

Information about the GMAT

The GMAT is the primary exam used by business and management schools worldwide in making admissions decisions, and focuses on the skills desired by business schools and potential employers. It is a computer-based exam which includes two computer-adaptive sections (questions are chosen based on how you answered previous questions). The score is based on the difficulty of questions answered and the number of correct responses.

What sections are on the GMAT?	What skills are being assessed?	How long is this section?
Analytical Writing Assessment	The student's ability to think critically and communicate ideas.	1 Essay in 30 minutes
Integrated Reasoning	The ability to evaluate information presented in multiple formats from multiple sources.	12 questions in 30 minutes
Quantitative	The ability to analyze data and draw conclusions using basic math skills.	37 questions in 75 minutes
Verbal	The ability to read and understand written material, evaluate arguments, and correct written material.	41 questions in 75 minutes
Total Time		90 questions and 1 Essay in 3 hours 30 minutes

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How is the GMAT Scored?	What is the method of scoring?	How many points is each section worth?
Analytical Writing Assessment	<p>Each essay receives two independent ratings, one of which may be performed by an automated essay-scoring engine, which evaluates more than 50 structural and linguistic features. If the two ratings differ by more than one point, an expert reader provides a third evaluation to determine the final score. Expert readers are trained college and university faculty members who consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overall quality of your ideas about the argument presented • Your overall ability to organize, develop, and express those ideas • The relevant supporting reasons and examples you used • Your ability to control the elements of standard written English • Readers are trained to be sensitive and fair in evaluating the responses of examinees whose first language is not English. 	0-6 in half point increments
Integrated Reasoning	<p>Most Integrated Reasoning questions require more than one response. Because the questions are designed to measure how well you integrate data to solve complex problems, you must answer all responses to a question correctly to receive credit.</p>	1-8 in single digit intervals (no partial credit given)
Quantitative	<p>The Quantitative score is based on the number of correctly answered questions, and is used in the calculation of the Total score. However, the score decreases significantly with each unanswered question, so try to answer all questions in the allotted time.</p>	0-60 points , with scores below 7 and above 50 being rare.
Verbal	<p>The Verbal score is based on the number of correctly answered questions, and is used in the calculation of the Total score. However, the score decreases significantly with each unanswered question, so try to answer all questions in the allotted time.</p>	0-60 points , with scores below 9 and above 44 being rare.
Total Score	<p>The total GMAT Score is based solely on the Quantitative and Verbal sections; the AWA and IR sections do not affect the total score.</p>	The total GMAT score ranges from 200-800 points .