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The Free School

Free official exam preparation materials for the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)

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Objective

This document is an inventory of *circa* 550 free official test preparation resources and exam practice materials that aims to assist instructors and those who plan to sit the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).

Discussion

The Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC) is the developer and administrator of the GMAT. The home page of this organization is at:

<http://www.gmac.com/>

The official web address of the GMAT is at

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam.aspx>

Free official exam preparation materials are available via the subpages of the web address shown immediately above. This document only lists exam preparation material that has been published by GMAC or by an business partner or has been endorsed by GMAC.

Background

There are thousands of open-access (free) and commercial GMAT exam preparation resources available on the internet and via other outlets such as bookstores. The Free School classifies these materials in four ways, as shown in the table below.

GMAT Exam Preparation Resources

1. GMAT official publications: Free practice materials.	2. GMAT official publications: Commercial practice materials.
3. Non-GMAT sources: Free practice materials.	4. Non-GMAT sources: Commercial practice materials.

This document examines “1. GMAT official publications: Free practice materials”.

This presentation does not discuss or endorse GMAT exam preparation material that has been published by non-GMAC sources. The Free School does not promote these materials as the quality of these resources varies widely. Some of these exam preparation materials are of excellent quality as they strongly reflect the content, format and standards of the GMAT. Some materials are poor to average quality. To varying degrees, they do not accurately reflect the content, format and standards of the GMAT.

Those who plan to sit for the GMAT should only consult unofficial exam preparation materials if they have access to a qualified and experienced GMAT tutor who can review the suitability of these materials on a case-by-case basis.

Classification of free resources

The Free School identifies nine types of GMAT preparation and exam practice resources.

These include materials that offer:

1. General information about the GMAT: structure and content
2. Advice about the scoring system
3. General advice about how to prepare for the GMAT from GMAC
4. General advice about how to prepare for the GMAT from students
5. Technical advice by assessment type
6. Exam question examples
7. Sample exam answers
8. Taking the exam: practical information about accommodations
9. GMAT blog

The remainder of this document provides details about where members of the public can access each of these nine official exam preparation materials for free-of-charge.

GMAT Official on YouTube

As at 7 January 2017, GMAC's official YouTube account contains 75 videos. These include examples of all nine categories of official materials listed in the previous sub-section. You may preview this menu at the following web address:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/GMACvideos/videos>

As at 7 January 2017, GMAC's official GMAT YouTube account contains 297 videos. These include examples of all nine categories of official materials listed in the previous sub-section. You may preview this menu at the following web address:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/OfficialGMAT>

General information about the GMAT: structure and content

Structure

“GMAT exam format and timing”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing.aspx>

GMAT test section	Number of questions	Question types	Time allowed to complete
Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA)	1 topic	Analysis of argument	30 minutes
Integrated reasoning	12 questions	Multi-Source Reasoning; Graphics Interpretation; Two-Part Analysis; Table Analysis.	30 minutes
Quantitative	37 questions	Data sufficiency; Problem solving.	75 minutes
Verbal	41 questions	Reading Comprehension; Critical Reasoning; Sentence Correction.	75 minutes
Total exam time			3 hours and 30 minutes

Content

“The GMAT exam”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam.aspx>

“Frequently asked questions”

<http://www.mba.com/us/frequently-asked-questions.aspx>

“The GMAT handbook”

<http://www.mba.com/~media/Files/mba2/the-gmat-exam/files/register/gmat-handbook.pdf?la=en-US>

“The official guide to your best GMAT” [Diagram of exam structure]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/test-prep-materials/the-official-guide-to-your-best-gmat.aspx>

“What to expect when taking the GMAT” [video]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/test-prep-advice/gmat-test-taking-advice/matt-rowenczak.aspx>

“About the GMAT exam” (links to 19 resources, which are also itemised below)

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/about-the-gmat-exam.aspx>

“The Importance of the GMAT Exam in Admissions. Students explain the importance of the GMAT exam in the video below. Advice about the structure of the GMAT exam” [video]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/test-prep-advice/gmat-test-taking-advice/importance-gmat-admissions.aspx>

Advice about the scoring system

“GMAT exam scores”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-scores.aspx>

“Understand your GMAT score report”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-scores/your-score-report/understand-your-gmat-score-report.aspx>

“Tips for improving your GMAT score”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-blog-hub/ask-the-expert/2013/jul/tips-for-improving-your-gmat-score.aspx>

“Show schools you have what it takes” [video]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/about-the-gmat-exam/why-take-gmat-exam/show-schools.aspx>

“The GMAT is fair and reliable”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/about-the-gmat-exam/gmat-fair-reliable-exam.aspx>

General advice about how to prepare for the GMAT from GMAC

“Prepare for the GMAT exam”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam.aspx>

“The GMAT prep timeline” [building a study plan]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/test-prep-materials/the-gmat-prep-timeline.aspx>

“Get a new attitude: four steps to become a strong test-taker”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-blog-hub/ask-the-expert/2013/jul/get-a-new-attitude-for-steps-to-become-a-strong-test-taker.aspx>

“Understand the GMAT test-Taking rules: Ensure a smooth test-taking experience by adhering to the rules laid out in the GMAT Handbook.” [videos]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/test-prep-materials/test-taking-rules.aspx>

“Study smart for your best GMAT” [GMAT blog]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-blog-hub/the-official-gmat-blog/2013/sep/study-smart-for-your-best-gmat.aspx>

“Tactics and guessing”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-blog-hub/the-official-gmat-blog/2009/sep/tactics-and-guessing.aspx>

“GMAT strong: Four steps to becoming a better test taker”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-blog-hub/ask-the-expert/2013/apr/gmat-strong-four-steps-to-becoming-a-better-test-taker.aspx>

“GMAT preparation tips & strategies: Preparing for the GMAT exam will help you get in shape for business school.”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/test-prep-advice/gmat-preparation-tips-and-strategies.aspx>

“Out of the GMAT fray: 8 steps to a winning GMAT prep plan”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-blog-hub/ask-the-expert/2013/nov/out-of-the-gmat-fray-8-steps-to-a-winning-gmat-prep-plan.aspx>

“Recommendations for GMAT preparation: Looking for a key to GMAT preparation success? Practice time management.” [video]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/test-prep-advice/gmat-test-taking-advice/preparing-for-the-gmat.aspx>

“Test taking mistakes you can avoid”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/test-prep-advice/avoid-test-taking-mistakes.aspx>

General advice about how to prepare for the GMAT from students

“Get GMAT Prep Advice from Students and Alumni” [5 videos and discussions]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/test-prep-advice/gmat-prep-blogger-videos.aspx>

“GMAT Test-Taking Strategies from Students. Learn multiple GMAT test-taking strategies and hear valuable advice from current students.” [video]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/test-prep-advice/gmat-test-taking-advice/gmat-preparation-strategies.aspx>

“Hear from students: Prep tips for success” [video]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/test-prep-advice/students-gmat-prep-tips.aspx>

“Hear from students: Test-day tips for success”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/test-prep-advice/test-taking-strategies.aspx>

Technical advice by assessment type

(1.) Analytical Writing Assessment section (AWA)

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/analytical-writing-assessment.aspx>

“AWA topics: Most Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA) - Analysis of an Argument topics used in the GMAT exam are available to you”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/analytical-writing-assessment/analysis-of-an-argument.aspx>

(2.) Integrated reasoning section

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/integrated-reasoning.aspx>

“Integrated reasoning skills in the workplace”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/integrated-reasoning/integrated-reasoning-skills-workplace.aspx>

“Schools value integrated reasoning” [videos]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/integrated-reasoning/schools-value-integrated-reasoning.aspx>

“You’re going to need it in school, on the job, and on the GMAT exam: Integrated reasoning”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-blog-hub/the-official-gmat-blog/2012/feb/youre-going-to-need-it-in-school-on-the-job-and-on-the-gmat-integrated-reasoning.aspx>

“Big data defines next generation jobs”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-blog-hub/the-official-gmat-blog/2012/jun/big-data-defines-next-generation-jobs.aspx>

“Sharpen your IR skills and stand out from the crowd”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-blog-hub/the-official-gmat-blog/2013/june/sharpen-your-ir-skills-and-stand-out-from-the-crowd.aspx>

(3.) Quantitative section

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/quantitative.aspx>

“Don’t fear the quantitative section”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/quantitative/dont-fear-the-quantitative-section.aspx>

“No need to fear the quant section” [video]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/quantitative/dont-fear-the-quant.aspx>

“GMAT study tips: Doing well on the GMAT exam, and especially the Quantitative section, means dedicating time to preparation.” [video]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/quantitative/gmat-study-tips.aspx>

(4.) Verbal section

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/verbal.aspx>

Exam question examples

“The mini GMAT Quiz answer sheet” [verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning]

<http://www.mba.com/us/gmat-mini-quiz.aspx>

(1) Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA)

Essay

“Sample AWA question” [includes a high graded student essay answer]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/analytical-writing-assessment/analysis-of-argument-question.aspx>

“Analysis of an argument questions for the GMAT® exam”

http://www.mba.com/~media/Files/mba2/the-gmat-exam/files/gmat-exam-format-and-timing/analytical-writing-assessment/analysisofanargument_gmat-exam.pdf?la=en-US

(2) Integrated reasoning

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/integrated-reasoning/i-r-sample-question-types.aspx>

“Integrated reasoning sample question types”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/integrated-reasoning/i-r-sample-question-types.aspx>

“Graphics interpretation”

<http://www.mba.com/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/integrated-reasoning/samples/sample-275.aspx?next=yes>

“Two-part analysis”

<http://www.mba.com/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/integrated-reasoning/samples/sample-157.aspx?next=yes>

“Table analysis”

<http://www.mba.com/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/integrated-reasoning/samples/sample-764.aspx?next=yes>

“Multi-source reasoning”

<http://www.mba.com/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/integrated-reasoning/samples/sample-803-03.aspx?next=yes>

“Sharpen your IR skills and stand out from the crowd”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-blog-hub/the-official-gmat-blog/2013/june/sharpen-your-ir-skills-and-stand-out-from-the-crowd.aspx>

(3) Quantitative

“Sample problem solving question”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/quantitative/sample-problem-solving-question.aspx>

“Sample data sufficiency question”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/quantitative/sample-data-sufficiency-question.aspx>

(4) Verbal

“Sample reading comprehension question”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/verbal/sample-reading-comprehension-question.aspx>

“Sample critical reasoning question”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/verbal/sample-critical-reasoning-question.aspx>

“Sample sentence correction question”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/gmat-exam-format-timing/verbal/sample-sentence-correction-question.aspx>

Sample exam answers

“The official GMAT prep software includes: ... Answers/tips from test creators”

http://start.gmat.com/gmatprep_en?&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=am_US_cpc_phrase_english_alloffers_google&utm_keyword=gmatsample%20questions%20answers&utm_content=sqrd6yriA|pcrid|169401205343|pkw|gmatsample%20questions%20answers|pmt|e&c3api=169401205343,gmatsample%20questions%20answers

GMAT blog

“Free official GMAT blog” [123 articles dated 8 January 2017]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-blog-hub/the-official-gmat-blog.aspx>

Blog articles by topic/category:

All	GMAT Appointment	Quantitative
Admissions	GMAT Prep	School Selection
Alumni	GMAT Test Center	Score Reports
Applications	Infographic	Soft skills
B-School Rankings	Integrated Reasoning	Study Tips for the GMAT
Business School	Internships	Test Accommodations
Career	Masters in Management	Test Security
Choosing the Right School	Masters of Accountancy	Validity
Communication skills	Masters of Finance	Value of an MBA
Corporate Recruiters	MBA	Verbal
Diversity	Official GMAT	Women in B-School
Entrepreneurs	Official Guides	Work-Life Balance
Financial Aid	Part-Time MBA	
Find a job	Prepare for the GMAT	

Example blog link: Quantitative topic/category

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-blog-hub/the-official-gmat-blog.aspx?cat=Quantitative>

Taking the exam: practical accommodations

“Plan for your test day” (13 presentations)

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/plan-for-test-day.aspx>

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“GMAT test accommodations: Myths and realities”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-blog-hub/the-official-gmat-blog/2010/jun/gmat-test-accommodations-myths-and-realities.aspx>

“Planning for your test day”

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/plan-for-test-day/test-center-regulations.aspx>

“Exam day advice for test takers” [video]

<http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/plan-for-test-day/exam-day-advice.aspx>

Official commercial material available for free

GMAC has authored numerous printed materials and digital resources that are available for purchase. These materials aim to assist GMAT tutors and those who aim to take the GMAT test. The best known books in this collection are the Official GMAT Guide series. Copies of these books are freely available at certain public libraries and college libraries. For example, the University of Technology, Sydney maintains a collection of the Official GMAT Guide series. These are archived in the 650.07 Dewey Index range. In some cases, members of the public may view these books and photocopy small sections of these books at libraries that allow members of the public to enter the library.

Other free resources

“Download Free GMATPrep® Software”

<http://www.mba.com/us/store/download-free-gmatprep-software.aspx>

http://www.mba.com/us/the-gmat-exam/prepare-for-the-gmat-exam/test-prep-materials/free-gmat-prep-software?__hstc=81503688.275543062494c12de8fa8753fe6a6384.1483683454796.1483687582584.1483764457375.3&__hssc=81503688.1.1483764457375&__hsfp=3653780453

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