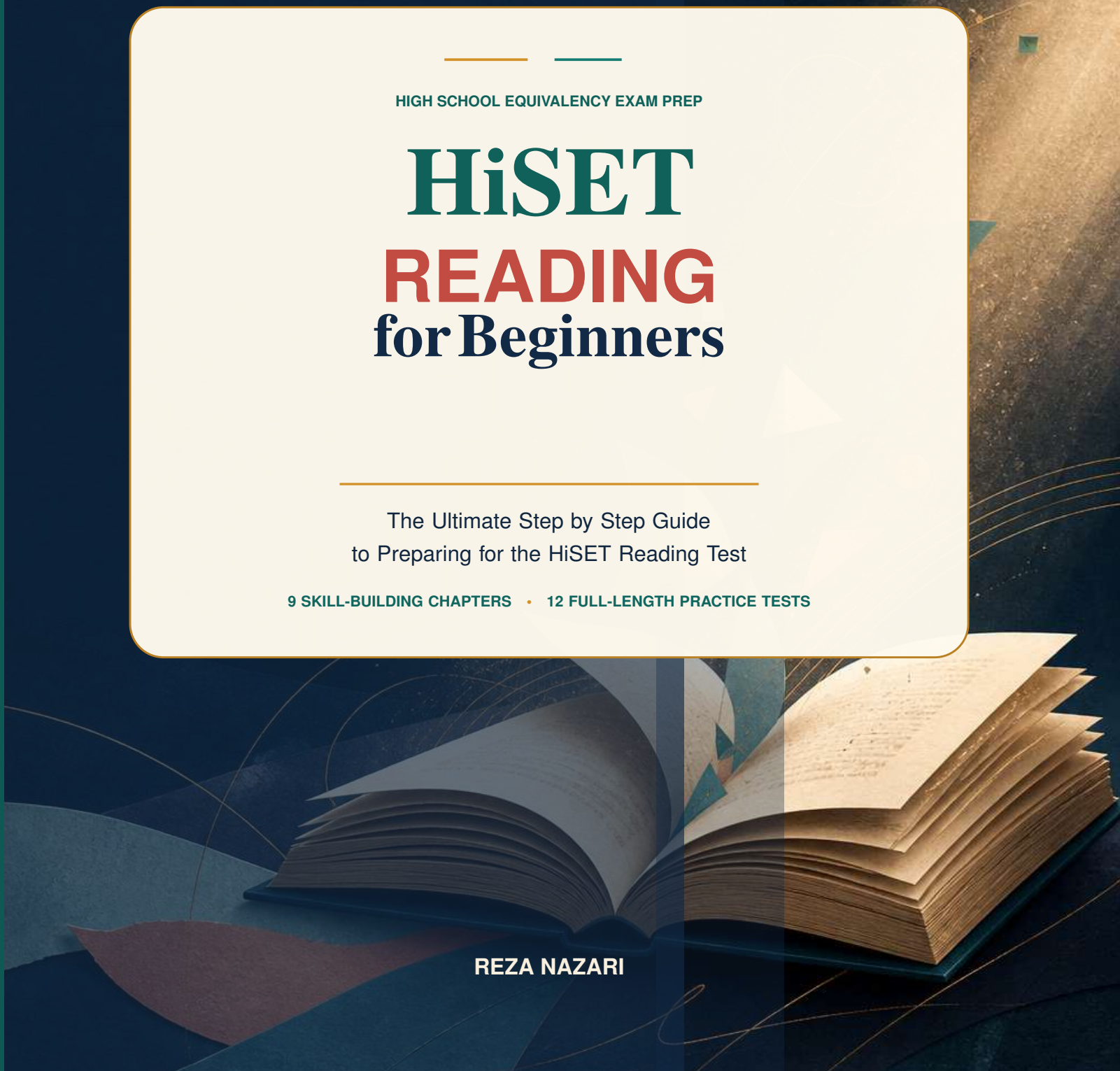
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Use the route as a repair map

Choose the card that sounds most like your work. Then begin with its numbered chapter—you do not need to restart the whole book.

1. Read	Locate what the source states or shows.
2. Check	Compare the exact detail, relationship, or condition with the task.
3. Repair	Write one small rule to use on the next similar question.

A specific chapter is faster and more useful than restarting at page 1.

Your next move: Study the recommended chapter, then complete its mixed review. If more than one answer out of five is incorrect, use the explanation to return to the exact section that needs repair before moving on.

Route C: Confirm readiness

Use this route only if Reading is already a strength. Complete the nine chapter reviews without rereading the lessons. Study every section connected to a missed or guessed answer. Then complete the two print tests under full 65-minute conditions, leaving enough time between forms to repair the weaknesses exposed by the first.

Route C: Use an accuracy loop

1. TEST	Complete a chapter review or practice form under the intended timing condition.
2. TRACE	Mark every missed or guessed answer and name the exact reading move that failed.
3. RETEST	Repair that move, then return to a fresh set before calling the skill reliable.

Ready for a full-length test? You should be able to state the evidence for an answer, explain why the closest alternative fails, and finish a mixed review without rushing the last questions.

A Four-Week Study Plan

The plan below assumes five study days each week. A study day may be 45-75 minutes. This is a suggested sequence, not a requirement: if you need more time, extend a week rather than advancing with unstable accuracy. If you have more time, add delayed review rather than rushing through new material.

Week	Primary work	Daily emphasis
1	Chapters 1-2	Explicit information, main idea, summary, evidence, inference, and prediction. Keep work untimed until your evidence is consistent.
2	Chapters 3-5	Sequence, structure, context, purpose, perspective, bias, policies, forms, and directions. Begin timing short stimulus sets.
3	Chapters 6-8	Visual reading, arguments, comparison, and integration. Rework all missed questions from Weeks 1 and 2 after a delay.
4	Chapter 9 and tests	Complete the timing chapter, take Print Test 1, repair by objective, and then take Print Test 2. Do not take the forms on consecutive days.

A useful study record

For every missed or guessed item, record five facts:

1. the chapter or practice-test question number;
2. the objective being tested;
3. the evidence that controls the answer;
4. the error type;
5. one action you will apply to the next similar question.

A note such as “R.1.4—I read the correct row but ignored the footnote; check notes before choosing” is actionable. “Careless” is not.

When your test date is close

Do not attempt to finish the entire book in one sitting. Prioritize Chapters 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8, then use Chapter 9 to rehearse pacing. Complete one print test under realistic conditions and spend at least as much time reviewing it as you spent taking it. A second rushed test is less useful than a careful analysis of the first.

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Scan Me

Study Break



"I found the main idea. It was hiding in every paragraph."

1.5 Recognize an Accurate Paraphrase

A paraphrase expresses the same meaning in new words. It may shorten or reorganize a sentence, but it must preserve relationships, conditions, and degree of certainty.

Paraphrasing is tested even when the word *paraphrase* does not appear in the stem. A correct answer to a detail question is often a paraphrase of the controlling sentence. To judge it, compare meaning rather than vocabulary.

Pay particular attention to logical force. *May* does not mean *will*. *Most* does not mean *all*. *Only after* creates an order that cannot be reversed. *Associated with* does not mean *caused by*. A paraphrase that changes one of these relationships is a different claim.

One useful method is to reduce the original sentence to a meaning skeleton: who or what, does what, under what condition, with what degree of certainty. Then compare that skeleton with each answer.

Worked Example: Preserving a Condition

Training Requirement

Employees who completed the online safety module before Friday may begin supervised equipment training on Monday, provided that a trainer is available.

The meaning skeleton is: employees with completed modules *may* begin Monday training *if* a trainer is available.
"Finishing the module by Friday makes an employee eligible for Monday training when a trainer is available" is accurate.
"Every employee who finishes the module will train Monday" is not. It changes eligibility into a guarantee and removes the availability condition.

Practice: Protect the Meaning

Complete the work before checking the chapter answers.

1. Which sentence best paraphrases “The committee may extend the pilot if the second-month data show continued improvement”?
   A. The pilot will continue permanently.
   B. Continued improvement would allow the committee to consider a longer pilot.
   C. The committee has rejected the second-month data.
   D. Improvement is guaranteed during the second month.
2. Explain the change in meaning when *some participants* is replaced by *participants*.
3. Paraphrase this direction: “Do not seal the envelope until the supervisor has signed page 2.”
4. Which word in the sentence “The new route was associated with a small increase in ridership” prevents a reader from claiming proven cause?

1.6 Build an Evidence Chain

A defensible answer can be traced through a simple chain: question, controlling evidence, reasoning, and conclusion.

Evidence is not merely a quotation copied from the selection. It is the specific information that makes an answer reasonable. The reasoning step explains how that information answers the stem. Direct-detail questions may need one sentence. Main-idea and summary questions usually require a pattern across several details.

Before reading the options, try to predict a short answer. Prediction prevents an attractive distractor from defining the question for you. Then test each choice against the evidence. Reject an answer that uses the wrong paragraph, reverses a relationship, adds an unstated cause, narrows the scope to one example, or broadens the conclusion beyond the selection.

This method also helps when two choices seem possible. Ask which choice requires fewer assumptions. The better answer is the one that can be supported by visible evidence without supplying missing facts from your experience.

Worked Example: From Evidence to a Defensible Conclusion

Reminder Trial

A clinic began sending appointment reminders by text in September. It also added a Saturday appointment block that month. The number of missed appointments fell from 74 in August to 49 in September.

Question. Which conclusion is supported?
Evidence. Two changes began in September, and missed appointments fell.
Reasoning. The selection shows an association between the month of the changes and a lower count. Because two changes occurred together, the selection does not isolate the effect of either one.
Conclusion. Missed appointments decreased after the clinic introduced text reminders and Saturday appointments; the information does not show which change produced the decrease.

Practice: Name the Proof and the Limit

Complete the work before checking the chapter answers.

Water-Refill Stations

A recreation center installed two water-refill stations near its indoor courts. During the first month, the stations recorded 1,240 bottle fills. A member survey found that 61 percent of respondents had used a station at least once. The center did not count disposable bottles sold before installation.

1. Which claim is directly supported by the station records?

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2. Which statement is supported by the survey but not by the station counter?

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3. Why can the center not conclude from this information alone that the stations reduced disposable-bottle purchases?

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4. Identify the evidence and reasoning needed to support this conclusion: “Many survey respondents tried the new stations.”

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