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GMAT

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Is this exam for you?

What is the GMAT?

The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), is a globally recognised online exam intended to measure a test taker's aptitude in mathematical, verbal, and analytical writing skills, most commonly used for admission into MBA programs

Official Website

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

OR

<https://www.mba.com/>

Which schools accept the GMAT?



U.S.A.



Europe



India / Asia



Canada

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*Not a comprehensive list of schools

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to take the GMAT in India?

Approximately ₹18,500 (\$250)

When is the test conducted?

The test is administered at GMAC-approved test centers all year round and candidates can book their test slot (ideally one to three months in advance). You can take or retake the GMAT exam after every 16 days. You can appear for the exam a maximum of five times a year

What is the duration of the test?

The total exam time is 3 hours 7 minutes, not including two optional 8-minute breaks

How long is the GMAT score valid?

The GMAT score is valid for 5 years from the date of your examination

Test structure (1/2)

Quantitative Reasoning

31 Questions, 62 minutes

Verbal Reasoning

36 Questions, 65 minutes

Sections that **contribute to the composite GMAT score**

Integrated Reasoning

12 Questions, 30 minutes

Analytical Writing Ability

1 Question, 30 minutes

Test structure (2/2)

The GMAT is a computer adaptive test

Which means, the **test adapts to your performance as you proceed**

"When you begin the GMAT, the computer assumes you have an average score and gives you a question of medium difficulty. As you get answers correct, the computer serves up more difficult questions and increases its estimate of your ability. And vice versa, as you answer incorrectly, the computer serves up easier questions and decreases its estimate of your ability. Your score is determined by an algorithm that calculates your ability level based not just on what you got right or wrong; but also on the difficulty level of the questions you answered."

Source: Kaplan Test Prep

Because each answer directly affects the next question, the exam **does not allow you to go back to questions you've already answered**

You are required to select a response to every question before you proceed to the next one

Sample GMAT scorecard

GMAT® - Graduate Management Admission Test®

Official Score Report - Test Taker Copy

SAMPLE GMAT TESTER
71 Beethoven St.
Building 7, Apt. 205
Binghamton, NY 12945-6789
United States

Issue Date: 10 November 2011

SAMPLE

Test Taker Information

Telephone Number:

123-456-7890

E-mail Address:

stester@gmac.com

Date of Birth:

31 October 1981

Gender:

Female

Country of Citizenship:

United States

GMAT ID:

100000010138

Appointment Number:

8073303

Optional Test Taker Information (Self-Reported)

Graduation Date:

May 2003

Undergraduate GPA:

3.60 (Based on a 4.0 scale)

Highest Education Level:

Have taken graduate courses beyond my first degree

Undergraduate Institution:

Ohio University

Undergraduate Major:

Business Education

Intended Graduate Study:

Part-time student

Test Information (Score / % Below)

The percentages shown below represent the percent of the test-taking population in the previous three years that scored lower than your numerical score.

To view the full percentile value table, please visit [mba.com](#). See below for alphabetic score key.

Test Date	Verbal	Quantitative	Total	Analytical Writing
10 November 2011	28 / 48%	37 / 46%	550 / 48%	5.0 / 57%
23 February 2010	26 / 40%	36 / 42%	540 / 45%	4.0 / 38%

• C (Self canceled)-Test taker voluntarily canceled the score on the day of the test.

• P (Policy Violation)-GMAC® canceled the score due to a testing policy violation by the test taker. Policy violation for purposes of this identifier includes improperly accessing a mobile phone or study materials, disruptive behavior that interfered with other test takers or test center personnel or noncompliance with any term or condition in the GMAT Information Bulletin, the GMAT Examination Testing Rules and Agreement, or the GMAT Non-Disclosure Agreement and General Terms of Use Statement, other than incidents which are characterized as "serious violations," as defined at right.

• T (Testing issue)-GMAC canceled the score due to an issue that affected the administration of the test. Examples include, but are not limited to, administrative errors, equipment problems, issues related to registration or payment, and disruptions caused by illness, natural disasters or other emergencies.

• S (Serious violation)-GMAC canceled the score because of a discrepancy in, or falsification of, a test taker's identification; improper access to or any disclosure of test content prior to, during, or after the test administration; proxy testing; or falsification of score reports. (The use of "serious violation" for this purpose is not intended to minimize the significance or seriousness of other violations of GMAT testing rules.)

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Preparation Roadmap



Concept Building

Official guides, video lectures on Youtube, Manhattan Guides can be good resources for concept building



Practice problems

It is suggested to practice problems in the online format as much as possible. One can use official problem sets offered by the official GMAC, or problems on the GMATClub website



Test taking

The Official GMAC offers six paid official mock tests. One can choose to supplement these with tests from prep companies such as Kaplan and Veritas

Resources for Concept Building

- Every year, GMAC releases three official guides – the Verbal Review, Quant Review, and the combined official guide for the year
- The Manhattan Guides are useful especially for Sentence Correction in Verbal Reasoning
- For additional practice questions on a given topic, Gmatclub (a free resource) allows you to filter a large repository of questions by source, topic and level of difficulty as shown below, often answered by experts

Sentence Correction (SC)

Search for

NEW TOPIC

TAKE THESE QUESTIONS AS A QUIZ

? QUESTION BANKS ↓ DOWNLOADS ▣ MY BOOKMARKS ⚠ IMPORTANT TOPICS 💬 REVIEWS

📄 Mark topics read

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 ... 230 >

Difficulty: 700-Level ✕ ▼ Pronouns ✕ ▼ Source: Manhattan Prep,Source:1 more ✕ ▼ FILTER

Additional resources for practice problems

Paid official resources available on mba.com > [exam prep section](#)



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Get instant access to 350+ real past Verbal and Quantitative GMAT™ exam questions and pinpoint your weak areas. Create your own unique practice sets and gauge your progress leading up to test day. It's like your own personal prep coach.

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GMAT™ Official Quantitative Practice

Get an estimated Quantitative Reasoning score range – in 60 mins or less: Instantly access three official practice quizzes with 24 questions each to simulate the real test-taking experience. Complete practice quizzes in under an hour each for a full evaluation of your Quantitative Reasoning abilities – and a predictive score range for test day.

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GMAT™ Official Advanced Questions: eBook + Online Question Bank

Need more hard questions to challenge yourself?

Get instant access to 300 hard GMAT™ questions all from past exams and an Online Question Bank to create customized practice sets. The choice for those who aspire to earn a high GMAT score.

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Resources for test taking

- The first two official mock exams are free to access on the mba.com website

Product

→ GMAT™ Official Starter Kit +
Practice Exams 1 & 2 (Free)

\$0.00



- There are four additional official mock exams offered by mba.com (paid)
- Kaplan Test prep and Veritas have mock exams that are similar to the actual test in terms of level of difficulty (speaking from personal experience)
- Manhattan Prep mock exams are good for people who want to practise advanced quant problems
- GMATClub offers access to their tests for free on all major US holidays (these are are high in level of difficulty)

Final Strategy

01 What's the time commitment like?

Completely depends on the candidate and their past experience with Quantitative or verbal concepts. Usually, a 3 to 4-month timeline is good to go over most of the necessary material

02 When do I book the test?

When your practice score is close to your target score and you see an upward trend in your mock test scores

03 It's okay to retake the GMAT?

If you have taken the test already and the score doesn't meet your requirement, fret not! A lot depends on your test day temperament. Find ways to improve on it, work on your gaps in knowledge and take the test again!