Psi Chi Honor Society & Psychology Club

GRE Study Session

Who Takes the GRE?

- Prospective graduate and business school applicants from all around the world who are interested in pursuing a master's, specialized master's in business, MBA, J.D. degree, or doctoral degree take the GRE General Test.
- Applicants come from varying educational and cultural backgrounds and the GRE General Test provides schools with a common measure for comparing candidates' qualifications.
- GRE scores are used by admissions or fellowship panels to supplement your undergraduate records, recommendation letters and other qualifications for graduate-level study.

When and Where Do People Take It?

The GRE General Test is available at more than 1,000 test centers in more than 160 countries.

In most regions of the world, the computer-delivered test is available on a continuous basis throughout the year.

In Mainland China; Hong Kong, China; Taiwan, China; and Korea, the computer-delivered test is available up to three times per month. In areas of the world where computer-delivered testing is not available, the paper-delivered test is available up to two times a year in November and February.

Content and Structure

The overall testing time for the computer-delivered GRE® General Test is about three hours and 45 minutes.

There are six sections with a 10-minute break following the third section.

Measure	Number of Questions	Allotted Time
Analytical Writing (One section with two separately timed tasks)	One "Analyze an Issue" task and one "Analyze an Argument" task	30 minutes per task
Verbal Reasoning (Two sections)	20 questions per section	30 minutes per section
Quantitative Reasoning (Two sections)	20 questions per section	35 minutes per section
Unscored[1]	Varies	Varies
Research[2]	Varies	Varies

Scoring on the GRE

The Quantitative and Verbal Section are scored from 130-170 in 1 point increments. (eg., 130Q, 136V; 155Q, 157V; 148Q, 149V)

The analytical writing is scored from 0-6 in half point increments (e.g, 3.5; 4.0, 5.5).

What's a good score?
Depends on the program's admission criteria, some require much higher scores than others. Some have "cut-off" scores that you must attain.

On average, students score 150 on both Verbal and Quant sections while scoring a 3.5 on the analytical writing section.

Data Breakdown

Measure	Number of Test Takers	Mean	SD
Verbal	1,692,334	150.24	8.44
Quant	1,695,463	153.07	9.24
Analytical	1,687,411	3.55	0.86

Test Design Features

The advanced adaptive design of the GRE General Test allows you to freely move forward and backward throughout an entire section. Specific features include:

- Preview and review capabilities within a section
- "Mark" and "Review" features to tag questions, so you can skip them and return later if you have time remaining in the section
- The ability to change/edit answers within a section
- An on-screen calculator for the Quantitative Reasoning section

Verbal Reasoning Measure

The Verbal Reasoning measure of the GRE® General Test assesses your ability to analyze and evaluate written material and synthesize information obtained from it, analyze relationships among component parts of sentences and recognize relationships among words and concepts.

- Reading Comprehension
- Text Completion
- Sentence Equivalence

Quantitative Reasoning Measure

The Quantitative Reasoning measure of the GRE® General Test assesses your:

- basic mathematical skills
- understanding of elementary mathematical concepts
- ability to reason quantitatively and to model and solve problems with quantitative methods

The skills, concepts and abilities are assessed in the following four content areas:

Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, and **Data Analysis**

Analytical Writing Measure

The Analytical Writing measure tests your critical thinking and analytical writing skills. It assesses your ability to articulate and support complex ideas, construct and evaluate arguments, and sustain a focused and coherent discussion. It does not assess specific content knowledge.

The Analytical Writing measure consists of two separately timed analytical writing tasks:

- a 30-minute "Analyze an Issue" task
- a 30-minute "Analyze an Argument" task
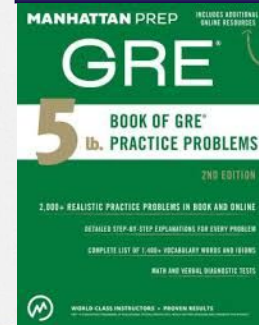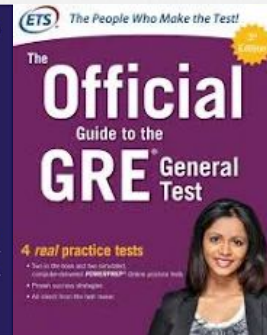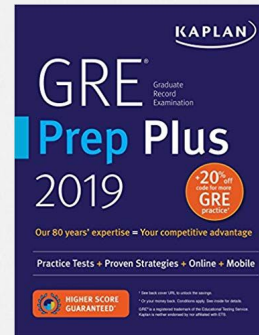
Analytical Writing Measure

The **Issue task** presents an opinion on an issue of general interest followed by specific instructions on how to respond to that issue. You are required to evaluate the issue, consider its complexities and develop an argument with reasons and examples to support your views.

The **Argument task** requires you to evaluate a given argument according to specific instructions. You will need to consider the logical soundness of the argument rather than agree or disagree with the position it presents.

What Resources are Available To You?

Books have been published to help prepare for the GRE. Some include:

- Kaplan
- Princeton Review
- Manhattan 5lb Book
- Word Smart for GRE
- Official ETS Books

Test Review Materials:

The ETS has a nice starting point, as well as TWO FREE practice tests available:
https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare

Free tutors, such as GregMAT can be helpful for content explanations and test tips:

https://www.gregmat.com/

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Links for Practice Problems

Vocabulary:

https://youtu.be/uf71_g2R3s0?t=488

Verbal Reasoning Questions:

https://youtu.be/Tzy5zAAtGCo

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