

# **Graduate Record Examinations**

## **1. Institutes that accept GRE Score**

1. Harvard Business School
2. Stanford Graduate School of Business
3. Wharton School
4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Sloan
5. Columbia Business School
6. Cornell University – Johnson
7. Northwestern University – Kellogg
8. New York University – Stern
9. University of Chicago – Booth
10. University of California Berkeley – Haas
11. Dartmouth College – Tuck
12. Duke University – Fuqua
13. Yale School of Management
14. University of Michigan Ann Arbor – Ross
15. Carnegie Mellon University – Tepper
16. University of Virginia – Darden
17. Georgetown University – McDonough
18. Emory University – Goizueta
19. University of Texas Austin – McCombs
20. University of North Carolina Chapel Hill – Kenan Flagler
21. University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
22. Georgia Institute of Technology
23. Vanderbilt University – Owen
24. Washington University in St. Louis – Olin

25. London Business School
26. University of Cambridge – Judge
27. Oxford University – Said
28. Indian School of Business (ISB)
29. Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (PGPX)
30. Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (EPGP)

## **2. Eligibility Criteria**

1. The only eligibility requirement for GRE is the document required to prove your identity. In India, you'll need a valid passport. You'll have to get your original passport (not photocopies) which clearly shows your full name, photograph and signature.
2. No other documentation (like birth certificate, international driving license etc) can be used as an alternate identity proof. They are very strict about this.
3. Apart from this eligibility requirement, ETS does not set any age, qualification, timing related pre-requisites. However, there will be a range of eligibility criteria set by universities that accept GRE scores. For each of their programs, they may have minimum age, experience and qualification related filters.

## **3. Timelines**

1. Unlike the other entrance exam dates in India, there are no specific GRE Exam dates in India. You can take it any time of the year by taking an appointment with the closest GRE exam center. But with this flexibility, there's another issue.
2. During the peak application season (generally around August to December), it may be difficult for you to get an appointment in your preferred exam center. You'd be forced to book a day and time at another center that may not be close to where you live.
3. This makes it important to plan your GRE preparation schedule and test dates well in advance. You can take the GRE General Test once every 21 days up to five times in a continuous rolling 12 month period.

## **4. Syllabus**

### **Analytical Writing:-**

1. The analytical writing section aims to measure the test taker's ability to articulate complex ideas clearly and effectively, support ideas with relevant reasons and examples, examine claims and accompanying evidence, sustain a well-focused, coherent discussion and control the elements of standard written English.

2. In the Analytical Section, the candidate is required to understand and articulate ideas both simple and complex effectively. The section also expects the candidates to be able to support ideas with significant reasons and examples as well as examine claims and associated facts while able to maintain a rational and well-focused discussion.

### **Quantitative Reasoning:-**

1. Ratio and proportion
2. Profit and loss
3. Simple and compound interest
4. Speed, distance and time
5. Permutation & combination
6. Linear equations
7. Quadratic equations
8. Sets Theory
9. Statistics
10. Powers and roots
11. Probability
12. Pipes, cisterns, work, time
13. Lines and angles
14. Triangles
15. Polygon
16. Quadrilateral
17. Circles
18. Co-ordinate geometry
19. Order of operations
20. Volume and surface area
21. Percentage
22. Number properties
23. Miscellaneous

## **Verbal Reasoning:-**

There will be 3 types of questions:

1. Reading Comprehension
2. Text Completion
3. Sentence Equivalence

Here are some topic covered under the Verbal Reasoning Section:-

1. Basic Sentence structure: Nouns, Pronouns, Adjectives
2. Verb Tense
3. Idioms & Idiomatic Expressions
4. Pronoun Agreement
5. Subject-Verb Agreement
6. Modifiers
7. Parallelism
8. Miscellaneous

## **5. Paper Pattern & Marking Scheme**

### **Structure of the Computer-delivered Test:-**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number of Questions</b>	<b>Allotted Time</b>
Analytical Writing (One section with two separately timed tasks)	One "Analyse an Issue" task and one "Analyse 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 <sup>1</sup>	Varies	Varies
Research <sup>2</sup>	Varies	Varies

1. An unidentified unscored section that does not count toward your score may be included and may appear in any order after the Analytical Writing section. Questions in the unscored section are being tried out either for possible use in future tests or to ensure that scores on new editions of the test are comparable to scores from earlier editions.
2. An identified research section that does not count toward your score may be included in place of the unscored section. The research section will always appear at the end of the test. Questions in this section are included for ETS research purposes.

The Analytical Writing section will always be first. The Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and unidentified/unscored sections may appear in any order; therefore, you should treat each section as if it counts toward your score.

### **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:

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

### **Structure of the Paper-delivered Test:-**

Measure	Number of Questions	Allotted Time
Analytical Writing (Two sections)	Section 1: "Analyze an Issue" task Section 2: "Analyze an Argument" task	30 minutes per section
Verbal Reasoning (Two sections)	25 questions per section	35 minutes per section

Quantitative Reasoning (Two sections)	25 questions per section	40 minutes per section
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The Analytical Writing sections will always be first, while the other four sections may appear in any order.

### **Test Design Features:-**

1. Answers are entered into the test book, rather than a separate answer sheet.
2. You will be provided an ETS calculator to use during the Quantitative Reasoning section; you may not use your own calculator.

### **GRE Scores:-**

Verbal & Quantitative Reasoning: 130 – 170 (per section)

Analytical writing: 0-6

**Test duration:-**3 hours 45 minutes

## **6. Actual Paper & Important Points**

1. Personal items other than identification documents are not allowed in the testing room. This includes any phones; PDAs; all watches, including digital, analog and smart watches; and any other electronic, recording, listening, scanning or photographic devices. If you are seen using or accessing any of these electronic devices and/or transmitting data, including but not limited to text messaging, email and photographs, your device may be inspected and/or confiscated. You may not access your phone during the test or during breaks to check messages, make a call or to check the time.

### **For Computer-delivered Tests Only**

1. The GRE General Test includes an optional 10-minute break after the third section and one-minute breaks between the remaining sections of the test. These break times cannot be exceeded. You are required to remain in the test centre building or in the immediate area. You are not permitted to go outside the test centre building unless it is to use the restroom during the test administration, including breaks.

2. If you need to leave your seat at any time other than the break, raise your hand; timing of the section will not stop.

3. You will have access to an on-screen calculator during the Quantitative Reasoning sections. Personal calculators are not permitted in the testing room.

### For Paper-delivered Tests Only

1. Take three or four sharpened No. 2 HB pencils and a good eraser. Pencils and erasers will not be supplied at the test centre. Mechanical pencils and pens are not permitted.

2. You will be provided with an ETS calculator to use during the Quantitative Reasoning sections. You may not use your own personal calculator. Sharing of calculators with other test takers is not permitted.

3. The GRE General Test includes a 10-minute break after the second Analytical Writing section. This break time cannot be exceeded. You are required to remain in the test centre building or in the immediate area. You are not permitted to go outside the test centre building unless it is to use the restroom during the test administration, including breaks.

4. You must have the test administrator's permission to leave the room during the test. Any time lost cannot be made up. You are required to remain in the test centre building or in the immediate area unless it is to use the restroom only during the test administration, including breaks.