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### The placement tests details

#### GRE

The GRE<sup>®</sup> General Test gives you more opportunities for success.

Whether you are considering graduate school or business school, or still deciding what to do, you only need to take the one test accepted by thousands of graduate and business schools worldwide (PDF), the GRE<sup>®</sup> General Test. It is the only graduate-level admissions test that lets you skip questions and go back, change your answers and tackle the questions you want to answer first.

Plus, the GRE General Test provides the ScoreSelect<sup>®</sup> option, which means you can take a GRE test now or again in the future, and only send schools your best set of scores. Best of all, you have five years to decide how to use any of your scores.

- Verbal Reasoning — Measures 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.
- Quantitative Reasoning — Measures problem-solving ability using basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry and data analysis.
- Analytical Writing — Measures critical thinking and analytical writing skills, specifically your ability to articulate and support complex ideas clearly and effectively.

#### Test Content and Structure

The GRE<sup>®</sup> General Test features question types that closely reflect the kind of thinking you'll do — and the skills you need to succeed — in today's demanding graduate and business school programs. The test-taker friendly design lets you skip questions within a section, go back and change answers and have the flexibility to choose which questions within a section you want to answer first. Get a look at the structure of the computer-delivered or paper-delivered GRE General Test.

The GRE General Test measures your verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking and analytical writing skills — skills that have been developed over a long period of time and are not related to a specific field of study but are important for all.

Here's a look at content covered in the three test sections — Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing.

## **Verbal Reasoning**

The Verbal Reasoning section measures your ability to:

- analyze and draw conclusions from discourse; reason from incomplete data; identify author's assumptions and/or perspective; understand multiple levels of meaning, such as literal, figurative and author's intent
- select important points; distinguish major from minor or relevant points; summarize text; understand the structure of a text
- understand the meanings of words, sentences and entire texts; understand relationships among words and among concepts

## **Quantitative Reasoning**

The Quantitative Reasoning section measures your ability to:

- understand, interpret and analyze quantitative information
- solve problems using mathematical models
- apply basic skills and elementary concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry and data analysis

The Quantitative Reasoning section includes an on-screen calculator. If you are taking the paper-delivered test, a calculator will be provided at the test center.

## **Analytical Writing**

The Analytical Writing section measures your 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
- control the elements of standard written English

The Analytical Writing section requires you to provide focused responses based on the tasks presented, so you can accurately demonstrate your skill in directly responding to a task.

## **Modified Versions of Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning Questions**

The test you take may include questions that are modified versions of published questions or of questions you have already seen on the test. Some modifications are substantial; others are less apparent.

Even if a question appears to be similar to a question you have already seen, it may in fact be different and have a different answer. Pay careful attention to the wording of each question.

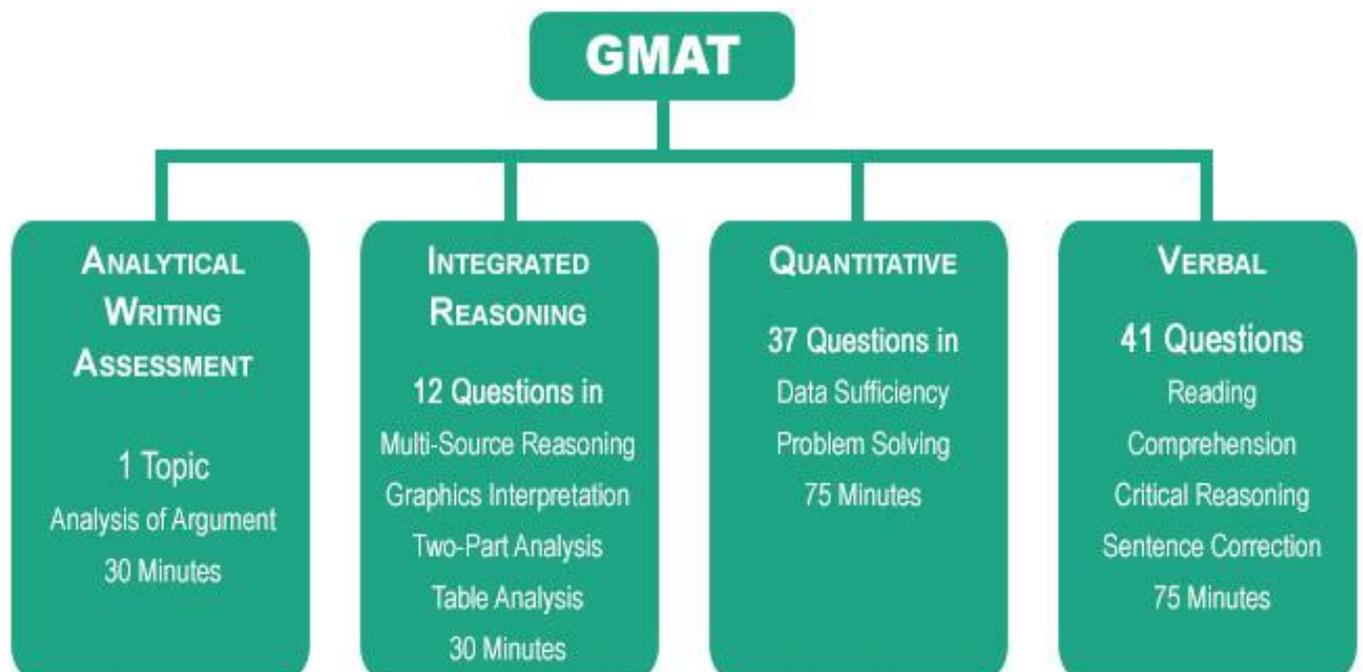
### GRE SCORING

Three **scores** are reported on the **GRE**® General Test: a Verbal Reasoning **score** reported on a 130–170 **score** scale, in 1-point increments. a Quantitative Reasoning **score** reported on a 130–170 **score** scale, in 1-point increments. an Analytical Writing **score** reported on a 0–6 **score** scale, in half-point increments.

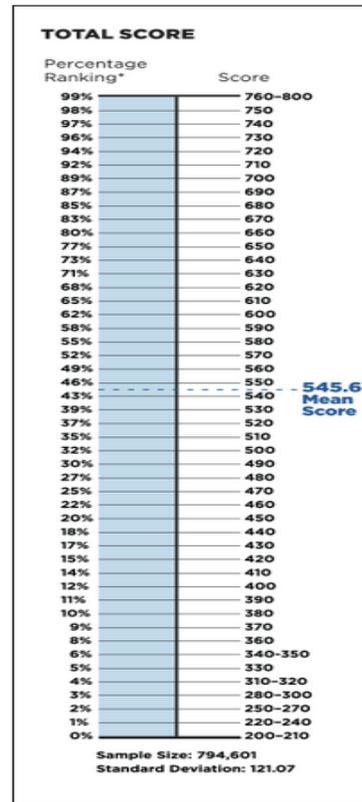
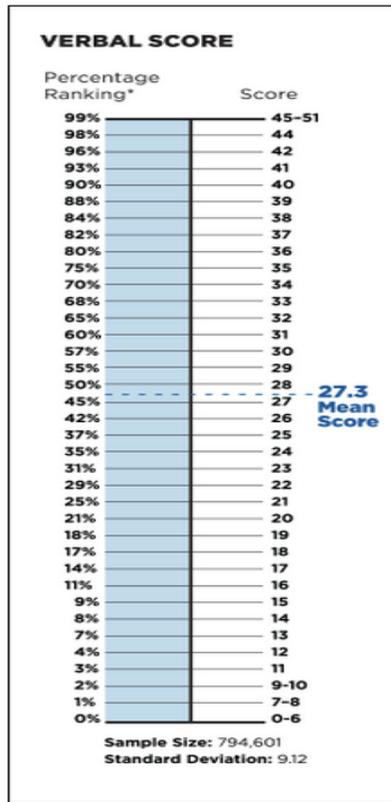
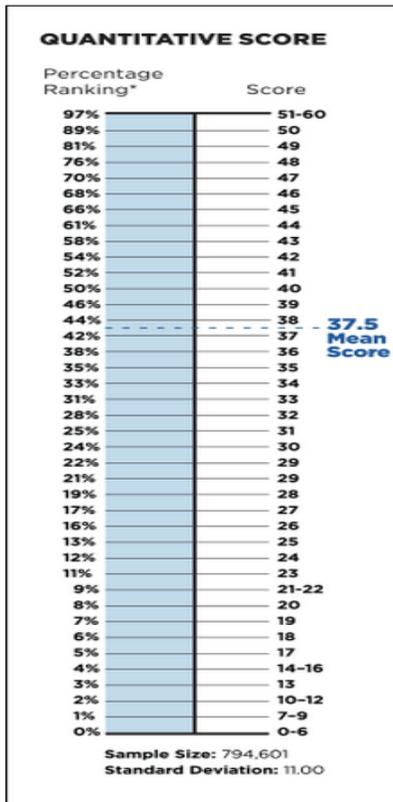
### GMAT

The **Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)** is a [computer adaptive test \(CAT\)](#) intended to assess certain analytical, writing, quantitative, verbal, and reading skills in written English for use in admission to a graduate management program, such as an MBA.

The GMAT exam is administered in standardized test centers (ICEA building in Nairobi) According to a survey conducted by Kaplan Test Prep, the GMAT is still the number one choice for MBA aspirants despite the increasing acceptability of [GRE](#) scores.



## GMAT SCORING CHART



## Gmat structure

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PxVm0n511A>

### **GMAT or GRE**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcK8NOJW5IM>

### IELTS

The speaking test takes 11-14 minutes and consists of an interview with an examiner.

The interview is recorded.

The speaking test has three parts:

<b>Part 1</b> Introduction and interview	Examiner introduces him/herself and checks your name. The examiner then asks you questions on general topics.	4–5 minutes
<b>Part 2</b> Individual long turn	Examiner gives you a written task card. You have 1 minute to think (take notes) before you have to speak for 1–2 minutes.  Examiner asks one or two questions at the end of your talk.	3–4 minutes (including 1 minute preparation time)
<b>Part 3</b> Two-way discussion	Discuss with the examiner more abstract issues and concepts which are thematically linked to the topic of your talk in Part 2.	4–5 minutes

#### **Example:**

#### **The IELTS Speaking Exam**

In this part you have to speak for 1-2 minutes about a topic.

*Look at the topic below for one minute. You may make notes if you wish*

#### **Talk about yourself having a healthy lifestyle.**

Please say:

- What stops you from having a healthy lifestyle?
- What are the disadvantages of not having a healthy lifestyle?

- What can you do in order to have a healthier lifestyle?

## IELTS Listening

### About the IELTS Listening test

- You will listen to 4 different recordings and answer 40 questions.
- The test takes approximately 30 minutes. You will have an additional ten minutes to transfer your answers to an answer sheet
- You only hear the audio once.
- A variety of voices and native-speaker accents are used.
- You will hear conversations and monologues, with topics ranging from the everyday social to the academic.
- A variety of question types are used, including multiple choice, form completion, note completion, summary completion, sentence completion, and short-answer questions.
- Candidates for IELTS Academic and IELTS General both do the same listening test

### Listening Tips

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you listen.
- Try to get an idea of the situation. Who are the speakers? Where are they? Why are they speaking?
- Remember, you will only hear the audio once. You will need to read, write and listen all at the same time.
- Listen for '**signpost words**' such as *however*, *although* and *finally*. They help you to anticipate what the speaker will say.

## IELTS for migration

### Accepted for Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the UK

IELTS is accepted as evidence of English language proficiency for study, work and migration in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the UK, as well as for study and work in the USA.

Each country sets its own IELTS requirements. For up-to-date information, please visit the relevant government websites.

- See more at: <https://www.ielts.org/what-is-ielts/ielts-for-migration#sthash.ZobaGAcd.dpuf>

### Australia

IELTS is accepted for many visa categories, as well as for permanent residency in Australia. It is also a requirement for some Australian professional organisations and accrediting bodies.

#### [Achieve your dream to go to Australia with IELTS](https://www.ielts.org/what-is-ielts/ielts-for-migration#sthash.ZobaGAcd.dpuf)

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### Canada

If you are applying for a work visa, professional recognition or for permanent residency in Canada, it is likely

that you will be required to present evidence of English language proficiency. IELTS General Training is the only internationally available English proficiency test accepted by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) for immigration to Canada.

[Open doors to Canada with IELTS](#)

- See more at: <https://www.ielts.org/what-is-ielts/ielts-for-migration#sthash.ZobaGAcD.dpuf>

## IELTS SCORING

### IELTS Listening marking schemes

For the listening test, which contains 40 questions, the *approximate* band scores can be calculated using this table.

Band Score	9	8.5	8	7.5	7	6.5	6	5.5	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5
Score / 40	39-40	37-38	35-36	32-34	30-31	26-29	23-25	18-22	16-17	13-15	10-12	8-10	6-7	4-5

### IELTS General Reading marking schemes

For the general reading test, which contains 40 questions, the *approximate* band scores can be calculated using this table.

Band Score	9	8.5	8	7.5	7	6.5	6	5.5	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5
Score / 40	40	39	37-38	36	34-35	32-33	30-31	27-29	23-26	19-22	15-18	12-14	9-11	6-8

### IELTS Academic Reading marking schemes

For the *academic* reading test, which also contains 40 questions, but is more difficult, the *approximate* band scores can be calculated using this table.

Band Score	9	8.5	8	7.5	7	6.5	6	5.5	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5
Score / 40	39-40	37-38	35-36	33-34	30-32	27-29	23-26	19-22	15-18	13-14	10-12	8-9	6-7	4-5

The **overall band score** is rounded to the nearest whole or half band. For example: If you achieve 6.5 for Listening, 6.5 for Reading, 5.0 for Writing and 7.0 for Speaking, you will be awarded an **Overall Band Score** of 6.5. **Total score** of  $25 \div 4 = 6.25$  which is a band **score** of 6.5.

A band **score** of 6.5 is a standard or an average band **score** that makes a test-taker a **good** user of the English language. It is a cut-off **score**, mostly set by colleges and organizations for recruiting **IELTS** test-takers.

## TOEFL

**Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)** is a standardized test to measure the English language ability of non-native speakers wishing to enroll in English-speaking universities. The test is accepted by many English-speaking academic and professional institutions. TOEFL is one of the two major English-language tests in the world, the other being the IELTS.

<https://www.ets.org/toefl/rpdt/about>

TOEFL is a trademark of the Educational Testing Service (ETS), a private non-profit organization, which designs and administers the tests. ETS issues official score reports, sent independently to institutions, for two years following the test

Type	Internet-based or paper-based standardized test.
Developer / administrator	<a href="https://www.ets.org">Educational Testing Service</a>
Knowledge / skills tested	Reading, listening, speaking and writing of the <a href="#">English language</a> .
Purpose	Testing the <a href="#">English language</a> proficiency of non-native English speakers for academic and other purposes.
Year started	1964
Duration	Internet-based test (iBT): 3 hours 10 minutes to 4 hours 20 minutes (excluding 10-minute break in-between). Paper-based test (PBT): 2 hours 20 minutes to 2 hours 30 minutes.
Score / grade range	iBT: 0 to 30 (in 1 point increments) on each of the 4 sections. So total of 0 to 120. PBT: Listening: 31 to 68, Structure: 31 to 69, Reading: 31 to 67. Total of 310 to 677. Writing (separate): 0 to 6. (All in 1 point increments.)
Score / grade validity	2 years

<b>Offered</b>	iBT: More than 50 times a year.
<b>Restrictions on attempts</b>	iBT: Can be taken only once in any 12-day period.
<b>Countries / regions</b>	4500 test centers in 165 countries.

## Formats and content

### Internet-based test

Since its introduction in late 2005, the TOEFL Internet-based Test (iBT) format has progressively replaced the computer-based tests (CBT) and paper-based tests (PBT), although paper-based testing is still used in select areas. The TOEFL iBT test has been introduced in phases, with the United States, Canada, France, Germany, and Italy in 2005 and the rest of the world in 2006, with test centers added regularly. The CBT was discontinued in September 2006 and these scores are no longer valid.

Initially, the demand for test seats was higher than availability, and candidates had to wait for months. It is now possible to take the test within one to four weeks in most countries.<sup>[8]</sup> The four-hour test consists of four sections, each measuring one of the basic language skills (while some tasks require integrating multiple skills), and all tasks focus on language used in an academic, higher-education environment. Note-taking is allowed during the TOEFL iBT test. The test cannot be taken more than once every 12 days.

### 1. Reading

The Reading section consists of questions on 3-5 passages, each approximately 700 words in length. The passages are on academic topics; they are the kind of material that might be found in an undergraduate university textbook. Passages require understanding of rhetorical functions such as cause-effect, compare-contrast and argumentation. Students answer questions about main ideas, details, inferences, essential information, sentence insertion, vocabulary, rhetorical purpose and overall ideas. New types of questions in the TOEFL iBT test require filling out tables or completing summaries. Prior knowledge of the subject under discussion is not necessary to come to the correct answer.

### 2. Listening

The Listening section consists of questions on six passages, each 3–5 minutes in length. These passages include two student conversations and four academic lectures or discussions. The conversations involve a student and either a professor or a campus service provider. The lectures are a self-contained portion of an academic lecture, which may involve student participation and does not assume specialized background knowledge in the subject area. Each conversation and lecture passage is heard only once. Test-takers may take notes while they listen and they may refer to their notes when they answer the questions. Each conversation is associated with five questions and each lecture with six. The questions are meant to measure the ability to understand main ideas, important details,

implications, relationships between ideas, organization of information, speaker purpose and speaker attitude.

### 3. Speaking

The Speaking section consists of six tasks: two independent and four integrated. In the two independent tasks, test-takers answer opinion questions on familiar topics. They are evaluated on their ability to speak spontaneously and convey their ideas clearly and coherently. In two of the integrated tasks, test-takers read a short passage, listen to an academic course lecture or a conversation about campus life and answer a question by combining appropriate information from the text and the talk. In the two remaining integrated tasks, test-takers listen to an academic course lecture or a conversation about campus life and then respond to a question about what they heard. In the integrated tasks, test-takers are evaluated on their ability to appropriately synthesize and effectively convey information from the reading and listening material. Test-takers may take notes as they read and listen and may use their notes to help prepare their responses. Test-takers are given a short preparation time before they have to begin speaking. The responses are digitally recorded, sent to ETS's Online Scoring Network (OSN), and evaluated by three to six raters.

### 4. Writing

The Writing section measures a test taker's ability to write in an academic setting and consists of two tasks: one integrated and one independent. In the integrated task, test-takers read a passage on an academic topic and then listen to a speaker discuss it. The test-taker then writes a summary about the important points in the listening passage and explains how these relate to the key points of the reading passage. In the independent task, the test-taker must write an essay that states their opinion or choice, and then explain it, rather than simply listing personal preferences or choices. Responses are sent to the ETS OSN and evaluated by at least 3 different raters.

## TASKS

Task	Description	Approximate time
Reading	3–5 passages, each containing 12–14 questions	60–80 minutes
Listening	6–9 passages, each containing 5–6 questions	60–90 minutes
Break	Mandatory break	10 minutes
Speaking	6 tasks	20 minutes
Writing	2 tasks	50 minutes

One of the sections of the test will include extra, uncounted material. Educational Testing Service includes extra material to pilot test questions for future test forms. When test-takers are given a longer section, they should give equal effort to all of the questions because they do not

know which question will count and which will be considered extra. For example, if there are four reading passages instead of three, then one of the passages will not be counted. Any of the four could be the uncounted one.

### TOEFL-Paper-based Test

The TOEFL® paper-based Test (PBT) is available in limited areas. Scores are valid for two years after the test date, and test takers can have their scores sent to institutions or face time.<sup>[11]</sup>

1. **Listening** (30 – 40 minutes)

The Listening section consists of 3 parts. The first one contains 30 questions about short conversations. The second part has 8 questions about longer conversations. The last part asks 12 questions about lectures or talks.

2. **Structure and Written Expression** (25 minutes)

The Structure and Written Expression section has 15 exercises of completing sentences correctly and 25 exercises of identifying errors.

3. **Reading Comprehension** (55 minutes)

The Reading Comprehension sections has 50 questions about reading passages.

4. **Writing** (30 minutes)

The TOEFL PBT administrations include a writing test called the Test of Written English (TWE). This is one essay question with 250–300 words in average.

### Test scores

#### TOEFL iBT Test

- The TOEFL iBT test is scored on a scale of 0 to 120 points.
- Each of the four sections (Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing) receives a scaled score from 0 to 30. The scaled scores from the four sections are added together to determine the total score.
- The reading and listening sections are tested first, followed by a ten-minute break. The speaking and writing sections are then completed following the break. A maximum amount of 250 minutes is allowed to complete the whole exam process.<sup>[13]</sup>
- Each speaking question is initially given a score of 0 to 4, and each writing question is initially given a score of 0 to 5. These scores are converted to scaled scores of 0 to 30.

### Paper-based Test

- The final PBT score ranges between 310 and 677 and is based on three subscores: Listening (31–68), Structure (31–68), and Reading (31–67). Unlike the CBT, the score of the Writing component (referred to as the Test of Written English, TWE) is not part of the final score; instead, it is reported separately on a scale of 0–6.
- The score test takers receive on the Listening, Structure and Reading parts of the TOEFL test is not the percentage of correct answers. The score is converted to take into account the fact that some tests are more difficult than others. The converted scores correct these differences. Therefore, the converted score is a more accurate reflection of the ability than the raw score is.

### Accepted TOEFL Scores

Most colleges use TOEFL scores as only one factor in their admission process, with a college or program within a college often setting a minimum TOEFL score required. The minimum TOEFL iBT scores range from 61 (Bowling Green State University)<sup>[14]</sup> to 111 (University of Oxford).<sup>[15]</sup>

ETS has released tables to convert between iBT, CBT and PBT scores.

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