

The GRE® revised General Test

ETS has enhanced the content and delivery of the test in several significant ways. The GRE revised General Test, which was introduced on August 1, 2011,

- is more closely aligned with the skills needed in today's demanding graduate and business school programs
- provides more simplicity in distinguishing performance differences between candidates
- is more test-taker friendly for an enhanced test experience

The revised test continues to assess the skills that graduate and business schools value: verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking and analytical writing — skills that are not limited to any specific field of study, but are important for all.

GRE® General Test - (*tests taken prior to August 1, 2011*)

GRE General Test Score Scales

Three scores are reported on the GRE® General Test:

- a Verbal Reasoning score reported on a 200 – 800 score scale, in 10-point increments
- a Quantitative Reasoning score reported on a 200 – 800 score scale, in 10-point increments
- an Analytical Writing score reported on a 0 – 6 score scale, in half-point increments

Any section in which no questions are answered will be reported as a No Score (NS).

GRE® revised General Test - (*tests taken on or after August 1, 2011*)

GRE revised General Test Score Scales

Three scores are reported on the GRE® revised 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

Any section in which no questions are answered will be reported as a No Score (NS).

Structure of the Computer-based GRE revised General Test

Test structure and length of the computer-based test

Section	Number of Questions	Time
Verbal Reasoning (Two sections)	Approximately 20 questions per section	30 minutes per section
Quantitative Reasoning (Two sections)	Approximately 20 questions per section	35 minutes per section
Analytical Writing (One section with two separately timed tasks)	One "Analyze an Issue" task and one "Analyze an Argument" task	30 minutes per task
Unscored or Research Section*	Varies	Varies

Content on the GRE revised General Test

The skills measured on the GRE revised General Test include the test-takers ability to do the following:

Verbal Reasoning

- 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.

Featuring new types of questions, the Verbal Reasoning section measures your ability to understand what you read and how you apply your reasoning skills.

Quantitative Reasoning

- Understand quantitative information.
- Interpret and analyze quantitative information.
- Solve problems using mathematical models.
- Apply basic mathematical skills and elementary mathematical concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, probability and statistics.

With increased **emphasis on data interpretation and real-life scenarios**, this section has new types of questions that require you to show your quantitative reasoning ability.

Analytical Writing

- Articulate complex ideas clearly and effectively.
- Examine claims and accompanying evidence.
- Support ideas with relevant reasons and examples.
- 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.

Here's a reminder of what's new:

 Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores on the GRE revised General Test are reported on new **130 – 170 score scales**, in 1-point increments.

 **For individuals who took the GRE® General Test prior to August 2011**, reports will include Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores on the prior 200 – 800 score scales and estimated scores on the new 130 – 170 score scales. This information is included on the score report to help you compare candidates. **Concordance tables** will also be available on the GRE website in November.

 **Additional test taker information** is provided on the report, including email address, telephone number and intended graduate major.