

GRE: "The Roads Way"

At ROADS, your trainer will design a personalized curriculum based on your needs and wants - whatever schedule fits your busy demands (including weekends). After an initial diagnostic assessment of strengths and weaknesses, your trainer will work with you to design an individualized study plan that makes the most of the time frame that you specify and the score that you need.

Our goal is to set you on the ROAD to GRE Success. Therefore, we ensure the overall development of aspirants - GRE Coaching, Efficient Time Management, Mock Tests, Planning and Organizing of Applications.

The Roads Difference: Our team of experienced trainers, alumni and management have devised an innovative course structure that attempts to help you to achieve high GRE scores by looking at the reasoning behind each question type (i.e. Why am I being asked this?). You will be taught to answer questions with a completely fresh approach which has proven to be very successful for our past candidates.

GRE Test Preparation @ ROADS

- Intensive and focused classroom coaching is provided for 2-3 months. The class schedule is divided in modules. Each module will be focussing on a specific topic or related topics. Enough flexibility is provided in terms of course duration, class timetables, weekend classes so that YOU can fit the GRE Test Preparation around your busy day-to-day life.
- Frequency of classes ranges from 2 to 4 classes per week.
- Thoroughly researched, updated and customised study material will be provided. The GRE Study & Reference Material are included in the course fees. Additionally there is also scope for extra material to be provided that addresses your problem areas specifically. For instance your trainer will provide you with extra questions/conceptual clarity sheets for a particular topic on which you might have underperformed in your mocks/diagnostic test.
- Faculties are the best in industry. Furthermore our management team and strong alumni network constantly give us feedback so that we can continuously update our course structure/material and find ways to innovate in the classroom - as a result of this, we believe our candidates approach the GRE test with a greater level of confidence and a renewed approach to answering challenging questions.
- Online practice material and simulated tests to give you a feel of the actual GRE besides basic content drills and timed drills.
- The use of our in-house Library facilities and round the clock self study assistance is also included in the course. We encourage our trainers to build a very friendly rapport with you and provide you with all the assistance to conquer the GRE.

The Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General Test

The Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General Test is a multiple-choice admission test for applicants to graduate schools primarily in the USA, UK and Canada. The test is administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), under the sponsorship of the Graduate Record Examinations Board. The GRE is a computer-adaptive test (CAT) and therefore attempts to measure the test taker's true ability by selecting questions based on previous answers. GRE consists of three scored sections:

Test Section	Verbal	Quant	AWA*
Type of questions	Sentence completion Analogies Antonyms Reading comprehension	Problem solving Quant comparisons Graph based questions	Perspectives on an issue Analysis of an argument
Marks	800	800	0-6(Graded)
No. of Questions	30	28	1+1
Time	30 min	45 min	45 min + 30 min = 75 min

Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA)- Two essays are to be drafted on the computer. One will be an Analysis of an Issue (45 minutes) and the other an Analysis of an argument (30 minutes). The test taker will need to exhibit ability to articulate complex ideas clearly and effectively, examine claims and accompanying evidence and support ideas with relevant reasons and examples. The essays are marked twice: first by a computer software program and then by a human with the final score being an average of the two marks.

Verbal - One 30-minute, 30-question Verbal section. The test will check whether the test taker is able to Analyze and evaluate written material and synthesize information obtained from it. The test taker also needs to prove his/her expertise in analyzing relationships among component parts of sentences and recognizing relationships between words and concepts.

Math - One 45-minute, 28-question Math section. The test will check whether the test taker has understanding of basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and data analysis. The test will also check quantitative reasoning abilities of the test taker.

General Test Mean Scores

(Based on the performance of all examinees who tested between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2009)

	Number of examinees	Mean	Standard deviation
Verbal Reasoning	1,489,162	456	120
Quantitative Reasoning	1,489,044	590	150
Analytical Writing	1,479,156	3.8	0.9

Few General GRE Insights

- One can take the GRE once per calendar month and not more than 5 times in one calendar year.
- The scores are valid for 5 years.
- One will see your Verbal, Quant and Total Score immediately.
- Official Report is received only after 2 weeks (with essay grades).
- The total GRE score ranges from 400 to 1600.
- Each of the multiple choice sections is scored on a scale of 200 to 800, in 10-point increments.
- The Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA) score is an average of the ratings given to the Analysis of an Issue and the Analysis of an Argument sections. Each response is given two independent ratings - one computer and one human reader. Once both essays have been scored, the scores are averaged to provide an overall score. Scores for the AWA range from 0 to 6 in half-point intervals.
- Writing scores are computed separately from the multiple-choice scores and have no effect on the Verbal, Quantitative, or Total scores.

Few General CAT Insights

- The difficulty of questions automatically changes as the test taker proceeds with the exam, depending on the number of correct or incorrect answers that are given.
- Scores are based on number of questions answered correctly and difficulty level of those questions.
- The first question that is given in a multiple-choice section is considered to be an "average level" question that half of the GRE test takers will answer correctly. If the question is answered correctly, then subsequent questions become more difficult. If the question is answered incorrectly, then subsequent questions become easier, until a question is answered correctly.
- You cannot skip a question; you can't return to previous questions; you can't change an answer.
- You must finish the sections; there is strong penalty for leaving the test incomplete.
- First few questions are much more important than the last few.
- Bad performance in one section does not affect the other section.

Quantitative Course Structure

Class No.	Subject	Topic Covered	Details of topics covered
1	Arithmetic	Introduction Diagnostic Test Feedback Number systems	GRE Introduction, POE and ball-parking tips Real Numbers, Rational/Irrational Numbers, Integers, Even/Odd, Prime Numbers, Multiplication Rules, Decimal
2		Number Systems (Continued...)	LCM, GCD, factors, Multiple, Fractions (Equivalent/Reciprocal fractions)
3		Revision	Test + Analysis (I-to-I)
4		Number Systems (Continued...)	Exponents (Base, Roots, Powers) Rules, Ratio, Proportions (Direct, Indirect)
5		Number Systems (Continued...)	Percent, Percent Change, Simple and Compound Interest, Average, Measures of Central Tendency and Dispersion (Mean, Median, Mode, Standard Deviation)
6		Number Systems (Continued...)	Average and Relative Speed, Work, Age, Mixture
7		Revision	Test (number systems) + Analysis (I-to-I)
8	Algebra	Solving Linear Equations with one and two variable, Solving Quadratic Equations, Simultaneous Equations, Ordered Pairs, Integral Solutions,	
9		Inequalities, Functions, Worded Problems Revision Algebra	Test (Algebra) + Analysis (I-to-I)
10	Geometry	Lines, Parallel Lines, Intersecting Lines, Angles, Polygon, Triangle (Equilateral, Isosceles, scalene, right triangle, Pythagoras theorem, area, perimeter, similar triangles	
11		Quadrilateral, rectangle, parallelogram, square, trapezoid, circle (area, circumference, arc, sector)	
12		Overlapping regions, shaded regions, inscribed and circumscribed figures, 3D figures	
13		Coordinate geometry Revisit	Test (geometry) + Analysis (I-to-I)
14	Data Analysis	Graphs (Frequency distribution, bar graph, pie chart, histogram, scatter plot)	
15	Probability Counting	Discrete probability, independent and mutually exclusive events Principles of counting, permutation, combination, grouped and circular arrangement	
16		Test	Test (overall) + Analysis I-to-I)

- All classes will cover both Problem Solving and Quantitative Reasoning Questions
- Students take a Diagnostic Test before coming to the first class. Feedback for the same will be given in the first class.
- The final assessment full length mock should be taken by the student 1 week after completion of the course and feedback will be done in person/through E-mail.

ROADS GRE Course Structure

Verbal Course Structure

Session	Topic covered	Time	Material given in Class	Homework given
1	Orientation+ Discussion & feedback of Diagnostic test	2 hours	GRE verbal Manual+ GRE Math Manual	
2	Analogies Vocabulary	90 mins 30 mins	Vocabulary Slides	Analogies Practice drill 1,2, 3 and 4 from Manual
3	HW discussion & Vocabulary Analogies Continued	30 mins 90 mins	Analogy Slides+ soft copy of BIG BOOK	Learn up Hit parade from manual
4	Reading Comprehension 1	2 hours		6 RC passages from Manual
5	Reading Comprehension 2	2 hours		RC practice from GRE Official Guide
6	AWA 1- Argument Essay	2 hours	Essay pool sent to students by mail	Any two argument essays to be mailed to the trainer
7	AWA 2- Issue Essay	2 hours		Any two issue essays to be mailed to the trainer
8	Discussion of essays written by students Verbal timed drill 1 Feedback and discussion of verbal drill	30 mins 45 mins 30 mins	Verbal timed drill 1 to be mailed to the student	General Practice
9	Analogies Revisited	2 hours	"Remaining Analogies" slides to be mailed to student	Analogy drill 5, 6, 7 and 8 from manual
10	Sentence completion 1	2 hours		Practice from BIG BOOK
11	Sentence Completion 2 Extra Practice	2 hours	SC slides to be mailed to student	Practice from Slides sent by trainer.
12	Antonyms strategies+ practice	2 hours		Drill 1, 2 and 3 from manual
13	GRE Timed Drill 2 Discussion and feedback Vocabulary test	45 mins 30 mins 45 mins	Send Vocab slides to student by mail.	Learn from vocab slides
14	Reading Comprehension Revisited	2 hours	Send slides by mail.	
15	Sentence Completion Revisited	2 hours	Extra Practice material	
16	Verbal Wrap-up	2 hours		

FAQ's

How do I register for the GRE?

Registration can be done online at www.gre.org.

If I am not satisfied with my performance, could I cancel my GRE scores?

One can cancel his scores immediately after taking the GRE. But the decision needs to be taken before one actually gets to see his scores. The fact that a student cancelled his scores will be noted on the official GRE score report.

Do I need to pay extra in order to send my scores to Universities of my choice?

Your scores are sent to 4 universities free of cost at the time of GRE exam.

When is the GRE test administered?

The Exam is offered at all the testing centers 5 days a week, Monday- Friday. In India the test is offered on weekends as well.

What is the test fee for the GRE?

The fee for the test is \$190.

Do I need to bring any form of photo identification to the test center?

One must present a valid PASSPORT when he/she reports to the test center.

Things to know about the New Revised GRE General Test 2011

1. Better Design:

The new design is Multi-State Design, where you can go back and forward in a particular section and edit the answers. You can mark and go back to a question and answer. It is different from the way the current GRE works. The goal is to create a more natural test experience.

2. Most revisions to Verbal Section:

The verbal section is the most changed section of the whole GRE. There will be more complex reasoning. There will not be any antonyms, analogies and vocabulary out of context. Furthermore there will be new types of questions.

3. Quantitative reasoning:

A calculator will be included to avoid distractions in test caused by minor mistakes. They are interested in reasoning ability and not the arithmetic calculations. There will be more emphasis on Data Interpretation and real life scenarios.

4. Analytical Writing:

There are not too many major changes here but there will be expectations for more focused responses and less generalization.

5. New Test Score Scaling:

Due to changes to verbal and quant sections the new scale for them will be 130 to 170 score scale with increments of 1 point instead of before 200 to 800 with 10 point increments. The analytical writing section will have same scale of 0 to 6 with 0.5 increments. The new test is designed to give fair chance to demonstrate your reasoning skills irrespective of your background.

6. First New GRE 2011 Test Scores and Test:

The first day of test is Aug 1, 2011. The scores for the tests taken between August and October will be available in November 2011. Applicants who need GRE Scores before November 2011 should take the current test before Aug 2011. The score reporting will go back to normal 10-15 day cycle after late November.

A quick view of the question types in the Revised GRE

1. The GRE Verbal Reasoning section of the GRE® revised General Test contains three types of questions:

Reading Comprehension; Text Completion; Sentence Equivalence.

2. The revised Quantitative Reasoning section contains four types of questions:

Multiple-choice Questions - Select One Answer Choice; Multiple-choice Questions - Select One or More Answer Choices; Numeric Entry Questions; Quantitative Comparison Questions.

3. The 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.