

# Some Common Questions About GMAT

Specially for the Bangladeshi Test Takers

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## Background

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I have seen a lot of Bangladeshi test takers suffer because of information unavailability. They don't find the right information often. Often get misguided and don't get all their queries answered in a single place. Some questions are often more country specific. Those answers are even harder to find. That's why I tried to make this booklet to try to help those. Please share your comments and suggestions if you have any. I have shared the link of my facebook profile so that you can give your remarks and suggestions to improve this booklet. And forgive me for any mistakes I did unintentionally. The sole purpose of this booklet is to help people. I will be more than glad if even a single person gets help and feel informed after reading this booklet.

You can join this facebook group also: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/gmat.bd>

- **What is GMAT?**

- ✓ The letters "G M A T" stand for Graduate Management Admission Test. GMAT test is a required part of the admissions process for most MBA programs in the U.S., Canada and the rest of the world. GMAT is a multiple choice test that is administered in English. Until June 1997 GMAT was a standardized multiple choice test - meaning that all test takers were given the same questions. GMAT is now a Computer Adaptive Test where test takers will not receive the same questions. Because the questions will adjust depending on the test taker's ability to answer harder questions. However, the multiple choice format has been retained.

- **What are the distinctions between GMAT & GRE?**

| GMAT vs. GRE: Which One Should I Take? |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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|                                        | GMAT:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | GRE:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Who takes it?                          | Exclusively for MBA and some economics programs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | Accepted by graduate school and over 250 MBA programs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Advantages                             | Shows business schools that you are serious about getting an MBA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | Perfect if you are applying to both MBA and graduate school programs. The GRE is an easier test both in structure and content.                                                                                                                                                    |
| Who should take it?                    | Students determined to get into a good business school.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | Laid back students applying to both business and graduate schools.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Inside scoop                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment banks and recruiters will review your GMAT scores for employment. They generally don't view GRE scores seriously.</li> <li>• Business schools like the GMAT more (but they don't openly state this).</li> <li>• The GMAT is the "gold standard."</li> <li>• It is not uncommon for GMAT students to spend hundreds of hours preparing.</li> </ul> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally easier for most students than the GMAT.</li> <li>• The GRE has an easier grading curve. Getting into the 99th percentile on the GMAT is close to impossible.</li> <li>• You won't waste months in test preparation.</li> </ul> |
| Challenging sections                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sentence Correction (grammar)</li> <li>• Excruciatingly difficult math section where many students get close to perfect scores.</li> <li>• Given adequate time and effort, the GMAT can be mastered, just don't expect to have a life. The GMAT favors determined students.</li> </ul>                                                                       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hard for international students to master vocabulary on a short term basis.</li> <li>• Two writing sections mean a greater emphasis on writing.</li> </ul>                                                                               |

- **Which coaching will be better for GMAT?**

- ✓ Unfortunately, Bangladesh does not have any excellent tuition provider which can give you world class direction. It's better if you do self study rather than

enroll yourself in a coaching in Bangladesh and waste your valuable money. But if you are capable enough to take online classes, check out E-GMAT ([www.e-gmat.com](http://www.e-gmat.com)). They are superb for Verbal prep and it's designed specially for non-natives'. It covers all the basics. The best course of E-GMAT is Sentence Correction. But E-GMAT has no quant course. You can open an account and take their free trial before you decide to buy.

- **What's the necessary score to get 100% scholarship?**

- ✓ GMAT score never guarantees scholarships. Your overall profile will help you get a funding. That being said, MBA programs offer very little or no funding (if that's what you are aiming for). Plus, there's no fixed score that will ensure that you receive funding. Business schools have minimum requirements for admission. Nothing specific in regard to funding. You will be judged on the basis of your:

1. Undergrad CGPA
2. GMAT Score
3. Work Experience
4. Letter of Recommendation
5. Statement of Purpose
6. TOEFL Score/IELTS Score

Funding opportunity for business degrees is scarce. These are fundamentally admission pre-requisites fulfillment of which may result in partial funding.

However, there are some universities which provide good scholarships for MBA. But you have to do your research to find those. You are a good candidate for that business school if your GMAT score and undergrad CGPA are better than the avg. or median GMAT score & undergrad CGPA of that school. You can find the school's avg. / median score on their website.

- **What's a better score to carry on?**

- ✓ 700 and onwards will make u very competitive. 650 will make you competitive for some middle ranked universities. 600 will be good enough for lower ranked universities.

- **Which books shall I study?**

- ✓ **For Sentence Correction:**

Manhattan Sentence Correction is the best. Consider Aristotle Sentence Correction too for additional need. But Manhattan is comprehensive.

**For Critical Reasoning:**

Power score CR Bible is the ultimate guide to strengthen your Critical reasoning skills.

**For Reading Comprehension:** Please go through the GMAT forums and websites (e.g. gmatclub.com, beatthegmat.com etc). You will find lots of strategies & guidelines. Additionally, don't forget to build up a lot of reading habit. Follow "The Economist", "New York Times" etc.

**For quant section:** Manhattan GMAT Quant strategy guides are great. If you are a high scorer in quant and have good basics of quant, then you can also try Manhattan GMAT Advanced Quant guide. But buy and use this book only after you master the Quant Strategy Guides of Manhattan.

Now these are enough to build your concepts. Practice retired original GMAT questions from Official Guide 13<sup>th</sup> edition and 12<sup>th</sup> edition. Also buy verbal review 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. And quant review 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. for additional practice. Remember, these questions appeared in the real GMAT previously. So, they are the best representative questions of the real GMAT.

Download the free software: gmatprep from mba.com. This software will let you take two full length tests. These tests are the best predictor of your real test expected score if you give full length practice test in a test center alike condition. The gmatprep questions are also official material. So they are representative of the real gmat too. If possible, please avoid practicing from unofficial materials. Those questions do not represent the real GMAT and can confuse you.

**P.S.** Studying only from these materials extensively has been enough to score 700+ for many test takers. So if you can build a good test taking strategy and learn concepts from the above materials, it will be enough for you too. Learn and rectify your mistakes from OG Questions. They are very important.

- **From where can I buy these books?**

- ✓ Go to Nilkhet. These books are available. Mollick book center, Khan Book center are best to buy the books. Won't cost you more than Tk. 1000 in total.

- **Where is GMAT exam held in Dhaka? What is the fee?**

- ✓ The only test center in Bangladesh is “*IT Bangla*”.

The address is: 32, Topkhana Road, Chattagram Bhaban (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), Dhaka-1000.

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For exam registration, you have to do it online from [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com) and the fees is \$250/=. You must open your account first at [mba.com](http://mba.com) and use the exact information from your passport in the open account page.

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