

Information about the GRE

The GRE is an admissions test accepted by most graduate and business schools, and is an important part of the admissions process! The GRE consists of one Analytical Writing section, two Verbal Reasoning sections, and two quantitative Reasoning sections. The format and scoring of the GRE is described below.

What sections are on the GRE?	What skills are being assessed?	How long is this section?	How is this section scored?
Analytical Writing	In this section, students will be presented with two separately timed essays: "Analyze an Issue" and "Analyze and Argument". In analyzing an issue, students will write an essay either agreeing or disagreeing with a statement about a complex matter. In analyzing an argument, students will write an essay evaluating the logic behind a given statement. If taken online, the word processor will not check for errors in spelling, punctuation, or grammar.	Online and Paper: 30 minutes per essay	0-6, in half-point increments Method: Essays are scored by two readers. If the two scores are within one point of each other, they are averaged for a final score; however, a difference by more than one point will involve a third reader to grade the essay.
Verbal Reasoning	This section will assess students' skills in three areas: Reading Comprehension, Text Completion, and Sentence Equivalence. Questions will ask students to analyze and draw conclusions about a text, identify main and supporting ideas, and to demonstrate a deep understanding of what they read.	Online: 20 questions in 30 minutes Paper: 25 questions in 35 minutes	130-170, in 1-point increments Method: First, a raw score is calculated by summing the number of correct answers. Then, the raw score is converted to a scaled score of 130-170. Because your score is based solely on the answers you answered correctly, there is no penalty for the questions you missed! That means that if you are unsure of an answer, guess!
Quantitative Reasoning	This section will assess students' ability to perform high school level mathematics, such as arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and data analysis. Some questions will be multiple choice, while others will ask students to enter their own answers.	Online: 20 questions in 35 minutes Paper: 25 questions in 40 minutes	130-170, in 1-point increments Method: First, a raw score is calculated by summing the number of correct answers. Then, the raw score is converted to a scaled score of 130-170. Because your score is based solely on the answers you answered correctly, there is no penalty for the questions you missed! That means that if you are unsure of an answer, guess!
Total Time		3 hours 30 minutes	

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