



The GRE Revised General Test

**** Launching in August 2011 ****

Things You Need to Know

- **August 1, 2011** Revised GRE will be implemented, discontinuing administration of current GRE format
- Changes in content & question types for all 3 GRE sections (verbal, quantitative, analytical writing)
- Changes to scoring scale for verbal and quantitative sections
- Free test prep for the revised test will be available July 2010
- **Applicants who need their score report before November 2011 must take the General Test before August 1, 2011.**
- Score reports for tests taken between August and October 2011 will become available November 2011

Purpose of Change

- The Education Testing Services (ETS) states that the revisions to the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General Test intend to more closely assess the skills needed in today's demanding graduate and business school programs
- ETS asserts that the revised GRE provides an even more reliable measure of a candidate's readiness for graduate-level work — and of their potential for success
- The revisions and greater alignment in assessing the necessary skills candidates need to succeed, should help score users make more informed admissions decisions
- Changes to scoring scale provides more simplicity in distinguishing performance differences between candidates

Changes to Scoring

- **New Scale:** Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores will be reported on a new score scale of 130 – 170, in 1-point increments
 - Current score scale: 200 – 800, in 10-point increments
- The Analytical Writing scores will continue to be reported on the same 0 – 6 score scale, in half-point increments
- The new score scale provides more simplicity in distinguishing small performance differences between scores of your candidates

Changes to Test Design

- **Two** Verbal Reasoning sections
- **Two** Quantitative Reasoning sections
- One Analytical Writing section with two separately timed writing tasks
- One unscored section, typically a Verbal Reasoning or Quantitative Reasoning section, that may appear at any point in the test

GRE Content Changes

Verbal Reasoning Section

- Antonyms & Analogies questions will be eliminated
- More reading comprehension passages & questions
 - **New** shorter reading passages
- Reading comprehension Questions
 - Traditional Multiple-choice Questions — Select One Answer Choice out of five choices
 - **New Multiple-choice Questions – Select One or More Answer Choices**
 - These questions provide three answer choices and ask the examinee to select all that are correct
 - One, two or all three of the answer choices may be correct
 - To gain credit for these questions, the examinee must select all the correct answers, and only those; there is no credit for partially correct answers.
 - **New Select-in-Passage Questions**
 - Asks the examinee to click on the sentence in the passage that meets a certain description
 - To answer the question, the examinee chooses one of the sentences and clicks on it.
- Reformatted Reading Passages
 - Traditional format
 - Passage has line numbers
 - Questions reference line numbers in passage
 - **New** format
 - No line numbers in passage
 - Relevant part of passage highlighted for specific question
- Additional **New** Question Types
 - **New Sentence Equivalence** – Questions consist of a single sentence, one blank, and six answer choices. These questions require the examinee to select two of the answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole & produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning
 - **New Sentence-Text Completions**: Consist of one to five sentences with one, two, or three blanks - requiring multiple answer selections; there are three answer choices per blank, or five answer choices if there is a single blank.

Quantitative Reasoning Section

- Mathematical knowledge expected of test takers remains unchanged
- Increased proportion of questions involving real-life scenarios & data interpretation
- **New** An on-screen calculator will be available to reduce the emphasis on computation
- Traditional Quantitative Comparison Questions are largely unchanged
- **New** Quantitative Question Type:
 - Numeric Entry - Questions without Multiple Choice Answers
 - Multiple Choice — Select One or More Answer Choices - These questions are multiple-choice questions that ask the examinee to select one or more answer choices from a list of choices. The correct answer may be just one of the choices or as many as all of the choices, depending on the question

Analytical Writing Section

- Analytical Writing section of the GRE revised General Test consists of two separately timed analytical writing tasks
 - An Analyze an Issue task
 - An Analyze an Argument task
- Test takers will be asked to provide more focused responses to questions
- **Revised** Issue Writing Task
 - Move from 45 to 30 minutes
 - Elimination of choice between 2 Issues
 - More focused directions
- **Revised** Argument Writing Task
 - More focused directions

For More information

- Please refer to: http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general_institutions/
- Sign up for Revised GRE Newsletter at: <https://onyx.ets.org/735GRESignup.htm>

New Sample Questions

- Verbal Reasoning Sample Questions:
http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general_institutions/sample_questions/verbal_reasoning/index.html
- Quantitative Reasoning Sample Questions:
http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general_institutions/sample_questions/quantitative_reasoning/index.html
- Analytical Writing Sample Questions:
http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general_institutions/sample_questions/analytical_writing/index.html