

About the GMAT Exam



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Who is GMAC?









Vision

A world where every talented person can benefit from the best business education for them.

Mission

Provide the tools and information necessary for schools and talent to discover and evaluate each other.

Purpose

To ensure talent never goes undiscovered.





















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Robust Global Market Research Effort

"Efficient Experience" "Greater Flexibility"

"Better Insights"



School Conversations



Candidate Inputs



Global School Advisory Group





A Highly Relevant and Differentiated Experience

Efficient Experience

- Broader appeal to candidates:
 - Only three 45-minute sections
 - Reduced prep time
 - No essay

Greater Flexibility

- Improved candidate experience:
 - Question Review & Edit
 - Improved Select Section Order
 - Expanded Score Preview
 - Online Testing



Better Insights

- High reliability and validity
- Predictor of academic success
- More applicable content, including Data Insights Section
- Expanded skill profile
- Increased ability to discriminate top performers
- Official Score Report with improved performance insights for Candidates





Exam Overview

GMAT (10th Ed.): Total – 80 Questions / 200 – 800 / 3 hours 7 mins

Quantitative Reasoning
31 questions
6-51
62 minutes

- Problem Solving
- Data Sufficiency

Verbal Reasoning 36 questions 6-51 65 minutes

- Critical ReasoningReading Comprehension
 - Sentence Correction

Integrated Reasoning
12 questions
1-8
30 minutes

- Multi-Source ReasoningTable Analysis
- Graphics Interpretation Two-Part Analysis

Analytical Writing 1 essay question 0-6 30 minutes

Analysis of an argument

Total Score = Quantitative Reasoning + Verbal Reasoning

GMAT (Focus Ed.): Total - 64 Questions / 205 - 805 / 2 hours 15 mins

Quantitative Reasoning
21 questions
60-90
45 minutes

• Problem Solving

Verbal Reasoning
23 questions
60-90
45 minutes

Critical ReasoningReading Comprehension

Data Insights 20 questions 60-90 45 minutes

- Multi-Source ReasoningTable Analysis
- Graphics Interpretation
 - Two-Part Analysis
 - Data Sufficiency

Total Score = Quantitative Reasoning + Data Insights + Verbal Reasoning



What is Data Insights?

The Next Step of Integrated Reasoning

The Integrated Reasoning (IR) section of the GMAT Exam was designed to analyze and synthesize data from multiple sources. Now the Data Insights section takes that to the next level.



With the GMAT's updated test design, Data Insights uses IR and Data Sufficiency question types to measure newly calibrated digital and data literacy dimension—one of the most relevant and in-demand skills in business today.

The Full Picture

All three sections together (Data Insights, Quantitative Reasoning, and Verbal Reasoning) provide the most holistic view of a candidate's business school readiness in GMAT history.



Candidate-Friendly Test Experience

Question Review & Edit

- Unlimited question review
- Change up to 3 responses per section

Detailed Score Report

- Faster official score delivery
- Detailed performance insights by section and content area

Select Section Order

- 3 sections (no essay)
- Unlimited section ordering options

Flexible Score Sending

- Select programs after receiving scores (up to 5 for free)
- Single exam score sent



Experience Overview

	GMAT Exam (Focus Edition)	GMAT Exam (10 th Edition)				
Acceptance	7,700+ programs at ove	r 2,400 schools+ worldwide				
Delivery Methods	Online or at a Test C	Center (7 Days a Week)*				
Structure	Three sections (64 Questions): Quantitative Reasoning, Verbal Reasoning, and Data Insights	Four sections (80 Questions): Quantitative Reasoning, Verbal Reasoning, Integrated Reasoning and AWA				
Test Design	Question Adaptive					
Total Score Scale	205-805 All three sections count towards the Total Score	200-800 Only QR and VR count towards the Total Score				
Exam Duration	Two hours, 15 minutes	Three hours, 7 minutes				
Break	One optional 10-minute break	Two optional eight-minute breaks				
Section Order	Sections can be completed in any order you choose	Three section order options				
Question Review and Edit	Unlimited review, edit up to three answers per section	Not available				
Score Reports	Send 5 free score reports to programs within 48 hours of receiving your Official Score Report	Test Center: Select 5 programs before your exam to receive your Official Score Report at no charge Online: Send 5 free score reports to programs within 48 hours of receiving your Official Score Report				
Attempts	Five attempts in a rolling 12-month period and eight attempts in a lifetime**					
Accommodations	Additional testing time, breaks, and access to other resources					
Fees	GMAT Exam (Focus Edition) fees are at	parity with the GMAT Exam (10th Edition)***				

^{*}Test Center appointments available during business hours while Online appointments available 24 hours a day



^{**}Limits apply and are tracked and counted across both versions of the GMAT

^{***}Fees vary based on location and exam delivery channel

Focus on High Quality Standards

- Predictive Validity
- **Predictive validity** is the extent to which an assessment accurately predicts future outcomes.
- The correlation between the GMAT (Focus Ed.) Total and GGPA is between 0.46
 0.58 depending on program type, which is comparable to the GMAT (10th Ed.)
 Total
- **✓** Construct Validity
- **Construct validity** indicates whether an assessment accurately measures what it's supposed to measure
- Factor analyses indicates that the Test Construct demonstrates strong and stable unidimensionality for each section
- Content Validity
- **Content validity** checks if an assessment covers all the important things it's supposed to measure and avoids including irrelevant or unnecessary things
- GMAT (Focus Ed.) offers tightly controlled content coverage across sections ensuring test content and score comparability equivalence across test takers
- Score Reliability
- Score reliability refers to the consistency and stability of scores obtained from an assessment across different attempts or test takers
- GMAT (Focus Ed.) demonstrates highly consistent score accuracy throughout the scale with Total Score Reliability greater than 0.90





GMAT: Fair and Unbiased

Newly developed groundbreaking psychometric methodology called **Residual-based Differential Item Functioning*** helps ensure the fairness of GMAT scores across protected groups

Every potential test question is subjected to a rigorous seven-step development and review process before it can be used in operational exams

Only items that successfully pass all content and statistical review processes will be considered for inclusion in the operational GMAT exam

On average, a cycle of GMAT item development takes about 12 months



*GMAC's innovation with RDIF has been recently recognized and awarded by the National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME) 2023.







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Evolving the Score Scale

The score scales for GMAT Exam (Focus Edition) have been reset back to a more normal, bell-shaped distribution based on the latest test population data

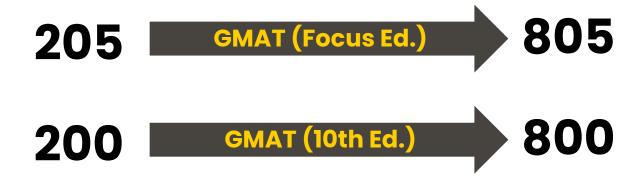
Why recalibrate the score scale?

- GMAT test population has evolved significantly over time
- Previous scores had seen significant drift, resulting in a negative skew in the score distribution
- Improve the discrimination power throughout the score scale
- Content areas and test constructs have been refined to narrow scope and focus on problem solving, data literacy, and critical thinking
- Total Score is now comprised of 3 section scores
- New Question Review & Edit feature will have implications for testing behavior





A New Score Scale



645 is the New 700

- On the GMAT (10th Ed.), many test takers aimed for a score of 700.
- On the GMAT (Focus Ed.), a 645 is equivalent to a 700.
- They represent the same level of performance
- Scores are not "lower."





Understanding Percentiles

Percentile Rankings

- Percentile rankings indicate what percentage of test takers you performed better than.
- Official Score Reports include your Total Score percentile ranking, as well as for each three section scores.

Example:

A 605 is a percentile ranking of 72%. This means means that you performed better than 72% of other test takers.

Score	Mean Score	Percentile Ranking
805		100%
755		100%
705		98%
655		91%
605		72%
555		49%
505	553.35	28%
455	- Control	15%
405		7%
355		3%
305		1%
255		0%
205		0%



Comparing GMAT Performance

If relative competitive based on the two editions needs to be compared, use the official GMAC concordance tables.

Access the complete concordance table at gmac.com/scores

GMAT Exam (10 th Ed.)	GMAT Exam (Focus Ed.)	GMAT Exam (Focus Ed.) Percentile Ranking
800	805	100.0%
790	805	100.0%
790	795	100.0%
790	785	100.0%
780	785	100.0%
780	775	100.0%
780	765	99.9%
780	755	99.9%
770	755	99.9%
770	745	99.7%
770	735	99.6%



Score Sending FAQ

Do candidates have to pick recipient schools before starting the exam?

Nope! They select their schools after they receive your Official Score Report (OSR).

How do candidates send score reports?

Once they receive notification of their OSR becoming available, they send their scores via your mba.com My Account profile. They'll have 48 hours to send 5 for free. After that, they can send additional reports for a fee.

How can candidates cancel scores?

It is no longer possible – or necessary- to cancel scores. Instead of canceling scores, candidates have the flexibility to pick and choose which scores to send/not send.

Can candidates download a copy of their score report?

There is no formal print out. They can print the pages on your My Account profile, but it is not considered an OSR. **Do not accept unofficial score reports.**







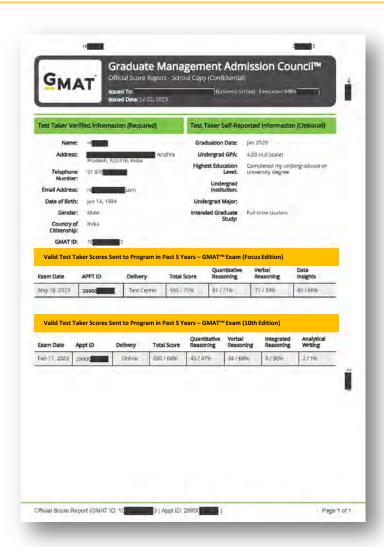
Official Score Reports

What You See:

- School & program name, issued date
- Basic personal info (name, address, etc.)
- GMAT (Focus Ed.) score(s)
- GMAT (10th Ed.) score(s)

What You Do NOT See:

- Test taker photo
- Detailed performance insights







Scores

Submitted scores include:

- Exam Date
- Appointment ID
- Delivery channel (Test Center or Online)
- Total score & percentile ranking
- Section scores & percentile rankings

Submitted scores DO NOT include:

Accommodation status

Exam Date APPT ID Delivery Total Score					Quantita Reasoni		erbal easoning	Data Insights
May 18, 2023	28900	Test Ce	nter 595	/72%	81 / 71%	5 7	7 / 33%	80 / 86%
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Scores by Edition

Valid Test Taker Scores Sent to Program in Past 5 Years – GMAT™ Exam (Focus Edition)						
Exam Date	APPT ID	Delivery	Total Score	Quantitative Reasoning	Verbal Reasoning	Data Insights
May 18, 2023	28900	Test Center	595 / 72%	81 / 71%	77 / 33%	80 / 86%

GMAT (Focus Ed.) Scores:

- For multiple attempts, candidates choose which scores to send/omit
- Scores end in a 5

Valid Test Taker Scores Sent to Program in Past 5 Years – GMAT™ Exam (10th Edition)							
Exam Date	Appt ID	Delivery	Total Score	Quantitative Reasoning	Verbal Reasoning	Integrated Reasoning	Analytical Writing
Feb 17, 2023	28900	Online	650 / 68%	45 / 47%	34 / 68%	8 / 90%	2 / 1%

GMAT (10th Ed.) Scores:

- For previous attempts, candidates choose which scores to send/omit
- Scores end in a 0

Percentile rankings are included to easily evaluate performance.





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- A guided review of the exam

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Accommodations

To make the exam broadly accessible, accommodations are available for GMAT test takers who meet certain eligibility criteria and properly document their request.



- Extended testing time
- Additional break time
- Assistive technology
- Access to person medical devices and other resources

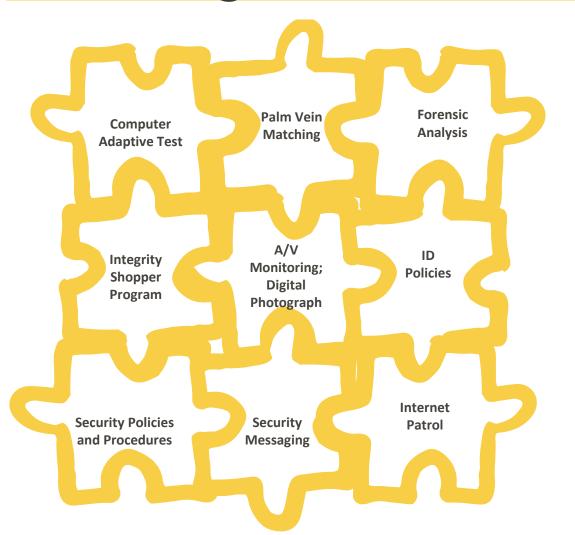








Ensuring a fair and secure experience



- GMAC employs state-of-the-art test security solutions, using a broad array of technology, to detect and deter unethical behavior
- The innovative CAT algorithm underpinning the GMAT exam dramatically reduces item exposure which minimizes test item overlap to prevent cheating
- Leading-edge measures in place and always on the lookout for people not acting in good faith
- Use all tools available to us to identify illicit behavior before, during, and after an exam is administered.
- There are severe, real-world consequences to any attempt to cheat or circumvent security measures and candidates may face restrictions and/or bans on future testing, and even

legal action





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Quant: Problem Solving

The price of lunch for 15 people was \$216.00, including a 20 percent gratuity for service.

What was the average price per person, EXCLUDING the gratuity?

- A. \$11.52
- B. \$12.00 <
- C. \$13.80
- D. \$14.00
- E. \$15.87

Important to know:

- 10th grade math level
- Basic algebra, logic skills, and analytical thinking ability
- Your ability to reason, not just your demonstration of mastery





Verbal: Reading Comprehension

In 1988 services moved ahead of manufacturing as the main product of the United States economy. But what is meant by "services"? Some economists define a service as something that is produced and consumed simultaneously, for example, a haircut. The broader, classical definition is that a service is an intangible something that cannot be touched or stored. Yet electronic utilities can store energy, and computer programmers save information electronically. Thus, the classical definition is hard to sustain.

The United States government's definition is more practical: services are the residual category that includes everything that is not agriculture or industry. Under the definition, services include activities as diverse as engineering and driving a bus. However, besides lacking a strong conceptual framework, this definition fails to recognize the distinction between service industries and service occupations. It categorizes workers based on their company's final product rather than on the actual work the employees perform.

Thus, the many service workers employed by manufacturers – bookkeepers or janitors, for example – would fall under the industrial rather than the services category. Such ambiguities reveal the arbitrariness of this definition and suggest that, although practical for government purposes, it does not accurately reflect the composition of the current United States economy.

The author of the passage is primarily concerned with:

- a. discussing research data underlying several definitions
- b. arguing for the adoption of a particular definition
- c. exploring definitions of a concept
- d. comparing the advantages of several definitions
- e. clarifying some ambiguous definitions





Verbal: Critical Reasoning

A city plans to attract new citizens with new housing and new facilities such as parks, recreation centers, and libraries. One component of the city's plan is to require that developers seeking permission to build this new housing provide these additional facilities at no cost to the city.

Which of the following, if true, would point to a possible flaw in the city's plan?

- Light, non-polluting industries have located in the area, offering more jobs and better paying jobs than do the more-established industries in the area.
- Other towns and cities nearby have yet to embark on any comparable plans to attract new citizens.
- c. Most developers see the extra expense of providing municipal facilities as simply one of the many costs of doing business.
- d. Developers would pass along their costs to the buyers, thereby raising the cost of housing units beyond the ability of likely purchasers to afford them.
- e. Studies show that purchasers of new houses, especially first-time buyers, ran recreational resources as an important factor in deciding to buy a particular house.





Data Insights: Data Sufficiency

In a certain class, one student is to be selected at random to read. What is the probability that someone under 17 years old will read?

- 1. Two-thirds of the students in the class are under 17 years of age.
- 2. Ten of the students in the class are girls.
- A. Statement (1) ALONE is sufficient, but statement (2) alone is not sufficient.



- B. Statement (2) ALONE is sufficient, but statement (1) is not sufficient.
- C. BOTH statements TOGETHER are sufficient, but NEITHER statement ALONE is sufficient.
- D. EACH statement ALONE is sufficient.
- E. Statements (1) and (2) TOGETHER are not sufficient.





Data Insights

Multi-Source Reasoning

Test takers are asked to use text, charts, and/or tables from two to three sources of information to answer questions.

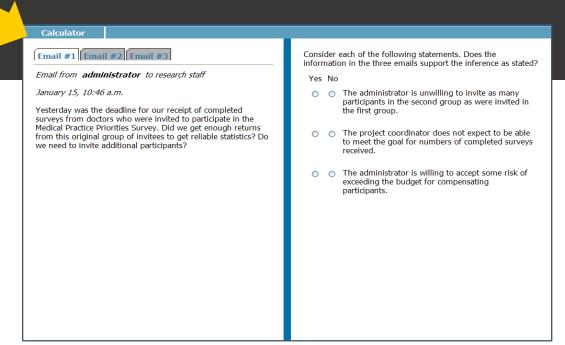
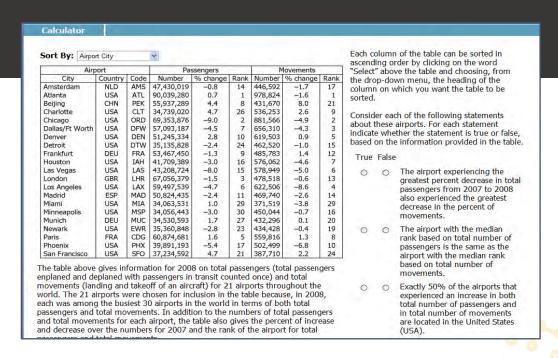


Table Analysis

Test takers are presented with a sortable table of information, which must be analyzed to determine if answer statements are accurate.

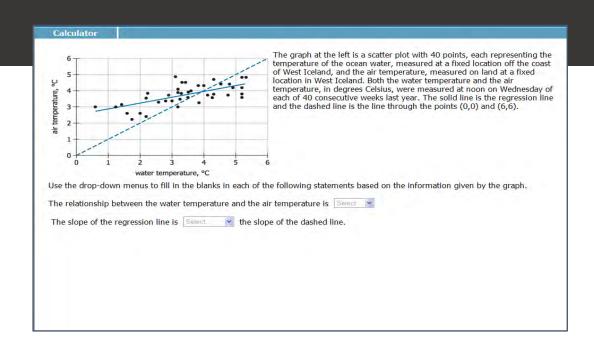




Data Insights

Graphics Interpretation

Test takers are asked to interpret a graph or graphical image and select from a drop-down list to make response statements accurate.



Two-Part Analysis

A question will involve two components for a solution. Possible answers will be given in a table format with a column for each component and rows with possible options; test takers are asked to consider the options provided.

Calculator

Organization A currently has 1,050 members. Organization B currently has 1,550 members. The number of members of Organization A and the number of members of Organization B are increasing annually, each at its own constant rate. Analysts project that if each of these organizations maintains its constant annual rate of membership increase, five years from now they will for the first time have the same number of members, and in subsequent years Organization A will have more members than Organization B.

In the table below, identify a rate of increase, in members per year, for Organization A and a rate of increase, in members per year, for Organization B that together are consistent with the analysts' projection. Make only one selection in each column.

Organization A	Organization B	Rate of increase (members per year)
0	0	10
0	0	30
0	0	40
0	0	120
0	0	130
0	0	150



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Lean on GMAC for support

Multiple learning opportunities in the months to come:

- School meetings to provide overview, training, and Q&A sessions
- GMAC Gatherings
- Webinars
- Annual Conference sessions
- Available for Candidate Information Sessions

School resource toolkit including:

- Informational and promotional flyers
- Videos on exam updates and scoring/score scale
- Suite of GMAT-related blog content

To learn more, contact your regional representative Don't know who it is, visit your gmac.com Profile page





Prepare for Candidate Questions

Develop responses to the following candidate queries:

- Do schools prefer the GMAT, Executive Assessment, or other test?
- If I took both editions of the GMAT, which one will be used to make an admissions decision?
- If I already took the GMAT (10th Ed.), do you recommend that I also take GMAT (Focus Ed.)?

Scan for helpful resources from gmac.com:







Thank you!

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