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About the GMAT exam



GMAT (Graduate Management Aptitude Test) is a test for students who want to pursue graduate management programs abroad. The GMAT exam is the first step towards a prosperous career in business management. All the top universities in the USA, UK, Canada, and other countries, require GMAT test scores to determine the eligibility of students.

GMAT is designed to assess a person's analytical writing, verbal, quantitative, and reading skills in written English. The exam is a pre-requisite for admission in graduate management programs such as MBA and Masters in Finance. The GMAT exam is used as a standard measure of applicants' abilities and preparedness for graduate-level academic work. All top-ranked business universities include it in their admission criteria.

If you're not familiar with GMAT or confused about GMAT preparation, don't worry. This guide covers all you need to know about the GMAT for MBA in universities abroad and the GMAT sample tests will help you get the perfect understanding of the test.

GMAT exam pattern

Sections	Duration	Questions	Section details
Analytical Writing Assessment	30 minutes	1 task	Tests your writing skills
Integrated Reasoning	30 minutes	12 questions	Measures your ability to analyze data
Quantitative Reasoning	62 minutes	31 questions	Tests your basic math concepts
Verbal Reasoning	65 minutes	36 questions	Tests your verbal & written English

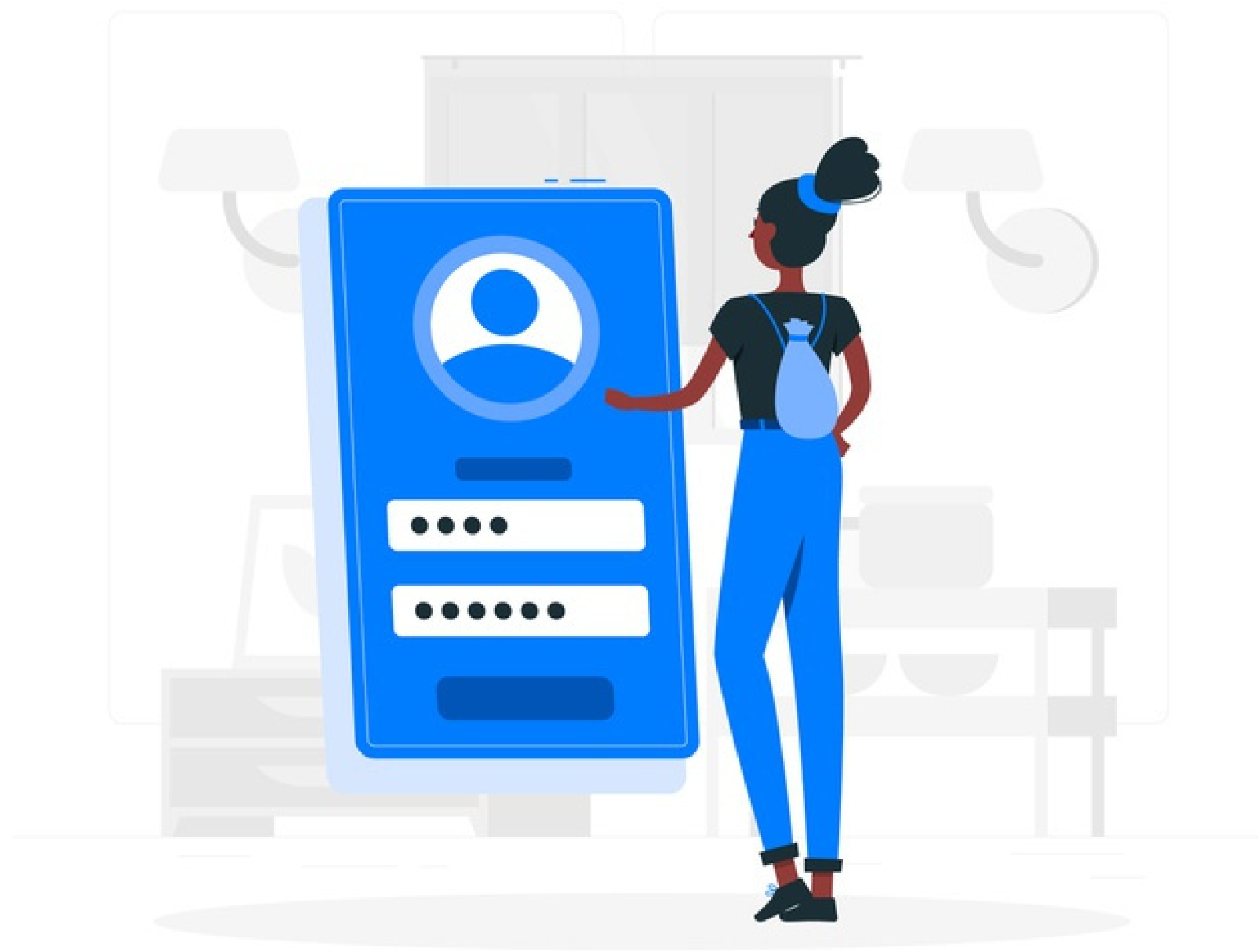


The new format of the GMAT exam comprises of four sections:

- Verbal Reasoning
- Quantitative Section
- Integrated Reasoning
- Analytical Writing

Students have the option of choosing the order to attempt these sections. While the exam initially lasted longer, right now, the total time for the GMAT exam is clocked at approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes. This includes test instructions and breaks.

GMAT registration



The GMAT exam is conducted throughout the year. All you have to do is book a slot on the date of your convenience at the test center closest to you. It is usually recommended that you book your slot at least 2-3 months prior to your GMAT exam.

If you're confused about where and how to register for the GMAT exam, here are 3 easy steps:

Step 1: Register on mba.com and enter your personal details

Step 2: Schedule your GMAT exam based on your date and time preferences\

Step 3: Pay the \$250 GMAT registration fee

GMAT scores

All your sections and questions in the GMAT exam are scored between 200 to 800. After your GMAT exam, you will get a Total GMAT score(based on your Verbal and Quantitative scores) as well as a percentile score.

The final score range for each section is as follows:

1) Analytical Writing Assessment: 0 – 6

2) Integrated Reasoning: 1 – 8

3) Quantitative: 0 – 60

4) Verbal: 0 – 60

Total Score: 200 – 800

GMAT fees

The GMAT exam fees are US \$250. You can pay for your registration of the test on the official website which is mba.com. You can use your debit or credit card as long as they are either a Visa Card, Master Card, American Express Card, or JCB Cards.

Apart from those card payment methods, you can also make a payment through a personal check, a cashier's check, or even have money orders drawn in favor of the VUE-GMAT. If for any reason, you want to cancel or reschedule the exam then you will be charged for it. The cancellation fee for the GMAT exam is the US \$80, whereas, for rescheduling, you will need to pay an additional fee of US \$250.

GMAT Syllabus

The Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative sections have 36 questions. Both of these are clocked at 75 minutes each. While the Analytical Writing and Integrated Reasoning sections are timed at 30 minutes each. You will have to write about a single topic in Analytical Reasoning, and attempt 12 questions in the Integrated Reasoning section.

The GMAT exam is computer-adaptive. This means that the difficulty of the next question will depend on the correctness of your latest answer. The information and instructions for each category can certainly be confusing. So here's a breakdown of these 4 sections:

1) Analytical Writing

The syllabus of this section is open-ended. For the test, you may be given any relevant topic of interest. These topics are mainly, of general interest or related to the field of business. You may also be asked questions from some of the passages and you have to frame your answers accordingly.

2) Integrated Reasoning

This section tests the student's ability to understand the data presented in a graphical or tabular format. This section consists of 12 questions which are based on the following topics:

- Multi-source Reasoning
- Table Analysis
- Two-part Analysis
- Graphics Interpretation

3) Quantitative Section

The Quantitative section has two sub-sections. Both of them have 18 questions each. These questions are objective and multiple-choices, therefore your GMAT prep requires a thorough study of both. Make sure you attempt this section prior in the GMAT sample test. This section comprises of fundamentals in Mathematics like:

- Permutation and combinations
- Geometry
- Ratio Proportions
- Linear equations
- Exponents and roots
- Arithmetic
- Elementary Algebra
- Properties of Integers

4) Verbal Reasoning

Verbal Reasoning has 36 multiple-choice questions and is divided into three sub-sections. These sub-sections are Critical Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, and Sentence Correction. They will cover the following topics:

- Subject-verb agreement
- Critical reasoning
- Sentence correction related to finding error or omission
- Rhetorical construction of the sentences
- Parallelism
- Countable vs uncountable
- Reading unseen passages
- Misplace modifiers

Preparation tips

- The GMAT exam is computer-adaptive. This means that the difficulty of the next question will depend on the correctness of your latest answer. To give your best shot at the GMAT exam, your mind must be free from all dull details of paperwork.
- Most students state that a 10-week study time is enough to prepare for the basics of your GMAT exam while others suggest a good 6-month plan. So, depending on your profession or college schedule, plan out your study timetable.
- It is recommended that you spend at least 1.5 to 2 hours every day prepping at least one section of your GMAT curriculum.
- Make sure you read carefully through the specific type of question you are answering before you proceed with your test.
- Practice, practice, and more practice! It is the ultimate key to good GMAT scores. You can get some prep resources and tips [here](#).
- Keep a track of the scores. All your sections and questions in the GMAT exam are scored out of 800. After your GMAT exam, you will get a Total GMAT score(based on your Verbal and Quantitative scores) as well as a percentile score.

GMAT Sample papers

The best way to check your preparedness is to take the full-length sample papers offered by the official sources at mba.com. Just register on the official website, create a free account and attempt the freely provided sample papers.

For integrated reasoning, you can take IR Prep Tool which allows the user to practice anytime, anywhere. This Integrated Reasoning prep tool comprises of never-before-seen questions that are given directly by the makers of the GMAT. Through this tool, the aspirants can evaluate their progress through time management and by tracking their session's progress.

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