

# GMAT

## What is GMAT?

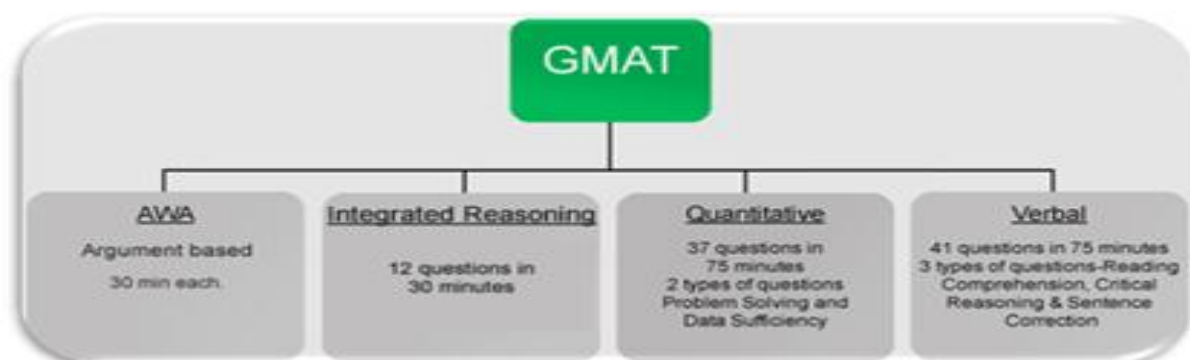
A standardized test, the Graduate Management Admissions Test measures the Verbal, Mathematical and Analytical skills. The test primarily intends to aid graduate schools of business assess the potential of the applicants for advanced study in business and management. Nearly 1000 management institutes all over the world require GMAT scores from the applicants.

The GMAT is different from most other customary examinations. The examination is entirely computer-based, and no two students get identical sets of questions. Also, students cannot skip questions. The test is scored on a maximum of 800. The GMAT® Score alone cannot guarantee admission into a school. The test is only one of the major factors taken into consideration in the long process of an applicant getting admitted into a Business School he/she desires.

## Who conducts GMAT

The GMAT is developed and administered by Pearson VUE under the direction of the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), a non-profit organization of graduate business schools worldwide. For the conduct of the test, Pearson VUE has appointed testing centers in various countries.

The GMAT has four sections – Verbal, Quantitative and Analytical Writing Assessment. The following is the GMAT test structure.



## Structure/Pattern of GMAT

The GMAT consists of four separately timed sections. Each of the first two sections consists of an

analytical writing task (please visit the New Generation GMAT section for update on this GMAT section) while the remaining two sections (Quantitative and Verbal) consist of multiple-choice questions delivered in a computer-adaptive format. Questions in these sections are dynamically selected as you take the test from a large pool of potential questions ranging from a low to high level of difficulty. Each of these two sections starts with a question of moderate difficulty. If you answer the first question correctly, the computer will usually give you a harder question. If you answer the first question incorrectly, your next question will be easier. This process will continue until you complete the section, at which point the computer will have an accurate assessment of your ability level in that subject area.

GMAT Test Section	Number of Questions	Question Types	Timing
<b>Analytical Writing Assessment</b>	1 Topic	Analysis of an Argument	30 Minutes
<b>Integrated Reasoning <span style="color: red;">NEW !!!</span></b>	12 Questions	Multi-Source Reasoning Graphics Interpretation Two-Part Analysis Table Analysis	30 Minutes
<b>Quantitative</b>	37 Questions	Data Sufficiency Problem Solving	75 Minutes
<b>Verbal</b>	41 Questions	Reading Comprehension Critical Reasoning Sentence Correction	75 Minutes
<b>Total Exam Time</b>			<b>3 hours, 30 min</b>

### What is the IR section?

The Integrated Reasoning (IR) section will be a part of the GMAT from June 05, 2012. The IR section will:

- Replace the AWA issue task
- Consist of 12 questions (some with sub parts), to be done over 30 minutes
- Not be adaptive
- Be scored separately

The IR section will test your ability to read, understand, and interpret the information presented to you. The information will be provided in different formats (or a combination of different formats, such as text, tables, and graphs). It will test basic data interpretation based on mathematical/ verbal concepts, and you will have access to a calculator during the IR section.

### **What is the role of IR section section score in university admissions process?**

GMAC changed the GMAT exam and added the IR section at the request of the admissions committees of numerous B schools. So, obviously, B schools will give importance to the IR section score. However, it is difficult to guess exactly how much importance is given to sectional scores of GMAT since B schools do not release that data in the public domain.

- AWA section grades are from 0-6 in 0.5 increments.
- IR section is scored on a scale of 1-8 in 1 point increment.
- Quantitative score from 0 to 60 (known as scaled score). However, 51 is 98 percentile.
- Verbal score from 0 to 60 (scaled score). However, above 45 is 99 percentile on verbal.

Total Score from 200-800 in 10 point increments.

### **Eligibility for GMAT**

There are no age or qualification based constraints to take the GMAT – basically anyone can take this test. The GMAT test scores are valid for five years, however while applying to B-Schools it is always better if your scores

- have been obtained within the last 2 years.

### **Best time to take GMAT**

GMAT appointments are available all round the year. You can choose your own date and time for taking the GMAT though we recommend you to take the test well in advance to your MBA application date as it gives you an opportunity to retake the test in case the score is not upto your expectation .

The test is administered in select cities (refer table below) five-days-a-week (Monday through Friday) and two times a day. During peak season (Sep to Dec) you need to register at least 90 days in advance to get a date of your choice, while at other times registering at least 15 days in advance would be advisable. The GMAT lasts roughly four hours, and most centres offer two slots: 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.

### **GMAT Testing Centers**

The list of GMAT® test centres in India are given below for your reference:

<b>GMAT Test Centres</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Pearson Professional Centers-Hyderabad	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
MILLENNIUM SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS	Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh
YashInfotech	Patna	Bihar
Positive Solutions	Delhi	Delhi
Pearson Professional Centers-New Delhi,	Delhi / New Delhi	Delhi
Professional Assessment Center	Ahmedabad	Gujarat
Infinity Academy	Ranchi	Jharkhand
Nettur Technical Training Foundation	Bangalore	Karnataka
Pearson Professional Centers-Bangalore	Bangalore	Karnataka
Rajagiri College Of Social Sciences	Cochin, Kochi	Kerala
Keen-N-Able Systems - Tata Infotech APLC	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
Pearson Professional Centers-Mumbai	Mumbai	Maharashtra
GATS	Pune	Maharashtra
Jetking - Chandigarh	Chandigarh	Punjab
Pearson Professional Centers-Chennai	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
UPTEC Computer Consultancy Limited	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh
UPTEC Computer Consultancy Ltd	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
XenitisTechnolab Pvt Ltd	Kolkata	West Bengal

To schedule a test appointment online in India, you can complete the required details online on the official GMAT registration website. Click here- <https://www.mba.com/service/reg-profile.aspx>

### **GMAT Registration Fee to take GMAT® test**

The fee to take the Graduate Management Admission Test® (GMAT) is US\$250 worldwide.

Please note that test fee payments for online test appointments can only be made by credit card or debit card. So, you need to have a Visa, MasterCard, JCB or American Express credit card or a Visa or

Master debit card to register online for the GMAT.

### **Programs/Institutes worldwide that accept the GMAT score**

More than 5,000 programs offered by more than 1,900 schools at 1,500 universities and institutions in 82 countries use the GMAT® as part of the selection criteria for their programs.

### **Programs/Institutes in India that accept the GMAT score**

Around 46 Indian institutes have also joined the GMAT bandwagon for some or all of their management programs. Some of the Indian B-Schools that accept GMAT scores from Indian students are given below for your reference:

- GITAM University, GITAM School of International Business
- Goa Institute of Management
- Great Lakes Institute of Management
- Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (PGPX)
- Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (PGPX)
- Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (PGPX)
- Indian Institute of Management Indore (PGPX)
- Indian Institute of Management Lucknow (PGPX)
- Indian School of Business
- Mudra Institute of Communications, Ahmedabad
- Praxis Business School
- S. P. Jain Institute of Management and Research
- T. A. Pai Management Institute

For the full list of institutes in India accepting GMAT score ,

**please click here** - <http://www.mba.com/landingpages/india/study-in-india/gmat-accepting-schools.aspx>