

INTEGRATED REASONING

ITEM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GMAT INTEGRATED REASONING SECTION

The GMAT® Integrated Reasoning section requires candidates to effectively use multiple information formats, multiple sources of information, and multiple skills to solve complex reasoning problems. The section uses a wide range of visual and written material—including graphics, tables, and texts from different disciplines or perspectives—to measure candidates' abilities in both the quantitative and the verbal domains.

QUESTION FORMATS

Prompts take one of four distinct formats:

- **Multi-Source Reasoning.** Questions are accompanied by two to three sources of information presented on tabbed pages. Candidates click on the tabs and examine all the relevant information—which may be a combination of text, charts, and tables—to answer questions.
- **Table Analysis.** Candidates are presented with a sortable table of information, similar to a spreadsheet, which must be analyzed to determine whether answer statements are accurate given the information presented.
- **Graphics Interpretation.** Candidates are asked to interpret a graph or graphical image and select options to make response statements accurate.
- **Two-Part Analysis.** A task is presented that involves two components for solution.

Answers are given in one of four formats:

- Statements with one blank to be filled using a pull-down menu
- A table with a column for each component and rows with possible options
- Traditional multiple choice questions
- Multiple dichotomous-choice questions, in which four statements are to be assessed (e.g., yes/no, true/false, inferable/not inferable) based on a single set of criteria.

ITEM REQUIREMENTS

- A given prompt, or question setup, may have multiple questions.
- All answer choices for a single question are presented on the same screen.
- Test takers respond to each question before moving to the next question prompt.
- Narrative prompts (text on tabs) are approximately 300 total words or fewer.
- Answer options will not provide information or clues that help test takers solve other questions.
- A single prompt may provide the information to solve several questions, but the questions are independent of one another. Test takers do not have to answer one question correctly to be able to answer another.

SKILLS ASSESSED

The Integrated Reasoning section of the GMAT exam requires the ability to work with multiple sources of information, including, but not limited to:

- Synthesizing information presented in graphic, numeric, and verbal formats
- Evaluating relevant information from multiple sources—graphic, numeric, and verbal
- Organizing information to see relationships and to solve multiple, interrelated problems
- Combining and manipulating information to solve complex problems that depend on information from one or more sources.