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**GRE 101**



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## WHAT IS THE GRE®?

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE®) is a standardized test that graduate programs use to help determine who gets in and who receives grants and fellowships. It assesses verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking, and analytical writing. Master and PhD programs in everything from poetry, to psychology, to mechanical engineering, and more can require the GRE for admission.

Last year, over 600,000 GRE tests were taken globally and the number of schools using GRE scores reached an all-time high. One factor contributing to this expansion is the growing number of business schools accepting the GRE. Most top-ranked MBA programs (such as Harvard Business School, Wharton, Kellogg, and Sloan) now accept the GRE as a GMAT alternative.

### QUICK FACTS:

- 5** Your GRE score is valid for 5 years.
- \$205** The cost to register for the GRE is \$205.
- 6** The GRE is administered 6 days a week, 52 weeks a year (excluding holidays).
- 170** Verbal and Quant are each scored on a scale of 130-170.
- 21** You can only take the GRE once every 21 days.
- 0-6** The writing section is scored on a scale of 0-6.

### ABOUT SECTION ADAPTIVE TESTING

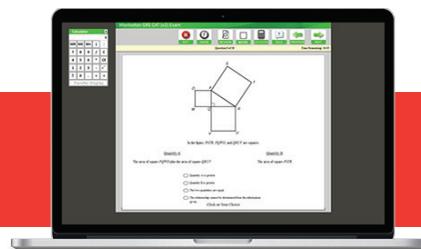
The GRE is a computer-based exam that adapts to your ability level. The exam is presented in multiple sections. Your performance on the first scored Verbal section will determine the difficulty level of your second scored Verbal section, and your performance on the first scored Quant section will determine the difficulty level of your second scored Quant section. Due to the adaptation between sections, scores are not determined solely by the number of correct answers. Your overall score will reflect a weighting for difficulty. The GRE allows you to skip questions, meaning you can preview all questions within a given section before beginning to answer them (it's probably not a good idea to actually do this, but you could if you wanted to). You will also have the ability to mark and review your answers before submitting them so long as you stay within the section time limit.

Section / Question Type	# of Questions	Time
<b>1) Analytical Writing Section</b> 1 (Analysis of an Issue) 2 (Analysis of an Argument)	<b>1 of each</b>	<b>30 min per task</b>
<b>2) Quant Section 1*</b> Discrete Quant, Quantitative Comparisons, Data Interpretations	<b>20</b>	<b>35 min</b>
<b>3) Verbal Section 1*</b> Text Completion, Sentence Equivalence, Reading Comprehension	<b>20</b>	<b>30 min</b>
<b>4) Quant Section 2*</b> Discrete Quant, Quantitative Comparisons, Data Interpretations	<b>20</b>	<b>35 min</b>
<b>5) Verbal Section 2*</b> Text Completion, Sentence Equivalence, Reading Comprehension	<b>20</b>	<b>30 min</b>
<b>Unscored Section (Unannounced)* Experimental</b>	<b>Varies Varies</b>	<b>Varies Varies</b>

\* These sections can appear in any order but should alternate between Quant and Verbal (unless the unscored section follows a section of the same type).

### SCORING

Immediately after taking the GRE, you will receive separate scores for the Quant and Verbal sections (130-170 scale in 1-point increments). You will also receive a separate score for the essay section (0-6 scale in half-point increments), which will be included on your official score report (mailed roughly 10 days after you take the exam). The GRE also has a great applicant-friendly feature called ScoreSelect®. Using this option, GRE test takers who sit for the exam multiple times are able to choose which test scores they send to their graduate institutions. Any scores that students choose not to send will not show up on the score report at all; it will be as if those other tests were never taken. Knowing you'll have control over what scores schools see can give you more confidence on test day.



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