

GRE one-page overview

OVERVIEW/GENERAL INFORMATION	
Test structure	The GRE allows you to navigate entire sections, skipping and returning to questions and/or changing responses as you need by using a new "mark and review" feature. Performance on one section may affect the questions you see on a subsequent section.
Navigation	Questions can be skipped and returned to at any point within each section
Retaking the test	You can retake the test every 21 days

VERBAL	
Structure	2 sections; Section 1: 12 questions, 18 minutes; Section 2: 15 questions, 23 minutes
Subject Matter	There is significant focus on "high-level cognitive thinking," which translates to critical reading.
3 Question Types:	
Reading Comprehension	<p>Multiple-choice Questions—Select One Answer Choice: These are the traditional multiple-choice questions with five answer choices of which you must select one.</p> <p>Multiple-choice Questions—Select One or More Answer Choices: These provide three answer choices and ask you to select all that are correct; one, two, or all three of the answer choices may be correct. To gain credit for these questions, you must select all the correct answers, and only those; there is no credit for partially correct answers.</p> <p>Select-in-Passage: These questions ask you to click on the sentence in the passage that meets a certain description. To answer the question, you choose one of the sentences and click on it; clicking anywhere on a sentence will highlight it. In longer passages, you may be asked to select one or two paragraphs for each question.</p>
Text Completion	Includes a passage composed of 1-5 sentences with 1-3 blanks per sentence. There are 3 answer choices per blank, or 5 answer choices if there is a single blank. Each blank has a single correct answer. You receive no credit for partially correct answers.
Sentence Equivalence	Consists of a single sentence, one blank, and 6 answer choices. These questions require you to select two of the answer choices that complete the sentence. The examinee receives no credit for partially correct answers.
Scoring	Score range from 130-170 for both verbal and quantitative in 1-point increments

QUANTITATIVE	
Structure	2 sections; Section 1: 12 questions, 21 minutes; Section 2: 15 questions 26, minutes
Subject matter	Tests your ability to understand the basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, data analysis, statistics, and geometry, reason in a quantitative way, and solve problems involving quantities. Emphasis on data interpretation and real-life problem scenarios.
4 Question Types:	Each question appears either independently as a discrete question or as part of a set of questions called a Data Interpretation set. All of the questions in a Data Interpretation set are based on the same data presented in tables, graphs, or other displays of data. Below are descriptions, directions, and samples of each type of question.
Multiple choice	Select one answer choice from a list of 5 choices
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Numeric entry	Students type their own answer as an integer or decimal in a text box rather than selecting from multiple options
Quantitative Comparison	Compare two quantities (Quantity A and Quantity B) and then determine which of four statements describes the comparison.
Calculator	Students will use an on-screen calculator with +, -, x, ÷, and $\sqrt{\quad}$ functions
Scoring	Score range from 130-170 for both quantitative and verbal in 1-point increments

ANALYTICAL WRITING	
Structure	1 prompt, 30 minutes
Subject matter	One written prompt analyzing an issue
Question (Issue)	A focused assignment asking students to address both sides of an issue or to address factors that may change their perspectives.
Scoring	Essays get a single score between 1 and 6 in half point increments

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