

GRE® Seminar for SAPLA Annual Conference

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PART ONE



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Overview of the *GRE*® General Test





For Graduate, Business or Law School

- The *GRE*[®] General Test is used **around the world** for:
 - Master's programs
 - Specialized business master's programs
 - Certificate in law programs
 - MBA programs
 - JD programs
 - Doctoral programs
 - Awarding fellowships





Test Day

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Law Schools Accepting GRE Scores

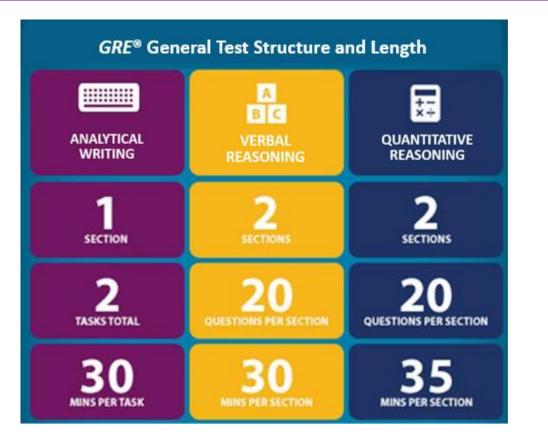
- The *GRE*[®] website contains a current list of law schools that accept GRE scores for their JD programs:
 - www.ets.org/gre/score-users/law-schools/program-list.html
 - As of December 1, 2022, 106 (100ABA) law schools are listed
 - Additional law schools will start accepting GRE scores in the next admissions cycle starting in the fall of 2023
 - 79% of the law schools publicly accepting GRE scores have no test preference
 - Law schools decide how they will use GRE scores, such as how much weight to place on each section
 - GRE data now appears on ABA 509 reports for law schools with a certain number of GRE matriculants

2021 First Year Class (Oct 6th 2020-Oct 5th 2021)

		2021	-
Completed Applications		7410	
Offers of Admission		1031	
Acceptance Rate (Percent)		13.91%	i
Enrollees from Applicant pool		234	
Enrollment rate from Completed Applications		3.16%	i
Enrollment rate from Offers of Admission		22.70%	i
Other first-year enrollees		14	
GRE	All	Full Time	Part Time
Total Non LSAT Admissions Enrollees	15		
75th Percentile GRE Verbal Reasoning	168.0	168.0	
50th Percentile GRE Verbal Reasoning	163.0	163.0	
25th Percentile GRE Verbal Reasoning	159.0	159.0	
75th Percentile GRE Quantitative Reasoning	164.0	164.0	
50th Percentile GRE Quantitative Reasoning	159.0	159.0	•
25th Percentile GRE Quantitative Reasoning	157.0	157.0	
75th Percentile GRE Analytical Writing	5.5	5.5	
50th Percentile GRE Analytical Writing	5.0	5.0	
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The *GRE*[®] General Test



The test also includes:

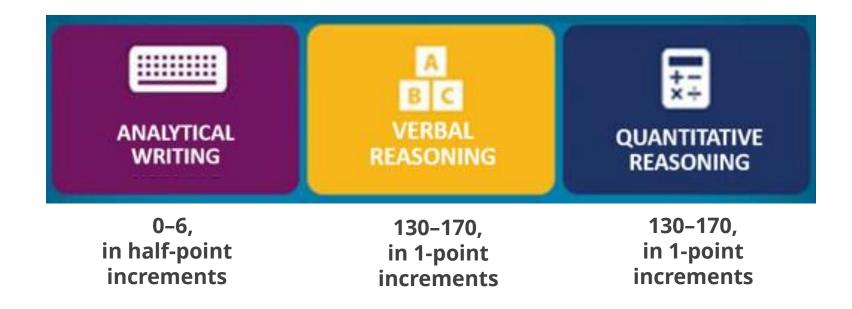
- Either an unscored section or a research section that does not count toward your scores
 - If you get an unscored section, you will not know which one it is, so try your best on all the sections
 - If you get a research section, it will always be last and will be clearly marked

Approximate total testing time = 3 hours and 45 minutes (plus timed breaks)



GRE® General Test Scores

Three scores are reported on the following score scales:



Scores are good for five years.



The *GRE*[®] General Test is Given in Test Centers Worldwide

- In most regions of the world, the test is available on a continuous basis throughout the year.
 - The test is delivered on a desktop computer with a full-screen monitor, mouse and keyboard.
- The test is normally available at more than 1,000 test centers in more than 160 countries.
- View test center locations and seat availability at **www.ets.org/gre/testcenters**.



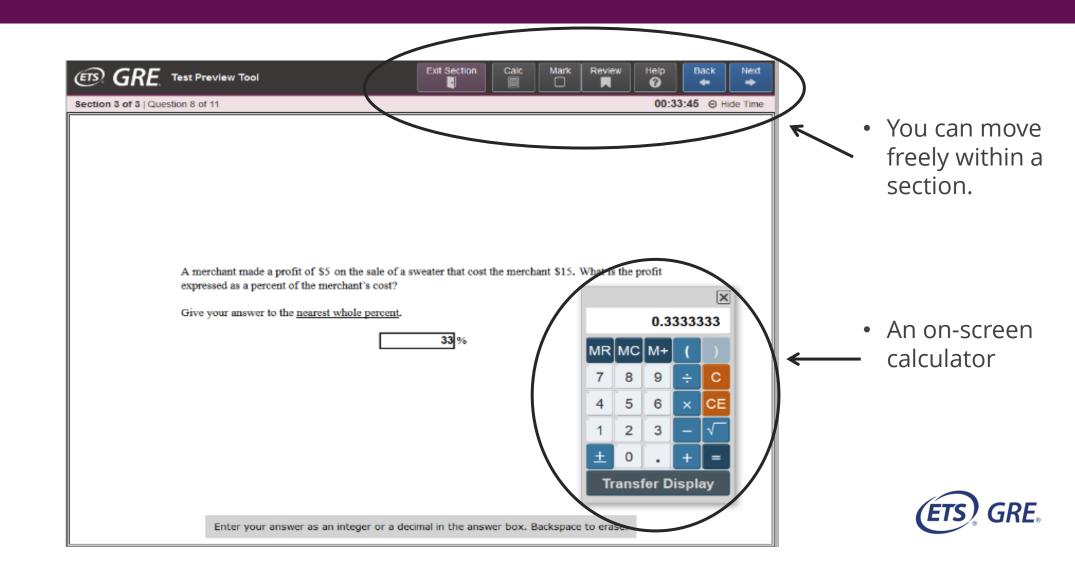
GRE® General Test at Home

- It's available everywhere that the test is normally available, based on the country of your account address, except Iran.
- Identical in content, format and on-screen experience to the usual testing experience, so that you don't need to change how you study for the test.
- Same test fee and payment options, including vouchers.
- Same score scales, score report and score reporting options.
- Accessible, with extended time, extra breaks, screen magnification, selectable colors and other accommodations available.
- Monitored and recorded <u>online</u> through use of live human proctors and artificial intelligence technology through ProctorU[®].



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Test-taker Friendly Design



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The Review Screen

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Review

This page presents information about questions in the current section. You may sort the questions by **Number**, **Status**, and **Marked**. The question you were on is selected and highlighted by default. Questions you have encountered have a status of **Answered**, **Incomplete**, or **Not Answered**. An **Incomplete** status indicates you have selected more or fewer options than the question requires. Questions you have not encountered have a status of **Not Encountered**. Marked questions are indicated with a **•**.

To return to the question you were on, select **Return**. To go to a different question, select that question and select **Go to Question**. You will be unable to go to questions that have a status of **Not Encountered**.

First 10 Rows Sorted by Number in Ascending Order

Number 🔫	Status	Marked
1	Answered	
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3	Answered	
4	Answered	
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Last 10 Rows Sorted by Number in Ascending Order

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13	Answered	
14	Incomplete	
15	Answered	
16	Answered	
17	Not Answered	
18	Not Answered	
19	Answered	✓
20	Not Encountered	

- Allows you to view the status of the test questions in the section.
- The list contains each question number in the section, whether you have answered the question, and whether you marked the question for review.



GRE® Fee Reduction Program

- Program began in 1971. In the past six years, 31,000+ GRE[®] Fee Reduction Vouchers were used.
- Year-over-year usage has increased as ETS has made vouchers available to more programs.
- Those who qualify also get free access to additional test prep (\$100 value).





Two *POWER PR E P PLUS*[®] Online Practice Tests

ScoreltNow![™] Online Writing Practice

Programs that receive fee reduction vouchers annually from ETS

- Admit.me Fellows Added in 2022
- Charles B. Rangel Fellowship Program
- EducationUSA Opportunity Fund Program
- Gates Millennium Scholars Program
- i-Scholar Initiative Added in 2022
- Institute for Recruitment of Teachers (IRT)
- Management Leaders of Tomorrow
- Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC) Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U-STAR) Program
- National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering and Science Program (GEM)
- NSF Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Program
- Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP)
- Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) Program
- Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)
- The Beinecke Scholarship Program
- TheDream.US
- Thomas R. Pickering Fellowship Program
- TRIO Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program
- TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Program



See www.ets.org/gre/score-users/reducing-barriers/fee-reductions.html

Requesting testing accommodations

- Test takers can request accommodations and register for the *GRE*[®] General Test through their ETS Account.
- Test takers must have their accommodations approved **BEFORE** their test can be scheduled.
- Requests for accommodations should be submitted as early as possible, especially if the test taker is requesting an alternate test format.
 - Documentation review takes approximately six weeks once the request and completed paperwork are received at ETS.

Visit www.ets.org/gre/test-takers/general-test/register/disability-accommodations





Testing accommodations

ETS provides accommodations for *GRE*[®] test takers who meet certain requirements. Accommodations include:

- Extended testing time
- Extra breaks
- Assistance
 - o Human reader
 - \circ Scribe
- Alternate Test Formats
 - \circ Braille
 - o Large-print test book and/or large-print answer sheet
 - $\circ\,$ Audio recording
 - o Computer-voiced with either tactile figure supplement (GRE General Test only)
 - Computer-voiced with large-print figure supplement (*GRE* General Test only)





Testing accommodations (continued)

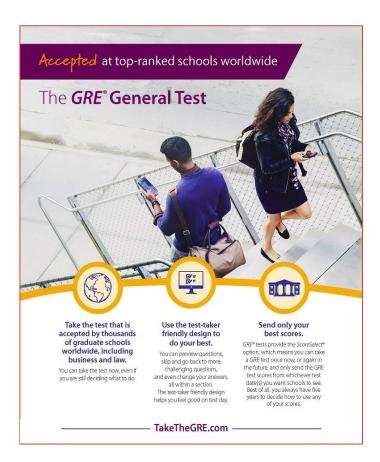
Accommodations commonly used on the *GRE*[®] General Test:

- Extended testing time
- Extra breaks
- Ergonomic keyboard
- IntelliKeys keyboard
- Keyboard with touchpad
- Screen magnification
- Selectable foreground and background colors
- Trackball
- JAWS, with or without a refreshable braille device



Toolkit of resources to help educators advise students

- GRE Advisor Kit gives advisors and educators information to help students understand everything they need to know about:
 - Test registration
 - Preparation
 - Sending scores
- Includes how-to videos, a student presentation with script, printable flyers, helpful links and more.

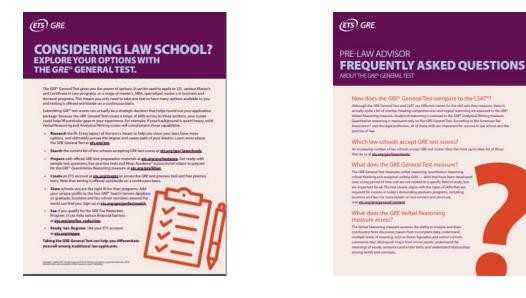


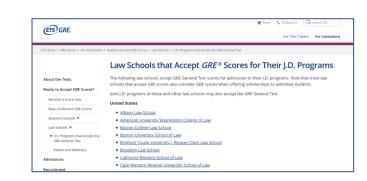




GRE® Advisor Kit materials Include

- Considering Law School Flyer A quick look for students considering taking the GRE General Test when applying to law schools and programs.
- Pre-Law Advisor FAQs Flyer Provides answers to the most asked questions about the process and score acceptance by law programs
- JD Programs that Accept GRE Scores







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Getting and Sending Scores



Viewing Unofficial Scores

If the test taker does not cancel their test, they will see their unofficial scores on the screen.

ETS (GRE GRE® General Test			
	Unofficial GRE® G	eneral Test Scores:		<u>-</u>
		Verbal Reasoning	161	
		Quantitative Reasoning	160	
	Your unofficial Verbal Reasoning a including Analytical Writing, will be	ind Quantitative Reasoning scores are sh available in your ETS account within 10-	own. Your OFFICIAL GRE General Test scores, 15 days.	
	Note: NS indicates no score will be	e reported.		
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Designating Institutions to Receive Your Scores

- After viewing your unofficial Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores, you will be asked to designate up to four score recipients you want to receive your official *GRE*[®] General Test scores.
 - These score reports are part of your test fee.
 - You can decide to use your 4 free score reports at the end of your test OR decide not to send any scores at that time.
- After you exit the test administration and after test day, you can send additional score reports for a fee.



Overview

Scores

Put Your Best Scores Forward with the *ScoreSelect*® Option

On Test Day

Test Day

You can view your scores at the end of your test.

Use your 4 FREE score reports

- Most Recent option Send scores from most recent test
- All option Send scores from all tests in the last 5 years

After Test Day

You can view your scores via your ETS Account.

Use Additional Score Reports

- Most Recent option Send scores from most recent test
- All option Send scores from all tests in the last 5 years
- **Any** option Send scores from one OR many tests in the last 5 years

Note: Some schools want to see applicants' scores from all GRE tests they have taken. We advise you to check with the schools to which you are applying for their requirements.



Test Day

Choosing Where to Send Your Scores On Test Day

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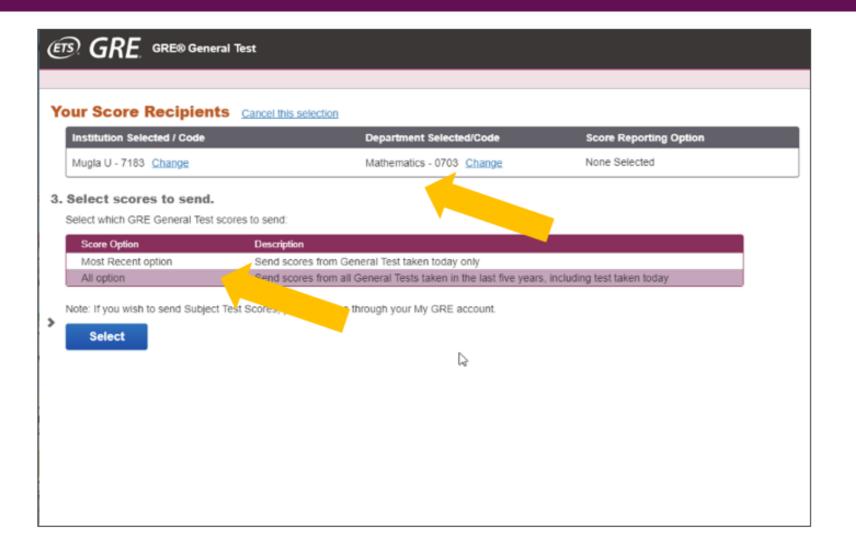
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Overview



Getting Official GRE® Scores

- GRE official scores are reported about 10–15 days after test day.
- Your scores are available for you to view online in your ETS Account.
 - Your score report includes all scores in your reportable history (past 5 years).
 - You can print a personal copy of your score report.
 - You can order Additional Score Reports after test day in your ETS Account.
 - You can watch a short video on how to send Additional Score Reports at <u>https://www.ets.org/gre/test-takers/general-test/scores/send-scores.html</u>.
- Your scores are reported to the institutions you designated on or after test day.
 - Your photograph and Analytical Writing essay responses are also available to institutions to review.



Test performance feedback – *GRE*® Diagnostic Service



- Insight into the test taker's performance on the test questions in the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections of the GRE® General Test, whether taken at a test center or at home.
- The service is free and includes:
 - A description of the types of questions the test taker answered right and wrong
 - The difficulty level of each question
 - The time spent on each question

See GRE Diagnostic Service



Retake Policy	

Test Day

 One can take the GRE[®] General Test once every 21 days, up to five times within any continuous rolling 12-month period.



Overview

Questions?





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PART TWO



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Overview of the Verbal Reasoning Measure



Test Day

- Assesses your ability to understand what you read and how you apply your reasoning skills
- Contains three question types:
 - Reading Comprehension sets
 - Text Completion
 - Sentence Equivalence
- To accommodate different interests and backgrounds, there is a balance of questions in
 - Natural Sciences
 - Social Sciences
 - Humanities
- No specific knowledge of any subject is required.



Overview

Reading Comprehension Question Formats

Test Day

General Tips

• Multiple Choice — Select One Answer Choice

Quantitative Reasoning

Analytical Writing

- Five answer choices, choose correct one
- Multiple Choice Select One or More Answer Choices
 - Three answer choices, choose all that apply
- Select in Passage

Verbal Reasoning

Scores

Choose the sentence in the passage that fits a given description



Resources

Overview

Reading Comprehension: Multiple Choice — Select One Answer Choice

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Reviving the practice of using elements of popular music in classical composition, an approach that had been in hibernation in the United States during the 1960s, composer Philip Glass (born 1937) embraced the ethos of popular music in his compositions. Glass based two symphonies on music by rock musicians David Bowie and Brian Eno, but the symphonies' sound is distinctively his. Popular elements do not appear out of place in Glass's classical music, which from its early days has shared certain harmonies and rhythms with rock music. Yet this use of popular elements has not made Glass a composer of popular music. His music is not a version of popular music packaged to attract classical listeners; it is high art for listeners steeped in rock rather than the classics.

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The passage addresses which of the following issues related to Glass's use of popular elements in his classical compositions?

- O How it is regarded by listeners who prefer rock to the classics
- \bigcirc How it has affected the commercial success of Glass's music
- Whether it has contributed to a revival of interest among other composers in using popular elements in their compositions
- Whether it has had a detrimental effect on Glass's reputation as a composer of classical music
- Whether it has caused certain of Glass's works to be derivative in quality

Description:

• Traditional multiple-choice questions with five answer choices, of which you must select one.

Analytical Writing



Select one answer choice.

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Reading Comprehension: Multiple Choice — Select One Answer Choice (continued)

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Questions 1 to 3 are based on this passage

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Strategies:

- Read all the answer choices before making your selection, even if you think you know the correct answer in advance.
- Be careful not to be misled by answer choices that are only partially true or that only partially answer the question. Also, be careful not to pick an answer choice simply because it is a true statement.
- When the question asks about the meaning of a word in the passage, be sure the answer choice you select correctly represents the way the word is being used in the passage. Many words have different meanings when used in different contexts.



Select one answer choice.

Reading Comprehension: Multiple Choice — Select One or More Answer Choices

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The passage suggests that Glass's work displays which of the following qualities?

- A return to the use of popular music in classical compositions
- An attempt to elevate rock music to an artistic status more closely approximating that of classical music
- A long-standing tendency to incorporate elements from two apparently disparate musical styles

Description:

- Provide three answer choices and ask you to select all that are correct; one, two or all three of the answer choices may be correct.
- To gain credit for these questions, you must select all the correct answers, and only those.



Select one or more answer choices.

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Reading Comprehension: Multiple Choice — Select One or More Answer Choices (continued)

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Reading Comprehension: Select in Passage

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Description:

• Ask you to select the sentence in the passage that meets a certain description.

Analytical Writing

- To select a sentence, click on any word in the sentence or select the sentence with the keyboard.
- In longer passages, the question will usually apply to only one or two specified paragraphs; you will not be able to select a sentence elsewhere in the passage.



Select a sentence in the passage.

Reading Comprehension: Select in Passage (continued)

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Analytical Writing

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Text Completion Questions

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For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

It is refreshing to read a book about our planet by an author who does not allow facts to be (i)______ by politics: well aware of the political disputes about the effects of human activities on climate and biodiversity, this author does not permit them to (ii)______ his comprehensive description of what we know about our biosphere. He emphasizes the enormous gaps in our knowledge, the sparseness of our observations, and the (iii)______, calling attention to the many aspects of planetary evolution that must be better understood before we can accurately diagnose the condition of our planet.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
overshadowed	enhance	plausibility of our hypotheses
invalidated	obscure	certainty of our entitlement
illuminated	underscore	superficiality of our theories

Select one entry from each column.

Description:

- Consist of one or more sentences with one to three blanks.
- Answer choices consist of alternatives for filling the blanks.
- Answer choices are independent.
- Require you to grasp the meaning of the sentences and, by analyzing the relationships among their parts, to select the most appropriate word or words to fill in the blanks.



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Text Completion Questions (continued)

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Select one entry from each column.

Strategies:

- Read the passage to get an overall sense of it.
- Identify words or phrases that seem particularly significant.
- Try to fill in the blanks with your own words and find answer choices that match.
- Focus on whichever blank seems easiest to complete.
- After making your answer choices, reread the whole passage to be sure it makes sense.
- When filling a blank, ask yourself
 - Should the word be similar to or contrasted with a nearby word in the passage?
 - Should the word have a positive or negative character?



Sentence Equivalence Questions

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	Select the <u>two</u> answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole <u>and</u> produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.	
	The macromolecule RNA is common to all living beings, and DNA, which is found in all organisms except some bacteria, is almost as	
	comprehensive	
	fundamental	
	inclusive	
	universal	
	significant	
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Description:

- Consist of a single sentence with one blank and six answer choices.
- Require you to find the **two** answer choices that complete the sentence coherently and also produce sentences alike in meaning.



Select two answer choices.

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Sentence Equivalence Questions (continued)

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	Select the <u>two</u> answer choices that sentence as a whole <u>and</u> produce of				aning of th	е		
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		fundamental						
		inclusive						
		universal						
		significant						
		ubiquitous						
		_						
		Select two answer o	hoices.					

Strategies:

Read the sentence to get an overall sense of it.

Analytical Writing

- Identify words or phrases that seem particularly significant.
- Try to fill in the blank with your own words and find answer choices that match.
- After making your answer choices, reread the two completed sentences to be sure they both make sense and say the same thing.



Sentence Equivalence Questions (continued)

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Select the <u>two</u> answer choices that, when sentence as a whole <u>and</u> produce comple				ning of th	e		
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Strategies:

- Do not assume that if two of the answer choices have the same meaning, they are the correct answer.
 - The answer choices will often contain words that do not fit the sentence.
 - The two correct choices do not themselves have to have the same meaning.
- When filling a blank, ask yourself
 - Should the word be similar to or contrasted with a nearby word in the passage?
 - Should the word have a positive or negative character?



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Overview of the Quantitative Reasoning Measure



The Quantitative Reasoning Measure

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General Tips

 Assesses your ability to interpret and analyze quantitative information and solve problems using mathematical models

Quantitative Reasoning

Analytical Writing

- Focuses on basic mathematical skills and elementary mathematical concepts
 - Arithmetic

Verbal Reasoning

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- Geometry
- Data analysis



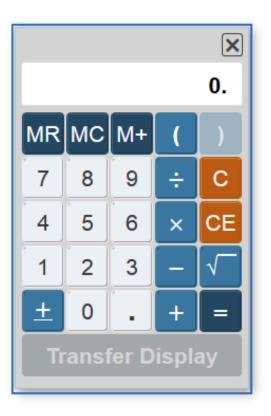
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On-screen Calculator

- Operated with the keyboard or mouse.
- Has four arithmetic functions, square root, memory and parentheses.
- Has a Transfer Display button to transfer a number to a Numeric Entry question (with a single answer box).
- Respects order of operations (e.g., the result of 1 + 2 x 3 is 7, not 9).
- Most questions do not require difficult computations, so the calculator should be used only when needed (e.g., larger numbers, long divisions or multiplications, square root, etc.).
- Only available in the Quantitative Reasoning section





Quantitative Reasoning Question Types • Multiple Choice — Select One Answer Choice

- Five answer choices, choose the correct one
- Multiple Choice Select One or More Answer Choices
 - Select one or more choices from a list
- Quantitative Comparison Questions
 - Compare two quantities
- Numeric Entry Questions
 - Enter a numerical answer in an answer box or boxes
- Some questions are in Data Interpretation sets
 - Several consecutive questions about the same data presentation
- Some questions involve real-life scenarios

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Multiple Choice — Select One Answer Choice

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Approximately what was the cost, 350 miles?				e car				S
	○ \$10							
	○ \$20							
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	○ \$40							
	○ \$50							
Se	elect one answer choice.							

Description:

 Traditional multiple-choice questions with five answer choices, of which you must select one.



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Multiple Choice — Select One Answer Choice (continued)

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	\$40						
	\$50						
Select one	answer choice.						

Strategies:

- Use the fact that the correct answer is *there*.
- Examine the answer choices to get a better sense of what is being asked.
- For questions that require approximations, scan the answer choices to see how close an approximation is needed.



Multiple Choice — Select One or More Answer Choices

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Section 3 of 3 Question 5 of 11						00:3	0:02 ⊝ H	ide Time
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	which of the following integer	s are mutuples of		10.57				
I	indicate <u>all</u> such integers.							
] 8						
		9						
] 12						
] 18] 21						
	Select one or me	ore answer choice	es.					

Description:

- Ask you to select one or more answer choices from a list of choices.
- A question may or may not specify the number of choices to select.

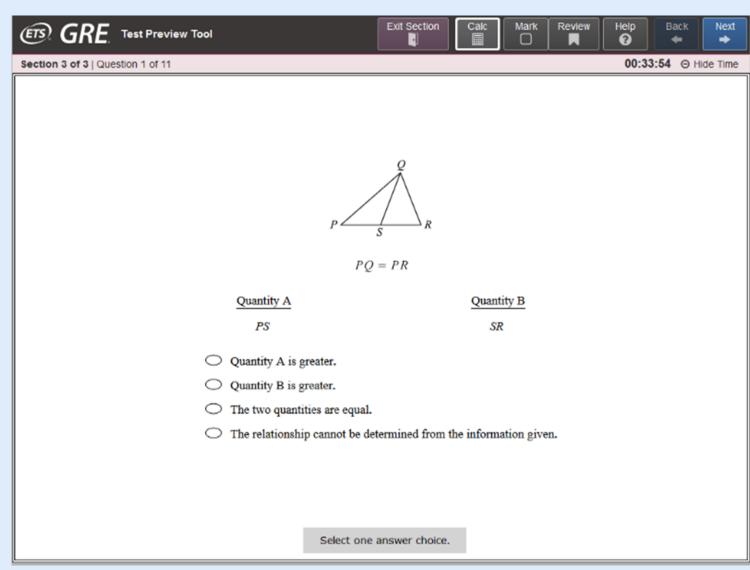


Multiple Choice — Select One or More Answer Choices (continued)

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Section 3 of 3 Question 5 of 11		00:29:08	Strategies:
			[,] Note whether you are asked to indicate a specific number of answer choices or all choices that apply.
Which of the f Indicate <u>all</u> suc	blowing integers are multiples of both 2 and 3? h integers. □ 8 □ 9 ⊠ 12 ⊠ 18 □ 21 ⊠ 36		 Some questions ask for possible values of a quantity in a given scenario. It may be efficient to determine the least and/or greatest possible value, perhaps with inequalities, before considering the answer choices. Avoid lengthy calculations by recognizing and continuing numerical patterns.
	Select one or more answer choices.		(ETS) GI

Quantitative Comparison Questions

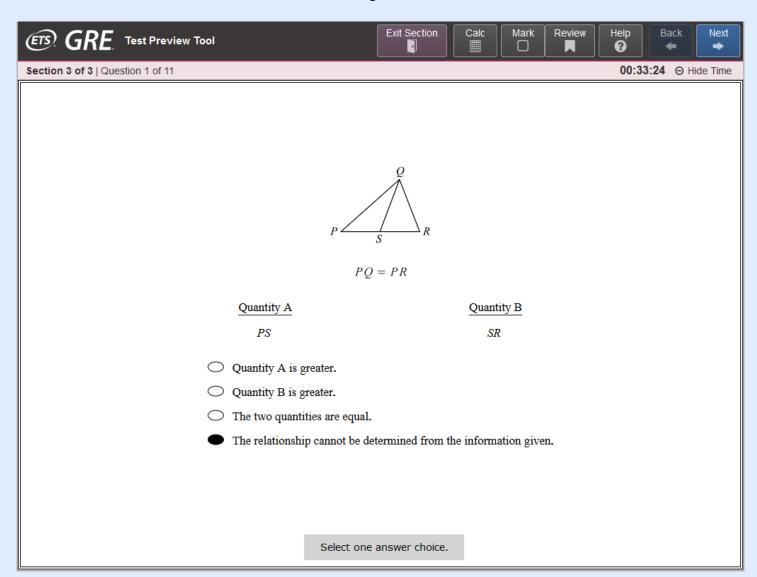


Description:

- Questions of this type ask test takers to compare two quantities — Quantity A and Quantity B — and then determine which of the following statements describes the comparison:
 - Quantity A is greater.
 - Quantity B is greater.
 - The two quantities are equal.
 - The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.



Quantitative Comparison Questions (continued)

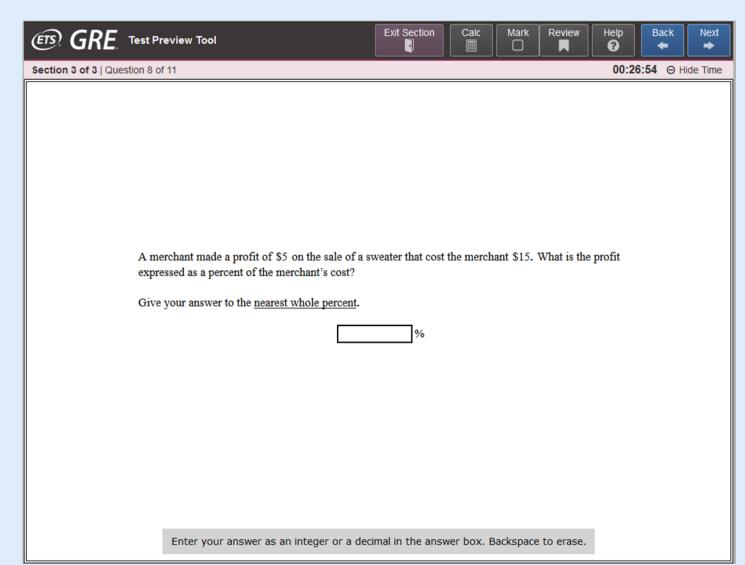


Strategies:

- Become familiar with the answer choices.
- Avoid unnecessary computations.
- Remember that geometric figures are not necessarily drawn to scale.
- Plug in numbers.
- Simplify the comparison.



Numeric Entry Questions

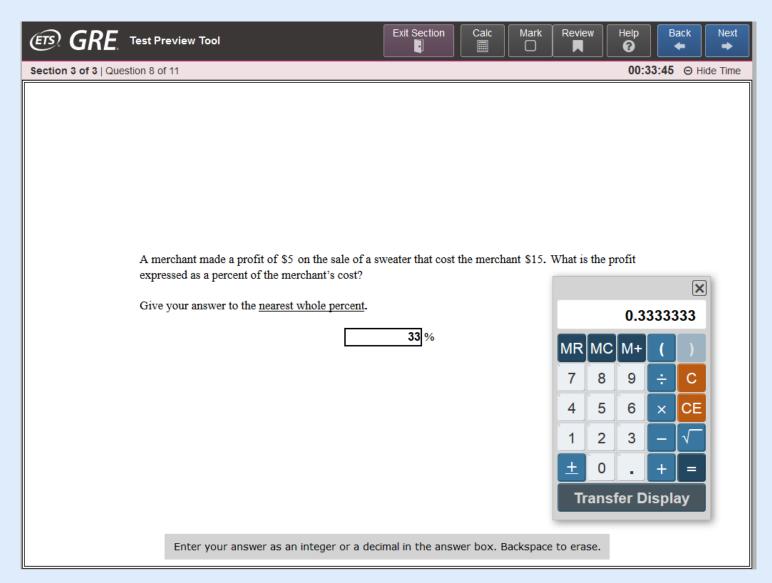


Description:

- Enter your answer as an integer or a decimal if there is a single answer box.
- Enter your answer as a fraction if there are two separate boxes — one for the numerator and one for the denominator.
- Use the computer mouse and keyboard to enter your answer.
- For a single answer box, a number can be transferred to the box from the on-screen calculator.
- Enter the exact answer unless the question requires you to round your answer.



Numeric Entry Questions (continued)



Strategies:

- Make sure you answer the question that is asked.
- If asked to round your answer, make sure you round to the required degree of accuracy.
- Examine your answer to see if it is reasonable with respect to the information given.



Data Interpretation Questions

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stions 9– 11 are based or			If the dollar amount of sales at Store <i>P</i> was \$800,000 for 2006,
AT FIVE RE	TAIL STORES FRO Percent From 2006	Change From 2007	what was the dollar amount of sales at that store for 2008? \$727,200 \$792,000
Store	to 2007	to 2008	\$\$800,000
P Q	10 -20	-10 9	\$\$880,000
R S T	5 -7 17	12 -15 -8	\$968,000
			Select one answer choice.

Description:

- Data Interpretation questions are grouped together and refer to the same table, graph or other data presentation.
- These questions ask test takers to interpret or analyze the given data.
- The types of questions may be Multiple Choice (both types) or Numeric Entry.



Data Interpretation Questions (continued)

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ection 3 of 3 Question		00:32:20 ⊖ Hide Time
	n the following data. CHANGE IN DOLLAR AMOUNT OF SALES ETAIL STORES FROM 2006 TO 2008 Percent Change	If the dollar amount of sales at Store P was \$800,000 for 2006, what was the dollar amount of sales at that store for 2008? \bigcirc \$727,200
Store	From 2006 From 2007 to 2007 to 2008	\$792,000\$800,000
P	10 -10	\$\$80,000
Q R	-20 9 5 12	\$968,000
	$ \begin{array}{ccc} -7 & -15 \\ 17 & -8 \\ \end{array} $	
		Select one answer choice.

Strategies:

- Scan the data presentation briefly to see what it is about, but do not spend time studying all of the information in detail.
- Bar graphs and circle graphs, as well as other graphical displays of data, are drawn to scale, so you can read or estimate data visually from such graphs.
- The questions are to be answered only on the basis of the data presented, everyday facts (such as the number of days in a year), and your knowledge of mathematics.



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General Tips

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What Does Section-Level Adaptive Mean?

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The Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections are adaptive:

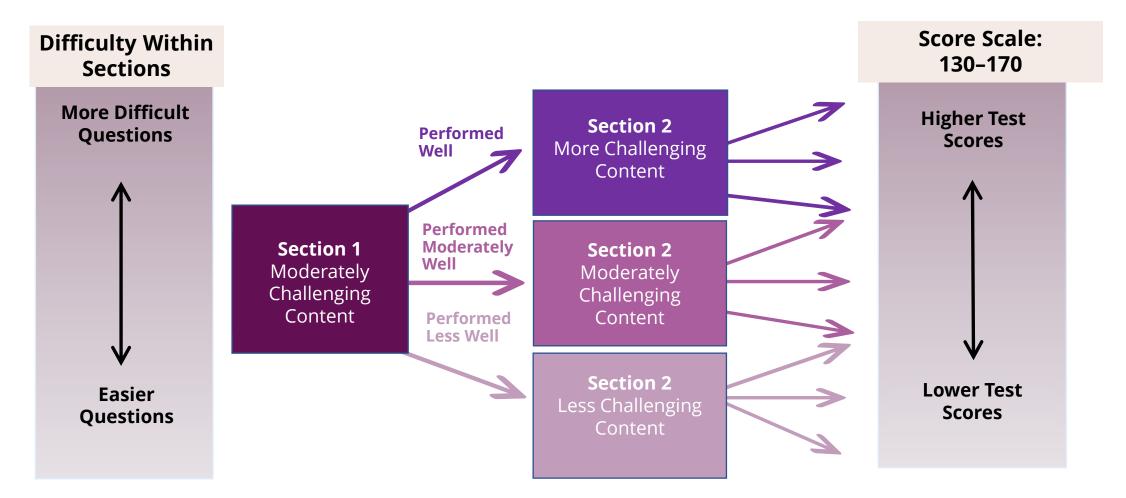
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How Section-Level Adaptation Works





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Overview of the Analytical Writing Measure



The Analytical Writing Section

• Assesses critical thinking and analytical writing skills

- There are two timed writing tasks:
 - Analyze an Issue
 - Analyze an Argument
- Essay responses are typed on the computer
 - ETS software has a basic word processor that contains the following functionalities:
 - \circ Insert text
 - \circ Delete text
 - $\circ\,$ Cut and paste
 - $\,\circ\,$ Undo the previous action.
 - Tools such as a spell checker and grammar checker are not available

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How Essay Responses Are Evaluated

Trained *GRE*[®] readers evaluate each response for its overall quality based on how well the test taker:

- Responds to the specific task instructions
- Considers the complexities of the issue or identify and analyze important features of the argument
- Organizes, develops and expresses their ideas
- Supports their ideas with relevant reasons and/or examples
- Controls the elements of standard written English



General Structure of Scoring Guides

Upper-half Scores:

- 6 Outstanding
- 5 Strong
- 4 Adequate
- All described in terms of what is done well

Lower-half Scores:

- 3 Limited
- 2 Seriously flawed
- 1- Fundamentally deficient
- All notable for what is lacking



Analyze an Issue Task

Section 1 of 3 Question 1 of 2		00:29:49
As people rely more and more on technology to solve problems, the ability of humans to think for themselves will surely deteriorate.	Cut Paste Undo Redo	
Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.		

Description:

- Presents a brief quotation that states or implies an issue of general interest and specific instructions on how to respond to that issue.
- Requires you to analyze the issue and develop an argument with reasons and/or examples to support that position.
- You have 30 minutes to plan and compose your response.
- A response to an issue other than the one assigned will receive a score of zero.



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Analyze an Arg	ument	Task				
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Section 1 of 3 Question 2 of 2 In surveys Mason City residents rank water sports (swimming, boating, and fishing) among their favorite recreational activities. The Mason River flowing through the city is rarely used for these pursuits, however, and the city park department devotes little of its budget to maintaining riverside recreational facilities. For years there have been complaints from residents about the quality of the river's water and the river's smell. In response, the state has recently announced plans to clean up Mason River. Use of the river for water sports is, therefore, sure to increase. The or money in this year's budget to riverside recreational facilities. Write a response in which you examine the stated and/or unstated assumptions of the argument. Be sure to explain how the argument depends on these assumptions and what the implications are for the argument if the assumptions prove unwarranted.	e	Redo	00:29:57 ⊙ H	 Descript Presents presents instructi that pas Requires soundne accordin direction You have compos A respon 	s a short passage s an argument a ons on how to re sage. s you to assess t ess of the given a ng to the specific ns. e 30 minutes to e your response nse to an argum e one assigned w	nd specific espond to he logical argument task plan and ent other

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General Tips and Strategies



General	Tips and
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General Tips

• Become familiar with question formats and directions beforehand.

Quantitative Reasoning

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• Be aware of time.

Scores

Verbal Reasoning

- Make sure you understand what each question is asking by reading each question thoroughly and reading all answer choices before answering. There is no credit for partially correct answers.
- Answer every question, even if you have to make a best guess.
- Do not waste time on questions you find extremely difficult, since no question carries greater weight than any other.
- Do not spend too much time on the review screen, as this will take away from your time.
- Check the review screen before finishing a section to ensure you have answered all questions.

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GRE® Test Prep & Resources



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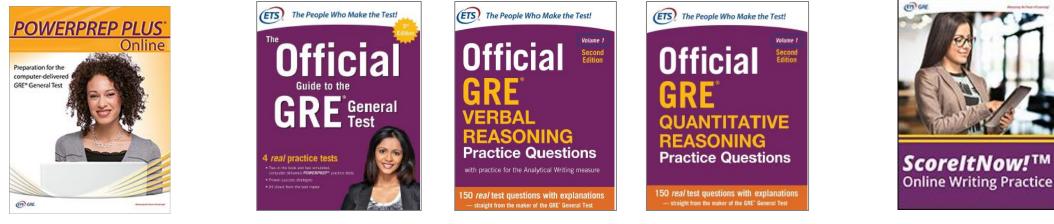
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- Section overviews for each measure: Include general advice, sample questions with explanations, scoring guides and tips for answering question types.
- GRE[®] Video Presentations: Provide information to help you prepare for the Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing measures.
- **POWERPREP®** Test Preview Tool: Reviews the question types, test features and help tools on the actual test.
- POWERPREP® Online Practice Tests: Two timed practice tests that simulate the actual test and provide scores on the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning measures.
- *GRE*[®] Math Review: This 100-page math refresher includes definitions, properties, examples and a set of exercises with answers at the end of each section. Also includes links to additional help in the Khan Academy[®].
- **GRE®** Math Conventions: Mathematical notations, symbols, terminology and guidelines are included for interpreting information in the *t*est.
- Practice materials in accessible formats are available.



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For Additional Practice



POWERPREP PLUS® Online (three practice tests) *GRE*[®] **Practice Books** (print and eBook)

ScoreltNow!™ Online Writing Practice

Visit <u>www.ets.org/gre/prepare</u>.



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- GRE website provides in-depth explanations of the test, policy information, test dates and locations, and more.
- GRE[®] Information Bulletin (PDF)

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- *GRE*[®] Bulletin Supplement for Test Takers with Disabilities or Health-related Needs (PDF)
- Institutions and fellowship sponsors approved to receive GRE scores
- Law schools that accept GRE scores for JD programs

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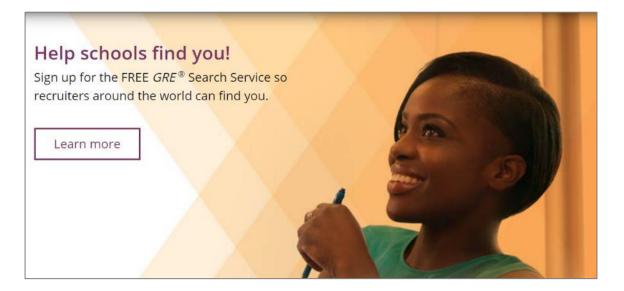


Analytical Writing

General Tips

GRE® Search Service

- You can list a free profile about yourself to help graduate, business and law schools, fellowship granting organizations, and other organizations that participate in the Search Service to find you.
- If you match the recruitment profile of a participating institution, you may be sent information about graduate, business or law programs, admissions, scholarships, fellowships and other opportunities.
- You can sign up when you register for a GRE test, or you can register for the service in your ETS account at any time.



Visit <u>www.ets.org/gre/test-takers/admissions-</u> resources/connect/search-service



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Thank you for attending.





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- *GRE*[®] Tests and Services
 - www.ets.org/gre
- If you have questions:
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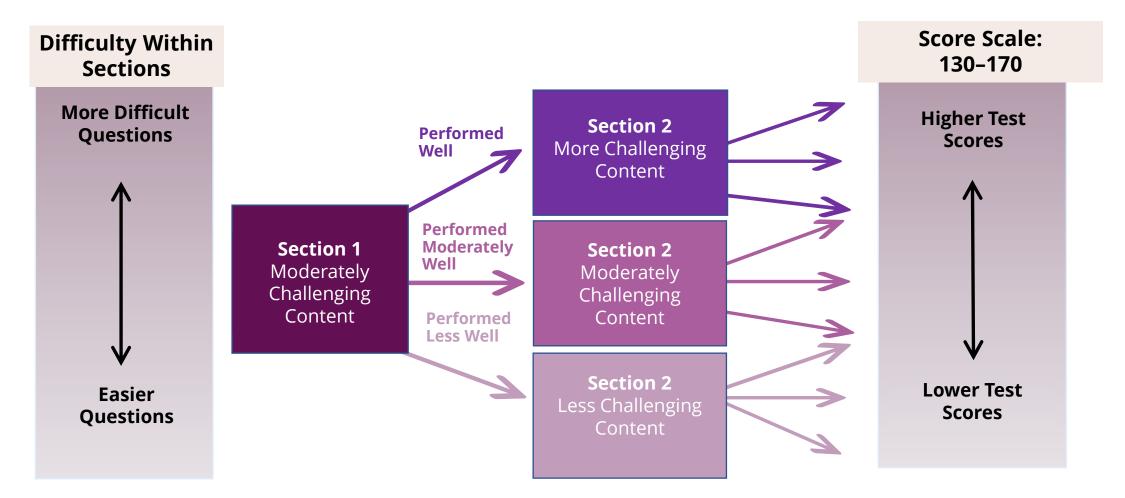
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How Section-Level Adaptation Works





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GRE[®] General Test at Home: System Requirements

Computer Requirements	Microphone and Speaker Requirements	Camera Requirements		
 Desktop or laptop; you <i>cannot</i> use a tablet, Chromebook™ or mobile device Approved operating system, which must be licensed. Unlicensed or test-mode versions are not permitted. Windows® OS versions - 10 or 8 OR macOS® versions - 10.5 or higher (10.13 High Sierra recommended) Chrome™ or Firefox® browser Multiple monitors or dual screens are not permitted. 	 Internal or external microphone Internal or external speaker You <i>cannot</i> use a headset or earphones. 	 A built-in camera in the computer or a separate webcam Before the test starts, you will need to show a 360- degree view of the room, including your table top surface. 		



For the most up-to-date requirements, see <u>www.ets.org/gre/at-home</u>.

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What to Expect On Test Day: At Home Test



At Home Test: What You Need to Bring

- You must have acceptable and valid ID with your name, signature and photograph. ID requirements are strictly enforced.
- A mirror or mobile phone, to show the proctor your screen during check-in
- Note-taking materials, which can be:
 - A whiteboard with an erasable marker
 - One blank piece of paper inside a transparent sheet protector with an erasable marker

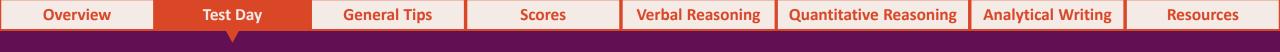
Small Whiteboard



Transparent Sheet Protector







At Home Test: Before the Start of the Test

- Run a final ProctorU systems check and fix any issues before you attempt to check in for your test. All issues must be resolved before your appointment time.
- Close all browsers and applications not needed for the test to help prevent bandwidth issues while you test.
- Make sure any other devices in your home that use internet are not running.
- When it's time for your test, log in using the Start Your Test link in your confirmation email, or the At Home Check-in link in your ETS account.
 - If you are more than 12 minutes late, your test will be cancelled.



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At Home Test: Before the Start of the Test (continued)

- The proctor will ask you to:
 - Show your ID
 - Show your computer screen using a small mirror or your mobile phone
 - Show a 360-degree view of your room using your computer camera
- Your entire session will be recorded by ProctorU and monitored by a human proctor, and your photo will be taken.

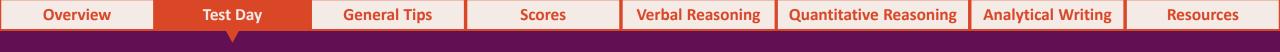




At Home Test: During the Test

- Make sure you can always be seen on camera by the proctor.
- Avoid doing anything that may look suspicious, like talking out loud or looking away from the screen.
- There is 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 allowed to leave your seat during the 10-minute break. You must return on time.
 - You are required to remain in your seat for the one-minute breaks.
 - Unscheduled breaks during the at home test are not allowed.
- Artificial intelligence technology will verify your ID throughout the test, and when you
 return after your break.





At Home Test: During the Test (continued)

- If you need to contact the proctor during your test, speak to get their attention and/or use the LogMeIn chat. It may take 30–60 seconds for the proctor to reply.
- If the proctor is attempting to chat with you, the blue owl will bounce up and down.
- Before the end of the session, you will be asked to erase any notes in view of the proctor.
- If you experience technical issues during the test, you should speak with the proctor or contact ProctorU[®] at **+1-855-772-8678**.



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What to Expect On Test Day: At a Test Center



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At the Test Center: What You Need to Bring

Note: All test centers are following prevention steps to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. Be sure to check with your local test center for a complete list of health and safety procedures.

- You must have acceptable and valid ID with your name, signature and photograph.
 - ID requirements are strictly enforced.
 - Your official ID documents must exactly match your registration, or you may not be able to test.
- Follow the policies and procedures explained on the *GRE*[®] website and in the *GRE*[®] *Information Bulletin* about what is allowed.
 - Personal items other than ID documents are not allowed in the testing room and cannot be accessed during the break, except for food, beverages or medication. This includes any phones; tablets; all wearable technology; all watches; and any other electronic, recording, listening, scanning or photographic devices.
 - You may not access your phone during the test or during breaks to check messages or to check the time.

For more information, visit <u>www.ets.org/gre</u>.



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At the Test Center: Before the Start of the Test

- Your photograph will be taken.
- A sample of your handwriting will be collected.
- You may be asked to empty your pockets, raise your pant legs above your ankles, pull up your sleeves above your wrists for visual inspection, and you may be scanned with a handheld metal detector wand. You may also be required to remove your eyeglasses for close visual inspection. Additional visual inspections of clothing, footwear, and ID documents may also be conducted. Such inspections are conducted during check-in and upon return from breaks.
- You will receive a writing utensil and a supply of scratch paper.
 - You will be able to replenish your supply of scratch paper, as necessary, throughout the entire test administration.
 - You will not be allowed to take scratch paper from the test center.
- The testing room will have proctors and electronic surveillance.



At the Test Center: During the Test

- The test uses a standard English-language (QWERTY) computer keyboard. It takes its name from the first 6 letters in the third row of the keyboard.
- If at any time during the test you have a problem with your computer, or for any reason need the administrator, raise your hand.
- Testing premises are subject to video recording.
- There is 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 center building or in the immediate area. You are not permitted to go outside the test center building unless it is to use the restroom during the test administration, including breaks.
- If you need to leave your seat at any time other than the break, raise your hand; timing of the section will not stop.



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Tips and Strategies for Specific Measures





Reading Comprehension Sets

- Consist of a passage and one or more associated questions.
- Require you to read and to understand what is read.
 - Recognizing purpose and main idea
 - Recognizing specific points made
 - Recognizing assumptions
 - Making inferences
 - Evaluating purpose and structure
- Each reading passage contains all of the information needed to answer the questions that follow it.



Strategies for Reading Comprehension Sets — Reading the Passage

- Read the passage and get a sense of its overall meaning and purpose.
- Make notes.

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- Note key words and phrases and try to clarify what is being expressed.
- Note which claims the author makes and which are made by others and merely described by the author.
- Similarly, note whether the author is hypothesizing something or maintaining it with some certainty.



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Strategies for Reading Comprehension Sets — Reading the Passage (continued)

- Remember that all the necessary information to answer each question is in the passage
 - Subject-matter knowledge is not needed to answer the questions
 - Even with unfamiliar material, with a little work the questions can be answered
- When practicing to take the test, try to determine which method is best for you:
 - Whether to read the passage thoroughly first
 - Whether to skim the passage first
 - Whether to look at each question before reading the passage



Finding *GRE*[®] Level Reading Materials

- Look for material that presents an argument supported by reasoning and/or evidence. Such material can be found in a variety of places:
 - Specialized academic journals
 - Feature articles in newspapers and periodicals such as *The New York Times*, *The Economist*, *Scientific American* or *London Review of Books*
 - Trade books by experts and journalists for general audiences
- Textbooks and popular periodicals generally do not demonstrate the kind of complexity that is found in GRE reading passages.



Mathematical Knowledge Expected

Arithmetic

- Elementary operations
- Number line
- Estimation
- Percent, ratio and rates
- Absolute value
- Properties of integers, such as divisibility, odd and even integers and prime numbers

Algebra

- Algebraic expressions and manipulations
- Functions and their graphs
- Coordinate geometry
- Solving equations and inequalities
- Modeling and solving word problems with algebra



Mathematical Knowledge Expected (continued)

Geometry

- Elementary geometric figures and concepts such as lines, circles, triangles, quadrilaterals and other polygons
- Angle measure, area, perimeter, volume and the Pythagorean theorem
- Intuitive geometric concepts; for example, the sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side

Note: The ability to construct proofs is **not** measured.

Data Analysis

- Basic descriptive statistics such as mean, median, mode, range, interquartile range, percentile and standard deviation
- Frequency distributions
- Interpretation of data presentations, including bar graphs, line graphs, circle graphs, boxplots and scatterplots
- Elementary probability, including random variables and probability distributions, such as the normal distribution
- Counting methods

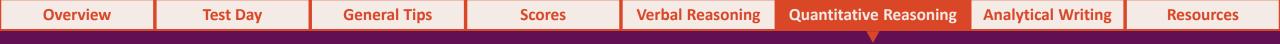


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General Strategies for the Quantitative Reasoning Measure

- Read carefully so that you don't overlook information or misread the question. You don't want to answer something that is not being asked.
- Be careful not to make unwarranted assumptions. For example, not all numbers are integers nor are all numbers positive.
- Search for general mathematical relationships among the quantities in a question.
- Geometric figures may not be drawn to scale, so avoid estimating sizes by sight or by measurement on such figures.
- If applicable, draw your own diagram or figure, or make a list to help sort out what the question is asking.





General Strategies (continued)

- When appropriate, avoid lengthy calculations by rounding numbers before computing an estimate, by looking for comparisons, and by recognizing and continuing numerical patterns.
- Some questions are most naturally answered by systematically considering several cases of the situation that is described.
- For some questions, a fast way to a solution is by guessing an answer, checking it out, and then improving on your guess.
- Evaluate your progress and switch to a different strategy if you get stuck or if a solution seems to require an inordinate amount of time.
- After arriving at an answer, reread the question to make sure your answer is reasonable, given what was asked.





General Problem-Solving Steps

Step 1: Understand the problem

• The first step in solving a mathematics problem is to read the statement of the problem carefully to make sure you understand the information given and the problem you are being asked to solve.

Step 2: Carry out a strategy for solving the problem

• Solving a mathematics problem also requires determining what mathematical facts to use and when and how to use those facts to develop a solution to the problem. It requires a strategy.

Step 3: Check the answer

• After arriving at an answer, check that it is reasonable and computationally correct and that it answers the question that was asked.



Specific Strategies for the Quantitative Reasoning Measure

- Translate
 - from words to an arithmetic or algebraic representation
 - from words to a figure or diagram
 - from an algebraic to a graphical representation
 - from a figure to an arithmetic or algebraic representation
- Simplify an arithmetic or algebraic representation
- Add to a geometric figure

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- Find a pattern
- Search for a mathematical relationship

- Estimate
- Trial and error
 - Make a reasonable guess and then refine it
 - Try more than one value of a variable
- Divide into cases
- Adapt solutions to related problems
- Determine whether a conclusion follows from the information given
- Determine what additional information is sufficient to solve a problem.
- Switch to a different strategy if you get stuck or if a solution seems to require an inordinate amount of time.



Directions for Analyze an Issue Task Variants

You may be asked to focus your analysis of the given issue in a number of different ways:

- Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.
- Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the
 recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and
 supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation
 would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.
- Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.



Directions for Analyze an Issue Task Variants (continued)

- Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.
- Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.
- Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.



Strategies for Analyze an Issue Tasks

Questions to consider when approaching the Issue task:

- What precisely is the central issue?
- What precisely are the instructions asking me to do?
- Do I agree with all or with any part of the claim? Why or why not?
- Do I agree with the claim only under certain circumstances? What are those circumstances?
- Does the claim make certain assumptions? If so, are they reasonable?
- Do I need to explain how I interpret certain terms or concepts used in the claim?
- If I take a certain position on the issue, what reasons support my position?
- What examples either real or hypothetical could I use to illustrate those reasons and advance my point of view? Which examples are most compelling?
- What reasons might someone use to refute or undermine my position?
- How should I acknowledge or defend against those views in my essay?



General Reminders About the Analyze an Issue Task

- You must respond to the assigned issue using the specific task directions.
- Feel free to accept, reject or qualify the claim.
- There is no "right answer."
- You must make it clear how your reasons and/or examples support your position on the issue.



Directions for Analyze an Argument Task Variants

You may be asked to focus your analysis of the given argument in a number of different ways:

- Write a response in which you discuss what specific evidence is needed to evaluate the argument and explain how the evidence would weaken or strengthen the argument.
- Write a response in which you examine the stated and/or unstated assumptions of the argument. Be sure to explain how the argument depends on these assumptions and what the implications are for the argument if the assumptions prove unwarranted.
- Write a response in which you discuss what questions would need to be answered in order to decide whether the recommendation is likely to have the predicted result. Be sure to explain how the answers to these questions would help to evaluate the recommendation.
- Write a response in which you discuss what questions would need to be answered in order to decide whether the recommendation and the argument on which it is based are reasonable. Be sure to explain how the answers to these questions would help to evaluate the recommendation.



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Directions for Analyze an Argument Task Variants (continued)

- Write a response in which you discuss what questions would need to be answered in order to decide whether the advice and the argument on which it is based are reasonable. Be sure to explain how the answers to these questions would help to evaluate the advice.
- Write a response in which you discuss what questions would need to be answered in order to decide whether the prediction and the argument on which it is based are reasonable. Be sure to explain how the answers to these questions would help to evaluate the prediction.
- Write a response in which you discuss one or more alternative explanations that could rival the proposed explanation and explain how your explanation(s) can plausibly account for the facts presented in the argument.



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Key Argument Concepts

Although you do not need to know special analytical techniques and terminology, you should be familiar with the directions for the Argument task and with certain key concepts, including the following:

- Alternative explanation a competing version of what might have caused the events in question that undercuts or qualifies the original explanation because it too can account for the observed facts
- **Analysis** the process of breaking something (e.g., an argument) down into its component parts in order to understand how they work together to make up the whole
- Argument a claim or a set of claims with reasons and evidence offered as support; a line of
 reasoning meant to demonstrate the truth or falsehood of something
- **Assumption** a belief, often unstated or unexamined, that someone must hold in order to maintain a particular position; something that is taken for granted but that must be true in order for the *conclusion* to be true



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Key Argument Concepts (continued)

- **Conclusion** the end point reached by a line of reasoning, valid if the reasoning is sound; the resulting assertion
- **Counterexample** an example, real or hypothetical, that refutes or disproves a statement in the *argument*
- **Evaluation** an assessment of the quality of evidence and reasons in an argument and of the overall merit of an *argument*



Strategies for the Analyze an Argument Task

Questions to consider when approaching the argument task:

- What is offered as evidence, support or proof?
- What is explicitly stated, claimed or concluded?
- What is assumed or supposed, perhaps without justification or proof?
- What is not stated, but necessarily follows from what is stated?



General Reminders About the Analyze an Argument Task

- You must respond to the argument using the specific task directions.
- You must make it clear how your specific analysis of the argument connects to the assigned task.
- You are NOT being asked to present your own views on the subject matter.



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Common Sense Test Preparation Rules

- Become familiar with the test structure and timing
- Become familiar with each task type and its variants
- Become familiar with the scoring criteria for each task
- Review published topic pools and practice writing on each task type
- Review sample responses and reader commentary for each task type
- Practice writing under timed conditions



Approaching the Two Analytical Writing Tasks

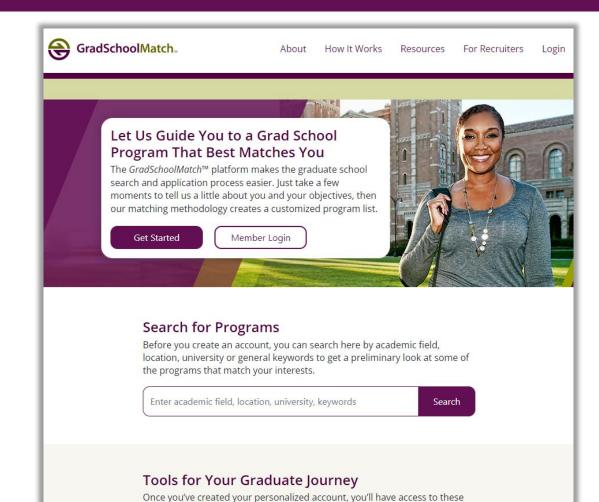
- Spend a few minutes thinking about the topic and the specific directions and planning a response.
- Pay close attention to the specific task directions.
- Support your position on the issue with reasons and examples drawn from such areas as your reading, experience, observations, and/or academic studies.
- Leave time to read what you have written and make any revisions that you think are necessary.
- Avoid excessive irony or humor that may be misinterpreted by readers.



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