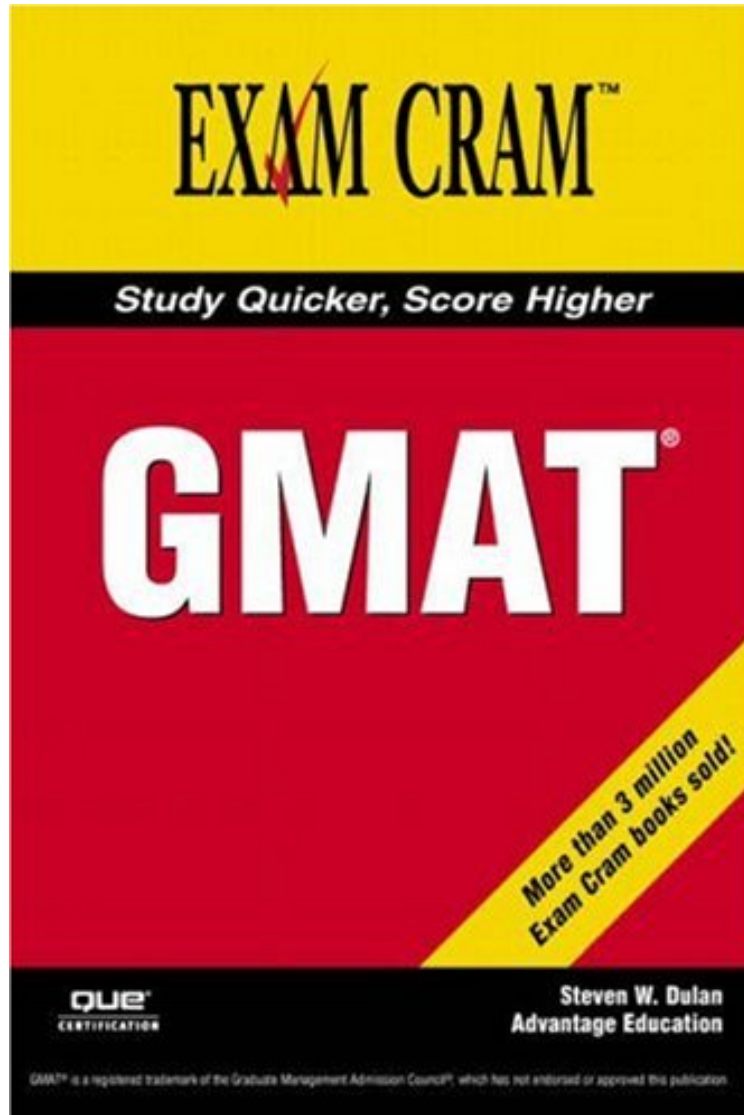


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About the GMAT The GMAT is offered only in English. It measures skills that are considered relevant for graduate study in business (MBA). It does not measure your knowledge of business procedures or law, or any specific area of content. It does not measure your value as a person. It does not predict your success in school, or in life. The GMAT does a fairly good job of predicting how hard you will have to work to understand your MBA material. If you prepare for this test seriously now, you'll sharpen your comprehension, math, and reasoning skills, and you'll be able to focus on the relevant information in your course work more easily when you start business school. The GMAT consists of multiple-choice and essay items. The multiple-choice questions are broken into Quantitative and Verbal sections. The two essays (Analysis of an Issue and Analysis of an Argument) are grouped together as the Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA), which comes first and lasts for 1 hour (30 minutes for each essay). The Quantitative Section comes second (you can take a break of up to 5 minutes between sections if you want to). It consists of 37 questions that you must answer in 75 minutes. The two different types of question are called Data Sufficiency and Problem Solving. The Verbal Section consists of 41 questions and lasts up to 75 minutes. The questions come in three sections: Reading Comprehension, Critical Reasoning, and Sentence Correction. The GMAT is a computer-adaptive test. Questions appear on your computer screen one at a time. You must answer each question before you can move forward to the next question. After you answer a question, you cannot change your answer. Within each set of multiple-choice questions, the items are selected by the computer software depending on your response to the previous question. The first question is a medium-difficulty question. If you get it correct, your next question will be more difficult and worth more points. If you get it wrong, your next question will be less difficult and worth fewer points. So, your GMAT score is arrived at through a complex formula that includes the number of questions that you answer correctly and the difficulty level of each question. There are some questions in each set that are experimental and do not count toward your score. You will not be able to tell which ones they are, so you have to do your best on all questions as you work through your exam.

Registering for the GMAT You must register in advance for the GMAT. How long in advance depends, in part, on your geographic location. You should register at least a few weeks before you want to take the test and allow at least a few weeks between your test and your application deadlines. Available dates and locations, as well as registration forms, are found online at <http://www.mba.com>.

Scoring the GMAT Your overall GMAT scaled score will be between 200 and 800. The majority of GMAT-takers (about) find themselves in the 400-600 range. Verbal and Quantitative sections are scored from 0-60. Most test-takers score between 9 and 44 on Verbal and between 7 and 50 on Quantitative. These subscores are manipulated to arrive at the overall scaled score, which is the score that business schools use in making their admissions decisions. The AWA is scored from 0 through 6 in .5 increments. The scorers are both human and computerized. The software used is very sophisticated and agrees with highly trained human graders around 90% of the time. Your Quantitative and Verbal subscores, as well as your overall scaled score, are available immediately after you finish your GMAT. You will get an official score report by U.S. Mail about two weeks after your exam. GMAT keeps your scores on file for 20 years. However, most MBA programs demand a score that is no more than 5 years old. The Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), the folks who write and administer the GMAT, note that GMAT scores are not perfect and that they merely approximate your true performance potential based on one given day's work.

A Note on Scoring the Practice Tests The practice tests in this book are created by experts to simulate the question types, difficulty level, and content areas that you will find on your real GMAT. However, as noted earlier, the actual GMAT is an adaptive test. GMAT exams are scored individually based on dynamic factors. Do not get overly concerned with your practice test scores; your goal should be to learn something from every practice experience and to get used to the format and types of questions on the GMAT.

Preparing for the GMAT The Self-Assessment should be your first step. It will help you to focus on areas of strength and weakness in your knowledge base and skill set. There is a detailed explanation for each of the practice questions in this book. You will probably not need to read each one of them. Sometimes, when you look back over your practice test answers, you can tell right away why you got a particular question wrong. We have heard many students call these errors "stupid mistakes." We suggest that you refer to these errors as "concentration errors." Everyone makes them from time to time, and you should not get upset or concerned when they occur. There is a good chance that your focus will be much better on the real test as long as you train yourself properly using this book. You should note the difference between those concentration errors and any questions that you get wrong because of a lack of understanding or holes in your knowledge base. If you have the time, it is probably worth rea...