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GMAT Exam



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What is GMAT exam?

GMAT is a computer-based adaptive test conducted by GMAC. GMAT is taken by students seeking admission to master's programmes in management, business or MBA. The GMAT full form is the Graduate Management Admission Test. Through the GMAT exam, the test takers can enroll in business or management-related courses in top B-schools across the world. GMAT 2025 evaluates the analytical, writing, quantitative, verbal, and reading skills of an individual.

The [GMAT exam dates](#) are available for 2025.

Everything in the world is getting updated, the technology, and the business landscapes. With these updating trends, the GMAT which measures your skill set and knowledge is also updating. This exam meets the demands of B-Schools and focuses on testing higher-order critical reasoning and data literacy skills. The GMAT accelerates your future career in B-schools. The new pattern of the GMAT exam is efficient, flexible, and insightfully redesigned considering the requirements of leading business schools and its wide number of courses, and programs available worldwide.

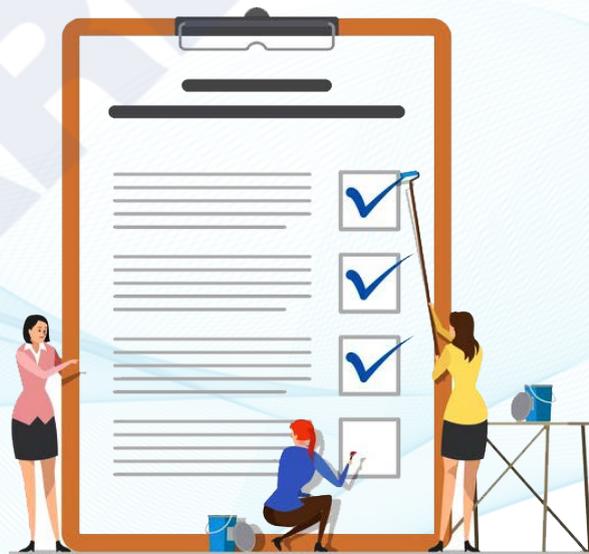
The GMAT exam is a computer-based test that can be attempted from home or at a test centre. A bit of change in the GMAT exam pattern and syllabus which comes in only 3 sections with lowered test duration and insightful GMAT scoring are discussed in detail in this article.



Changes in the Test Pattern

- ❖ GMAT exam duration is 2 hours and 15 minutes (exclusive of one optional break of 10 minutes).
- ❖ There will be three 45-minute sections and no essay. Candidates can attempt sections in any order.
- ❖ Candidates can now bookmark and review as many GMAT questions as they want.
- ❖ A new section called Data Insights (DI) has been introduced in the GMAT syllabus, while sentence correction has been removed.
- ❖ The GMAT exam score scale has been 205-805. All three sections will be weighed equally towards the total score.
- ❖ The 2 reasoning sections of “Quantitative Reasoning & Verbal” have remained the same in the GMAT exam syllabus. The syllabus of the newly added data insights section is the only difference.

Data Insights: This section measures the ability to analyse and interpret data and how you can apply it to real-world business scenarios. The questions require the concepts of maths, analysis, and verbal reasoning for solving. A total of 20 questions in the types of data sufficiency, multi-source reasoning, table analysis, graphics interpretation, and two-part analysis are followed in the exam.



GMAT Exam Highlights

Particulars	Details
Full Exam Name	Graduate Management Admission Test
Short Exam Name	GMAT
Conducting Body	Graduate Management Admission Council
Exam Level	International Level Exam
Mode of Exam	Online



GMAT Eligibility Criteria

The GMAC (Graduate Management Admission Council) which conducts the GMAT exam does not have eligibility criteria for the examination. Candidates planning to take the GMAT exam must have a government ID at the time of the exam. [GMAT exam eligibility criteria](#) are mentioned below.

- ❖ **Age:** Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, those between the age of 13 to 17 years must provide parental consent.
- ❖ **Identity proof:** Test takers must provide a valid passport, driving license or other identification documents issued by the government of India.
- ❖ **Academic Qualification:** Students must have an undergraduate degree to study masters abroad.



GMAT Registration

There is no change in the [GMAT exam registration](#). Candidates have to register for the mba.com account where a few personal and academic details need to be submitted and candidates need to upload the required documents. Once the account is created the candidate can book the slot through which the GMAT exam date, GMAT test centre, and timings for the GMAT exam can be selected based on convenience.

The steps to be followed for the GMAT registration process are mentioned below.

- ❖ **Step 1:** Log in to your mba.com account with your user ID and password.
- ❖ **Step 2:** Go to GMAT Registration tab
- ❖ **Step 3:** Enter your personal information and verify your profile
- ❖ **Step 4:** Schedule the exam on your preferred date and nearest test centre and confirm exam details
- ❖ **Step 5:** Pay GMAT registration fee and complete your GMAT Slot booking

GMAT Exam Fees

The [GMAT exam fee in India](#) is USD 300 (INR 25,190) for the online format and USD 275 (23,091) for the test center format. Additionally, applicants must pay a rescheduling or cancellation fee if they intend to change or cancel their 2025 GMAT exam date. Students who fail to attend their scheduled exam will be charged the full GMAT exam fee.

Particulars	GMAT Test Centre	GMAT Online
GMAT Exam Fees in India	USD 275	USD 300
Enhanced Score Report	USD 30	NA
Additional Score Report	USD 35 per report	USD 35 per report
GMAT Score Cancellation	USD 25	NA
Reinstate GMAT Score	USD 50	NA



GMAT Test Centres

A total of 15 cities are included in GMAT exam centres with 20 centres. A detailed list of [GMAT test centres](#) is mentioned below.

GMAT test centres in India:

City	Test Center
New Delhi	Pearson Professional Centers-New Delhi, 302/305, Ashoka Estate, 24, Barakhamba Road, Fire Brigade Lane, New Delhi, Delhi 110001, India
Noida	Pearson Professional Centers-Noida, Ground floor, 1A/1, S.B. Towers, Sector 16A, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201301, India
Gurugram	Pearson Professional Centers-Gurugram HAR, Second floor, Unit No. 214, Times Tower, M G Road, Gurgaon, Haryana, Gurugram, Haryana 122002, India
	Sushant University, Golf Course Road, Sector - 55, Gurugram, Haryana 122003, India
Pilani	BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus, Vidya Vihar Campus, Pilani, Rajasthan 333031, India
Dehradun	Uttaranchal University, Arcadia Grant, Chandanwari, Prem Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand 248007, India
Mohali	Pearson Professional Centers-Mohali 1, Site No. 252, CP 67, Gate no 3, Tech Tower, Tech Zone 4, 8th Floor, Blue Area, Sector - 67, Mohali, Punjab 160062, India
	Pearson Professional Centers-Mohali 2, Site No. 252, CP 67, Gate no 3, Tech Tower, Tech Zone 4, 8th Floor, Grey Zone, Sector - 67, Mohali, Punjab 160062, India
Chandigarh	Pearson Professional Centers-Chandigarh PUN, A-401, 4th floor, Elante Offices Block, Industrial Area, Phase 1, Chandigarh, Punjab 160002, India
Jaipur	Sakar Edutech Pvt. Ltd., 602/603, 6th Floor, Arcade Mall, C - Scheme, Malviya Marg, Opposite Airtel Office, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302001, India

Ludhiana	Pearson Professional Centers-Ludhiana, Unit no 7 & 8, 2nd floor, Grand Walk Mall, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana, Punjab 141012, India
Jalandhar	Pearson Professional Centers-Jalandhar 2 PUN, VCN Building, First floor, COOL ROAD 37/2, VCN TOWER, Near STATE BANK OF INDIA, Jalandhar, Punjab 144001, India
	Pearson Professional Centers-Jalandhar PUN, 3rd Floor, Unit-8, Eminent Mall Complex, Guru Nanak Mission Chowk, Lajpat Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab 144001, India
Amritsar	Pearson Professional Centers-Amritsar 2 PUN, Unit 303 and 304, 3rd Floor, Mukut House, Mall Road, Amritsar, Punjab 143001, India
	Pearson Professional Centers-Amritsar PUN, No.2 Upper Ground Floor, SRK Mall, Passport office building, 14 Mall Road, Amritsar, Punjab 143001, India
Lucknow	School Of Management Sciences, 19th km stone, Sultanpur Road, Biruha, Post, Kashimpur, Gosainganj, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 226501, India
Bhopal	Lakshmi Narain College of Technology Excellence, Kalchuri Nagar, Raisen Road, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh 462021, India
Indore	LNCT (BHOPAL) INDORE CAMPUS, RAU-PITHAMPUR ROAD, NEAR IIM COLLEGE, INDORE, IN FRONT OF BALAJI WAFERS PVT LTD, INDORE, Madhya Pradesh-453332, India
Ahmedabad	GANPAT UNIVERSITY- CITY OFFICE, Office 105, 106, Ganesh Meridian, Block-A, OPP KARGIL PETROL PUMP, CHANAKYAPURI, NR- Gujarat High Court, Sola, S.G. Highway, Ahmedabad, Gujarat 380060, India
	Pearson Professional Centers-Ahmedabad GUJ, 3rd floor block A-301, Westgate by True Value, Sarkhej, Makarba, Next to YMCA Club Gujarat, Ahmedabad, Gujarat 380015, India

GMAT Syllabus

The GMAT 2025 syllabus provides a detailed guide to the topics covered in the exam. Candidates can find the [GMAT syllabus PDF](#) for free download, which includes detailed information about the exam pattern and the types of questions to expect.

While understanding the GMAT syllabus in detail, candidates must also understand the [GMAT exam pattern](#) and the type of questions asked in the exam. The below table gives a detailed insight on the type of questions asked in the GMAT exam in each section.

GMAT Question Types:

GMAT Test Section	GMAT Question Types
Quantitative Reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Algebra ● Arithmetic
Verbal Reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reading Comprehension ● Critical reasoning
Data Insights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Data Sufficiency, ● Multi-source Reasoning, ● Table Analysis, ● Graphics Interpretation, ● Two-Part Analysis

GMAT Syllabus for Quantitative Aptitude

The Quantitative Aptitude section in the GMAT syllabus 2025 comprises 21 questions in an MCQ format. This section evaluates the candidate's understanding of algebra and arithmetic fundamentals and their application in problem-solving scenarios. The students must complete all 21 questions within 45 minutes.

Questions for Geometry and Data Sufficiency have been removed from the new exam pattern and will now be asked in the Data Insights section.

GMAT Quant syllabus for Arithmetic:

- ❖ Multiples and Factors
- ❖ Fractions
- ❖ Number properties
- ❖ Decimals

- ❖ Percentage
- ❖ Power and Roots
- ❖ Average
- ❖ Set Theory
- ❖ Speed, time, distance
- ❖ Descriptive Statistics
- ❖ Ratio and proportion

GMAT Quant syllabus for Algebra:

- ❖ Monomials, polynomials
- ❖ Functions
- ❖ Exponents
- ❖ Progressions
- ❖ Permutation and combination
- ❖ Algebraic expressions and equations
- ❖ Inequalities and basic statistics
- ❖ Quadratic equations

GMAT Syllabus for Verbal Reasoning

The verbal reasoning section of the GMAT exam syllabus will have 23 questions to be completed in 45 minutes. The questions will be based on two types; reading comprehension and critical reasoning.

- ❖ **Reading Comprehension:** This section will test the candidate's ability to comprehend the written material, draw inferences, and understand the concept or relationship between the points involved in the passage. The passages can come from subjects like social sciences, humanities, physical and biological sciences, and business-related fields. The questions will be based on the main idea, supporting idea, inference, application, and logical structure.
- ❖ **Critical Reasoning:** The GMAT verbal syllabus will have MCQs based on short reading passages of less than 100 words. The questions measure the candidate's ability to make arguments, analyse arguments, frame a plan of action, or draw a conclusion.

GMAT Exam Syllabus for Data Insights

This section has been incorporated to evaluate the ability of candidates to analyse and interpret data and apply it to real-world business scenarios. It is composed of 20 questions that have to be completed within 45 minutes.

GMAT Data Insights syllabus encompasses five types of questions:

1. **Data Sufficiency:** Students' abilities to analyse a quantitative problem, identify pertinent data, and decide when there is sufficient data to solve the problem are evaluated in this section.
2. **Multi-Source Reasoning:** This portion emphasises examining data from multiple sources including text passages, tables, graphics, or some combination of the three.
3. **Table Analysis:** This portion assesses the students' ability to categorise and evaluate a data table, akin to a spreadsheet, to identify pertinent information or data that satisfies predetermined criteria.
4. **Graphics Interpretation:** This section includes questions about the ability to interpret the information presented in a graph or other graphical image to discern relationships, and make inferences.
5. **Two-Part Analysis:** This section evaluates students' ability to solve complex problems in quantitative, verbal, or some combination of both.



GMAT Preparation Tips

Acquiring some GMAT prep tips gives you a smoother push to the preparation. This GMAT exam provides students with an onscreen calculator for the data insights section which can relax you during the preparation.

Preparation tips to prepare for the GMAT exam:

- ❖ **Start your preparation with a GMAT diagnostic test:** Taking the diagnostic tests help in evaluating your current knowledge and skills in each particular section and help you to know weakness in particular subjects. Based on this you can create a study plan.
- ❖ **Create or use a study plan:** If you are a beginner to GMAT and giving your first attempt, the official GMAC provides the GMAT exam study plan, which will be useful for the test takers.
- ❖ **Use the existing GMAT study material:** As the syllabus has changed only for the data insights section, the candidates can use the available GMAT preparation material for the Qualitative and verbal reasoning sections.
- ❖ **Create an everyday schedule:** Contribute specific hours in a day for your GMAT preparation. Discipline is the one that helps in maintaining the consistency of your efforts throughout the preparation period for your exam.

Students Also Like to Read:

GMAT Time management tricks	Gmat Preparation Tips 2025
How to Prepare for GMAT in 1 Month	Personalised GMAT study plan by Shubham Joshi
How to Prepare for GMAT in 6 Months	Conquer the GMAT in 6 weeks
How to Prepare for GMAT at Home	How to Score 750 in GMAT in 2 Months?

GMAT Mock Test

The GMAT practice tests and sample questions are available on the mba.com website. These online GMAT tests follow the same scoring algorithm which will be followed for the original exam. Two GMAT practice tests are available free for the candidates in the GMAT official Starter preparation kits. Through the GMAT practice test, candidates will be able to analyse the preparation level and know their strengths and weaknesses before the actual exam.



GMAT Result and Score

The results for the GMAT exam will be released within 7-20 business days in your mba.com account. The overall score for the GMAT exam ranges from 205-805 for all the 3 sections, whereas the previous GMAT score ranged between 200-800. The ending digit of the GMAT score will be 5 which clearly differentiates the GMAT score report from the current GMAT version.

This new GMAT scoring report includes insights into your section-wise percentile rankings which shows your performance level compared to other candidates. Similarly, the insights of performance summary in the content, skills, questions attempted, etc are all listed in the GMAT official score Report.

Sending your GMAT score reports

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