GRE, GMAT, LSAT & MCAT Information Session
The GRE is a widely accepted admission test for graduate and business school programs.

It assesses analytical writing as well as quantitative and verbal reasoning.

Question types are intended to reflect the kind of thinking you'll do in graduate or business school.

Part of it is computer adaptive.
GRE – Introduction 2

- GRE scores are valid for 5 years.
- The test can be re-taken every 21 days, up to five times in a year.

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Adapted from: GRE Official Website [http://tinyurl.com/GREabout](http://tinyurl.com/GREabout)
What to expect on test day?

- Overall testing time: three hours and 45 minutes.
- Six sections, one of which is an unidentified/unscored section.
- 10’ break after the third section.
- The Analytical Writing section will always be first.
- The other sections may appear in any order.
What’s in the test?

Analytical Writing – 1 hour, 2 tasks

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Adapted from: [https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/content/analytical_writing](https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/content/analytical_writing)
Sample Question

Task 1

As people rely more and more on technology to solve problems, the ability of humans to think for themselves will surely deteriorate.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Adapted from: https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/content/analytical_writing
The following is a memorandum from the business manager of a television station.

"Over the past year, our late-night news program has devoted increased time to national news and less time to weather and local news. During this time period, most of the complaints received from viewers were concerned with our station's coverage of weather and local news. In addition, local businesses that used to advertise during our late-night news program have just canceled their advertising contracts with us. Therefore, in order to attract more viewers to the program and to avoid losing any further advertising revenues, we should restore the time devoted to weather and local news to its former level."

Write a response in which you discuss what specific evidence is needed to evaluate the argument and explain how the evidence would weaken or strengthen the argument.

Adapted from: https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/content/analytical_writing
What’s in the test?

Verbal reasoning – 1 hour, 20 questions

● Based on material found in books and periodicals.

● Topics: physical, biological, or the social sciences, arts and humanities, and everyday topics.

● Passages length: one to four or five paragraphs.

● Three question types:


2. Text Completion – fill in blanks with the words that best complement the text.

3. Sentence Equivalence – fill in blanks with the words that best complement the text.

Adapted from: https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/content/verbal_reasoning
Sample Questions – Reading Comprehension

[Passage]

Multiple-choice Question (A-E) — Select One Answer Choice

● The passage implies that…

● The passage addresses which of the following issues…

Multiple-choice Question (A-C) — Select One or More Answer Choices

Similar to above + consideration of the three choices separately and selection of all that apply.

Select-in-Passage Question

● Select the sentence that distinguishes two ways of…

● Select the sentence that explains why …

Adapted from: https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/content/verbal_reasoning
Sample Question – Text Completion

Directions: For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Vain and prone to violence, Caravaggio could not handle success: the more his (1) _____ as an artist increased, the more (2) _____ his life became.

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Sample Question – Sentence Equivalence

Directions: Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The corporation expects only increases in sales next year despite a yearlong effort to revive its retailing business.

a. dynamic  d. modest
b. predictable  e. slight
c. expanding  f. volatile

Adapted from: https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/content/verbal_reasoning
What’s in the test?

Quantitative reasoning – 1 hour 10’, 20 questions

● Tests basic mathematical skills: arithmetic, algebra, geometry and data analysis.

● On-screen calculator.

● Four question types:

1. Quantitative Comparison Questions

2. Multiple-choice Questions — Select One Answer Choice or Select One or More Answer Choices

3. Numeric Entry Questions

4. Data interpretation sets — a group of questions that refer to the same table/chart/graph/etc. Can include any/all of the three question types discussed above.

Adapted from: https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/content/quantitative_reasoning
Resources

● Books and past papers in Zone R

● Consultations with ETA’s

Online resources

ETS official website + essay topic pools

GRE Study Guide by Discover Business Degrees

Free GRE Practice Test | Free GRE Online Review

Manhattan Prep’s GRE practice test

Top 101 High Frequency GRE Words

Magoosh and Quizlet vocabulary flashcards

Online courses via Udemi
The GMAT is accepted by more than 6,500 graduate business programs worldwide.

It assesses analytical writing skills, quantitative skills and verbal skills.

It is computer-adaptive by question.
GMAT – Introduction 2

- GMAT scores are valid for 5 years.
- The test can be re-taken every 16 days, up to five times in a year.
- All your past scores will appear on your report, unless you cancel them at the end of the test.

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What to expect on test day?

- Overall testing time: three hours and 30 minutes.
- Four sections.
- Two 8' optional breaks after sections 2 and 3.
- You can select the order of all sections depending on your strengths and testing preferences.
What’s in the test?

Analytical Writing Assessment – 30’, one essay writing task

● It presents a statement of a position. You are required to analyse the logic of this position and suggest how and where the reasoning may be inaccurate or require improvement.

● It measures your ability to analyse the conclusions reached by another writer, evaluate the argument’s logic, structure, and evidence.

● It deals with basic business and economics topics.

Adapted from: https://www.mba.com/exams/gmat/about-the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-structure/analytical-writing-assessment
Sample Question

**Directions:** in this section, you will be asked to write a critique of the argument presented. You are NOT being asked to present your own views on the subject. Specifically,

- Evaluate the argument and plan a response
- Organize your ideas and develop them fully
- Provide relevant supporting reasons and examples

**Question:** The following appeared in the editorial section of a monthly business news magazine:

"Most companies would agree that as the risk of physical injury occurring on the job increases, the wages paid to employees should also increase. Hence it makes financial sense for employers to make the workplace safer: they could thus reduce their payroll expenses and save money."

Adapted from: https://www.mba.com/exams/gmat/about-the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-structure/analytical-writing-assessment
What’s in the test?

Verbal – 75’, 41 questions

● All questions are multiple choice.

● Three question types:

1. Reading comprehension


3. Sentence correction – 5 choices on how to best correct a sentence or short passage.

Adapted from: https://www.mba.com/exams/gmat/about-the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-structure/verbal
Sample Questions – Reading Comprehension

Directions: the questions in this group are based on the content of a passage. After reading the passage, choose the best answer to each question.

[passage]

Questions:

- The primary purpose of this passage is to …
- Which of the following would most logically be the topic of paragraph … in the passage?
- In the expression … the author intends the word … to be analogous to …
- The … referred to in line … concerns …
- Information in the passage is sufficient to answer the following question …

Adapted from: https://www.mba.com/exams/gmat/about-the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-structure/verbal
Sample Questions – Critical Reasoning

**Directions:** for this question, select the best of the answer choices given.

[statement]

**Questions:**

- The argument above relies on which of the following assumptions?
- The statements above, if true, best support which of the following assertions?
- Sb’s response to Sb else’s comment serves to…
- Which of the following observations, if it were true, would best reveal a fallacy in the logic?
- The two portions in bold-face are related to each other in which of the following ways?

Sample Question – Sentence Correction

**Directions:** this question presents a sentence, part of which or all of which is underlined. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. The first of these repeats the original; the other four are different. If you think the original is best, choose the first answer; otherwise choose one of the others.

**Question:**

While larger banks can afford to maintain their own data-processing operations, many smaller regional and community banks are finding that the cost associated with upgrading data-processing equipment and with the development and maintenance of new products and technical staff are prohibitive.

(A) cost associated with  (D) cost of  
(B) costs associated with  (E) costs of  
(C) costs arising from
What’s in the test?

Integrated Reasoning – 30’, 12 questions

• It involves interpretation of tabular, graphical and written information from a variety of sources.

• Calculator provided.

• Four question types:

  1. Graphics interpretation
  2. Two part analysis
  3. Table analysis
  4. Multi-source reasoning

Adapted from: https://www.mba.com/exams/gmat/about-the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-structure/integrated-reasoning
What’s in the test?

Quantitative – 75’, 37 questions

● “The mathematics needed to understand and solve the questions in this section of the exam is no greater than what is generally taught in secondary school classes”. (GMAT official website).

● No calculators are allowed.

● Two question types:

1. Problem solving

2. Data sufficiency

Adapted from: https://www.mba.com/exams/gmat/about-the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-structure/quantitative
Resources

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Online resources

- Official Website
- Magoosh practice questions, flashcards and study tips.
- Beat the GMAT – Reviews on prep options
- Free practice tests

Online courses

- Test prep by Khan Academy
- GMAT course via Udemi
LSAT

● Required by most law schools.

● It assesses analytical and logical thinking and reading comprehension.

● It is a paper-based test.

● LSAT scores are valid for 5 years.

● The test can be re-taken up to 3 times in 2 years.

● All your past scores will appear on your report.

● Scores for the four sections are combined to create a total score. The total score ranges from 120-180.

Adapted from: https://www.lsac.org/lsat
LSAT Sections

- Reading Comprehension  26-28 questions  35’
- Analytical Reasoning  23-24 questions  35’
- Logical Reasoning (x2)  24-26 questions  35’
- Unscored section  24-28 questions  35’

- A 35-minute, unscored writing sample administered at the end of the test.

Adapted from: https://www.lsac.org/lsat/taking-lsat/test-format
MCAT

- Required by most medical schools in the U.S. and Canada.
- It assesses problem solving, critical thinking, and knowledge of natural, behavioral, and social science concepts and principles.
- It is a computer-based test.
- MCAT scores are valid for 3 years.
- The test can be re-taken up to 3 times in a year.
- Scores for the four sections are combined to create a total score. The total score ranges from 472 to 528.

Adapted from: https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/taking-mcat-exam/about-mcat-exam/
MCAT Sections

● Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems
  59 questions  95’

● Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems
  59 questions  95’

● Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior
  59 questions  95’

● Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills
  53 questions  90’
Questions?

We want to hear from you