

More Opportunities for Success with the *GRE*® revised General Test

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What we will cover today

- Overview of the GRE® revised General Test
 - Content and Structure of the Test
 - Test-Taker Friendly Design
 - Changes to the Score Scale
 - Receiving Scores
 - Test Preparation Material
 - General Test Taking Strategies
- Where You Can Go for More Information

The *GRE®* revised General Test can help you achieve your academic dreams

- The GRE® revised General Test measures your readiness for graduate-level study
- Thousands of graduate institutions around the world accept GRE scores for their graduate and professional programs
- About 70% of the leading business schools accept GRE scores for their MBA programs*, with more accepting it every day
- Since many graduate and business schools accept GRE scores, you can take one test to pursue both options
- Scores are good for five years, so you can take the test now, even if you're undecided about what you want to do

*According to U.S. News & World Report Top 100 Best Business Schools



The *GRE*® revised General Test launched on August 1, 2011

These changes are significant and mean good things for you

- New types of questions that are more like the kind of thinking you'll do in graduate or business school
- A new test-taker friendly design



You can take the *GRE*® revised General Test in many different locations

- There are about 700 test centers in more than 160 countries
 - The computer-based test is available on a continuous basis throughout the year in most regions
 - The computer-based test is available 1–2 times per month in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea
 - 2011 Dates: August 6, September 3, October 23, November 5, November 19, December 3, December 17, 2011
 - Paper-based test is offered up to 3 times per year in locations where computer-based testing is not available
 - October 22, 2011, November 19, 2011 and February 11, 2012

What skills does the *GRE*® revised General Test measure?

Verbal Reasoning:

 Measures reading comprehension skills and verbal and analytical reasoning skills, focusing on your ability to analyze and evaluate written material

Quantitative Reasoning:

 Measures problem-solving ability, focusing on basic concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry and data analysis

Analytical Writing:

 Measures critical thinking and analytical writing skills, specifically the ability to articulate complex ideas clearly and effectively

More aligned with the types of skills needed in graduate and business schools

- Here's what is new for the Verbal Reasoning section:
 - Antonyms and analogies have been removed from the test, so there are no questions that test vocabulary out of context
 - New question types
 - There are more Reading Comprehension questions
- Here's what is new for the Quantitative Reasoning section:
 - Focuses more on questions involving data interpretation and real-life scenarios
 - New question types
 - An onscreen calculator* is available
- Here's what is new for the Analytical Writing section:
 - This section has not changed dramatically; however, you'll need to provide more focused responses based on the tasks presented



^{*}For those taking the paper-based *GRE*® revised General Test, calculators will be provided at the test center for use during the test.

Structure of the computer-based GRE® revised General Test

Section	Number of Questions	Time
Analytical Writing	1 "Analyze an Issue" task	30 min.
(2 sections)	1 "Analyze an Argument" task	30 min.
Verbal Reasoning (2 sections)	Approximately 20 questions per section	30 min. per section
Quantitative Reasoning (2 sections)	Approximately 20 questions per section	35 min. per section
Unscored* (Position varies)	Varies	Varies
Research ** (At end of test)	Varies	Varies

^{*} An unidentified unscored section that does not count toward a score may be included and may appear in any order after the Analytical Writing section.



^{**} An identified research section may be included in place of the unscored section. The research section will always appear at the end of the test. Questions in this section are included for ETS research purposes and will not count toward your score.

The computer-based *GRE*® Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections are section-level adaptive

- The computer selects the second section of a measure based on the test taker's performance on the first section
- Within each section, all questions contribute equally to the final score
- Both sections are important, since the final score on each measure is based on the total number of correct answers and the level of difficulty of the questions

Breaks

- There is a 10-minute break after the third section, and a one-minute break between the other test sections
- You might want to replenish your supply of scratch paper during each scheduled break
- Section timing will not stop if you take an unscheduled break, so you should proceed with your test without interruption once it begins

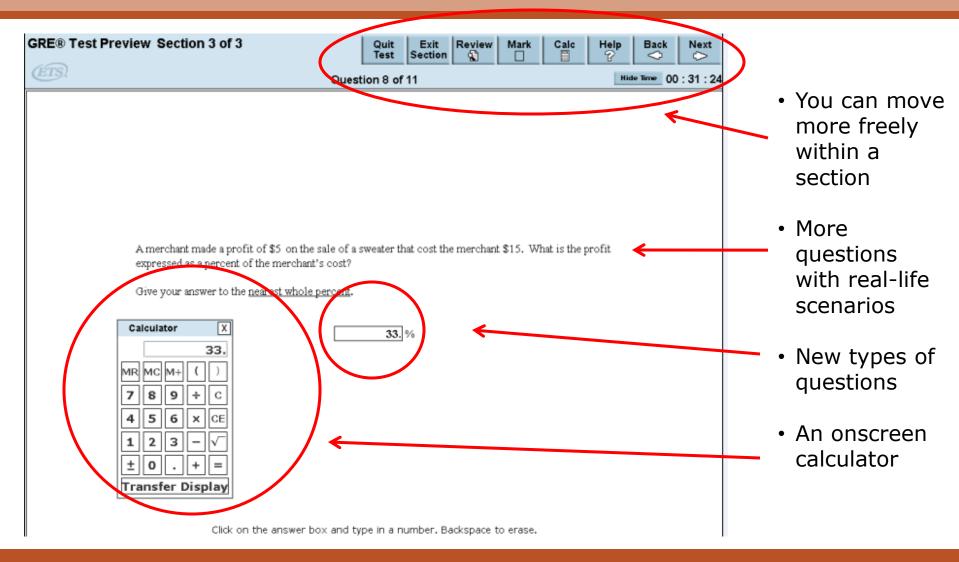
A new test-taker friendly design for a more flexible test-taking experience

- The test is designed to offer a more flexible testtaking experience, giving test takers the freedom to use more of their own personal test-taking strategies.
- New functionality includes:
 - Ability to edit or change answers within a section
 - Ability to mark questions, so the test taker can skip and return to them later within a timed section
 - Test takers can navigate freely within a timed section
- An onscreen calculator will be provided on the Quantitative Reasoning measure*

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A new test-taker friendly design for a more flexible test-taking experience (continued)



A new GRE® score scale

- Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores will be reported on a new score scale of 130–170, in 1-point increments
 - Current score scale: 200–800, in 10-point increments
- The Analytical Writing scores will continue to be reported on the same 0-6 score scale, in half-point increments



Viewing Your Scores At the End of the Test

- When you have completed all of the test sections, you will be asked if you would like to report or cancel your scores. If you select to report your scores, you will view your unofficial scores on the screen and the scores become a permanent part of your record
 - If testing between August and November 2011 you will view your unofficial Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning estimated score ranges on the prior (200–800) score scale
 - Beginning in December 2011 you will view your unofficial Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores on the new 130–170 score scale at the end of their test
- After viewing your scores, you will designate up to four institutions to receive your scores

Receiving An Official Score Report

- You will receive an official paper score report in the mail per our score reporting timelines
 - The score report will contain the your Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores on the new 130–170 score scale
 - The score report will also contain your score on the Analytical Writing measure
- Score reporting is cumulative. Your score report will contain all General Test scores you earned for the past five testing years.

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A New Test Taker Score Report

SMITH, MARY A.

Last (Family/Sumame) Name, First (Given) Name, Middle Initial

Examinee Score Report

Phone: 1-601-974-3212 Email: msmith@bdn.edu

Date of Birth: 02/02/1983 Gender: Female

(MM/DD/YYYY)

Social Security Number: 8766

(Last 4 digits)

Intended Graduate Major: 0203 - Biology

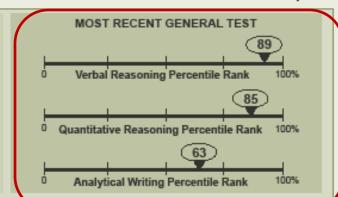
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NS = No Score (Indicates that no questions were answered in the section.)

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The GRE Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning score scales changed in August 2011. For tests taken beginning August 2011, scores and percentiles will be printed in the "Current Formet" columns. For tests taken before August 2011, scores on the prior scales and the corresponding estimated scores on the current scales will be printed in the "Prior Formet" columns. See the back of this page for more information.

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Detailed score reporting schedule for the computer-based GRE® revised general test

Test Dates	Approximate Score Report Mailing Dates		
August 1, 2011 – September 8, 2011	November 8, 2011		
September 9, 2011 – October 2, 2011	November 10, 2011		
October 3, 2011 – October 15, 2011	November 17, 2011		
October 16, 2011 – November 18, 2011	December 1, 2011		
November 19, 2011 – November 28, 2011	December 8, 2011		
November 29, 2011 or later	10-15 days after test date		

Starting in December 2011, score reporting for the computer-based test will return to the regular reporting period of 10 to 15 days after the test date.

Note: Score reports for paper-based administrations will continue to be reported six weeks after the test date.



Free Test Preparation Material for the GRE® revised General Test

- Sample questions
- POWERPREP® II software
 - Offers a simulated test-taking experience of the computer-based GRE® revised General Test
- The Practice Book for the Paper-Based GRE® revised General Test
 - Offers a simulated test-taking experience of the paper-based GRE® revised General Test
- Math Review
 - Reviews the mathematical skills and concepts test takers may see on the GRE® revised General Test
- Math Conventions
 - Learn more about mathematical assumptions particular to the GRE® revised General Test

Important: Make sure you use only test prep materials for the *GRE*® revised General Test



Additional Test Preparation for the GRE® revised General Test

- The Official Guide to the GRE® revised General Test
 - Includes a full-length practice test, explanations for many answers and sample Analytical Writing topics and responses with reader commentary
 - Includes POWERPREP® II CD-ROM
- ScoreItNow!™ Online Writing Practice for the GRE revised General Test
 - Web-based service intended to help test takers prepare for the Analytical Writing measure of the GRE revised General Test
 - Users receive immediate scores on the essay responses they submit online



General strategies for the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections

- Take advantage of the free test preparation materials when preparing for the revised test
- If you are taking the computer-based test, you should become familiar with the Help section provided in the free POWERPREP® II software before you take the actual test
 - You may review the Help section at any time during the actual test, but this reduces the amount of time you have available to answer the test questions

General strategies for the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections (continued)

- Work as rapidly as you can without being careless
- Since no question carries greater weight than any other, do not waste time pondering individual questions you find extremely difficult or unfamiliar

General strategies for the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections (continued)

- You may find the following strategy advantageous:
 - Go through a section the first time quite rapidly, stopping only to answer those questions you can answer with certainty, and marking those that require more thought
 - Next, go back and spend time answering the questions marked for further review
 - Finally, if there is time, go back and answer the questions that seemed to be the most difficult
- To maximize scores, it is better to guess at an answer than not to respond at all

General strategies for the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections (continued)

- The review screen on the computer-based test is intended to help you keep track of their progress on the test. Do not spend too much time on the review screen, as this will take away from the time you spend on the test questions
- Don't use the calculator just because it is available
 - Most of the questions in the Quantitative Reasoning sections don't require difficult computations
 - Some questions can be answered more quickly by reasoning and estimating than by using the calculator

General strategies for the Analytical Writing section

- Be attentive to time, but do not rush
- Organize your thoughts and prepare outlines for the two essays
- Save a few minutes at the end of each timed section to check for obvious errors
 - Although an occasional typographical, spelling or grammatical error will not affect your score, severe and persistent errors will detract from the overall effectiveness of the writing and lower your score

Taking the *GRE®* revised General Test gives you added value

- All GRE revised General Test Examinees receive:
 - Four FREE ETS® Personal Potential Index (ETS® PPI)
 Evaluation Reports
 - This tool lets you show institutions more about your potential in six core personal attributes that matter to them such as communication skills and teamwork
 - You can have evaluators provide ratings and feedback on your success in these areas and send it to institutions as part of your application
 - FREE listing through GRE® Search Service
 - You can list a free profile to help institutions find you more easily
 - If you match the recruitment profile of a participating institution, you may be sent information about graduate programs, admission requirements, financial aid opportunities and fellowships



Take the one test that can help you go to graduate or business school

- ✓ Sign up for test-taker news about the GRE® revised General Test at: www.takethegre.com/signup
- ✓ For more information, visit:
 <u>www.takethegre.com/overview</u>
- ✓ To access test prep material, visit: www.takethegre.com/prep
- ✓ To register, visit: <u>www.takethegre.com/register</u>
- ✓ You can also visit our new GRE page on Facebook® to ask questions and interact with other test takers worldwide:
 "I'm Taking the GRE revised General Test"



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Appendix

- Scoring the Analytical Writing Section
- Structure of Paper-Based GRE® revised General Test
- Sample questions



Scoring the Analytical Writing Section

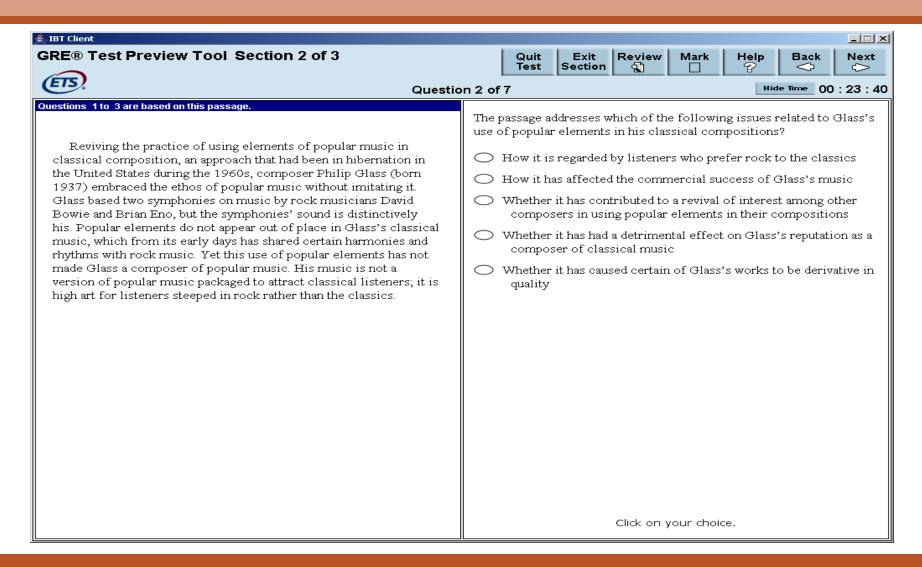
- Each or your essays receives a score from two readers using a six-point holistic scale
 - In holistic scoring, readers are trained to assign scores based on the overall quality of an essay in response to the assigned task
- If the two scores on an essay differ by more than one point on the scale, the discrepancy is adjudicated by a third GRE reader
- Otherwise, the two scores on each essay are averaged
- The final scores on the two essays are then averaged and rounded up to the nearest half-point interval
- A single score is reported for the Analytical Writing measure



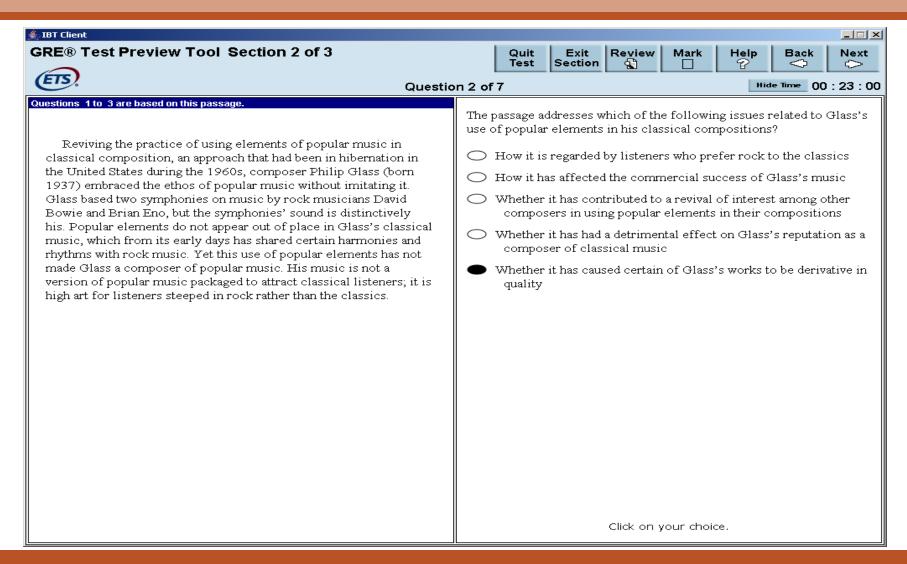
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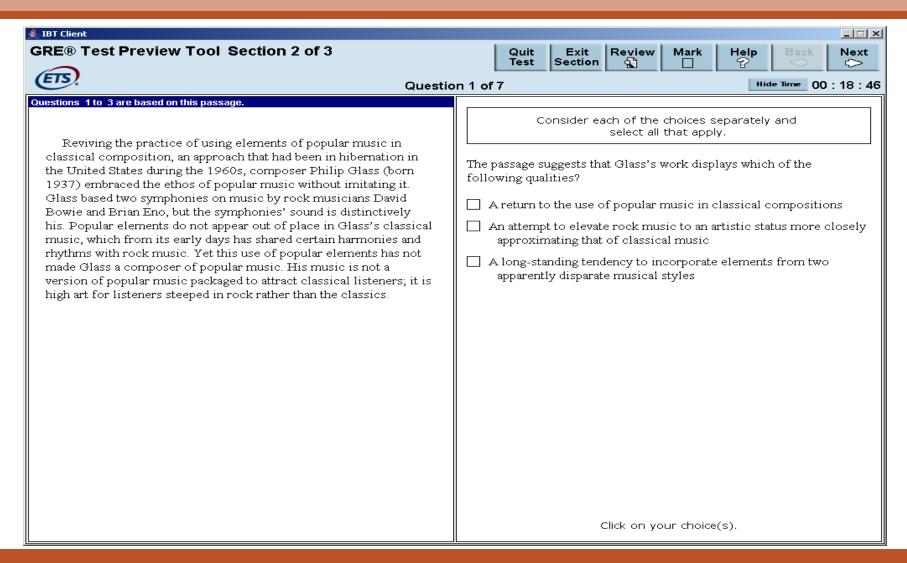
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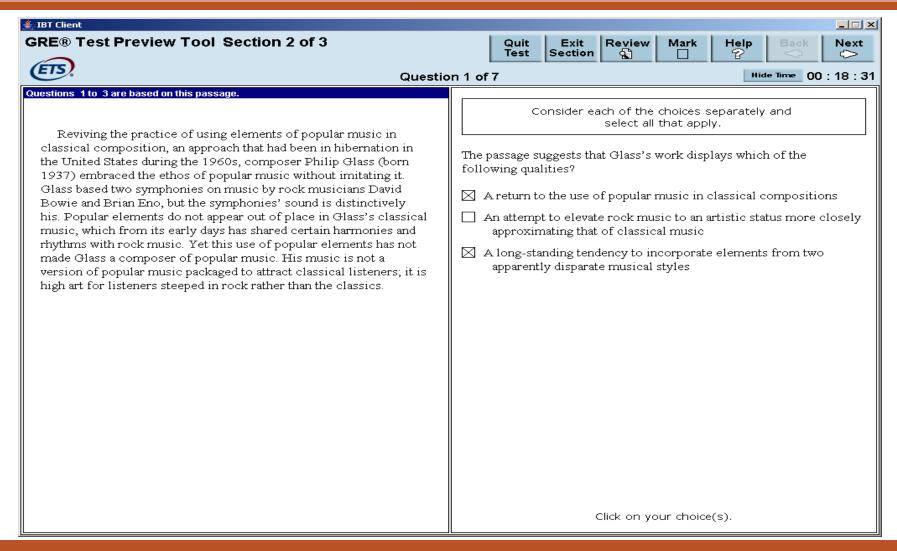
Verbal Reasoning: Reading Comprehension Multiple Choice — Select One Answer Choice (continued)



Verbal Reasoning: Reading Comprehension Multiple Choice — Select One or More Answer Choices

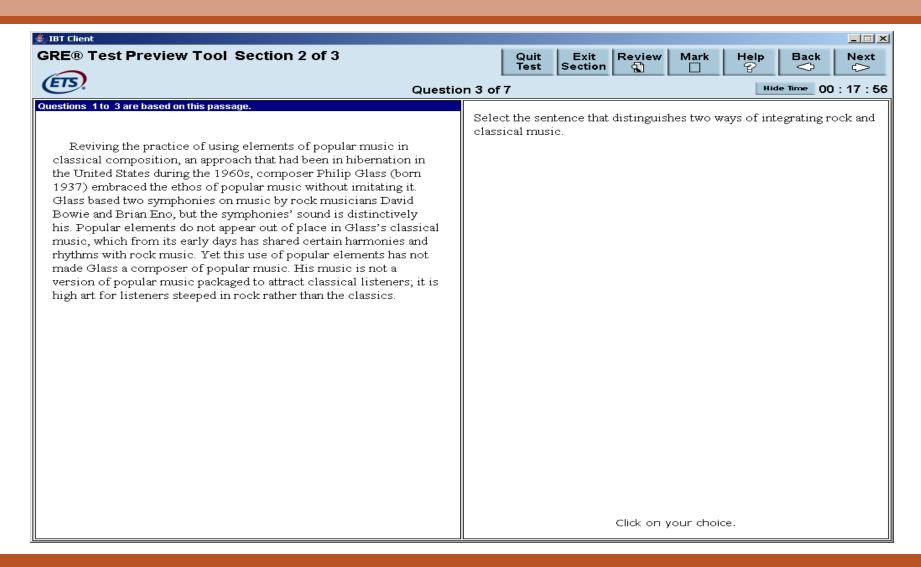


Verbal Reasoning: Reading Comprehension Multiple Choice — Select One or More Answer Choices (continued)

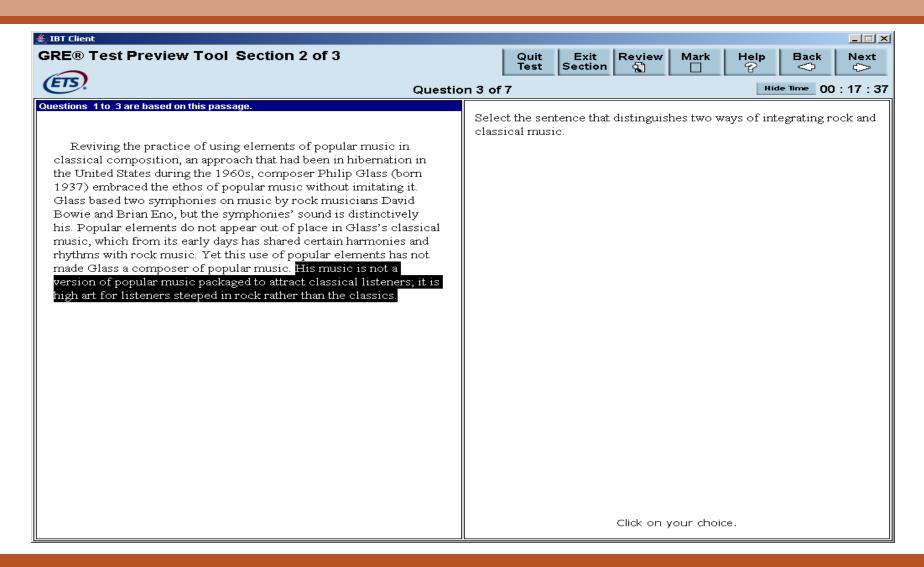




Verbal Reasoning: Reading Comprehension Select in Passage

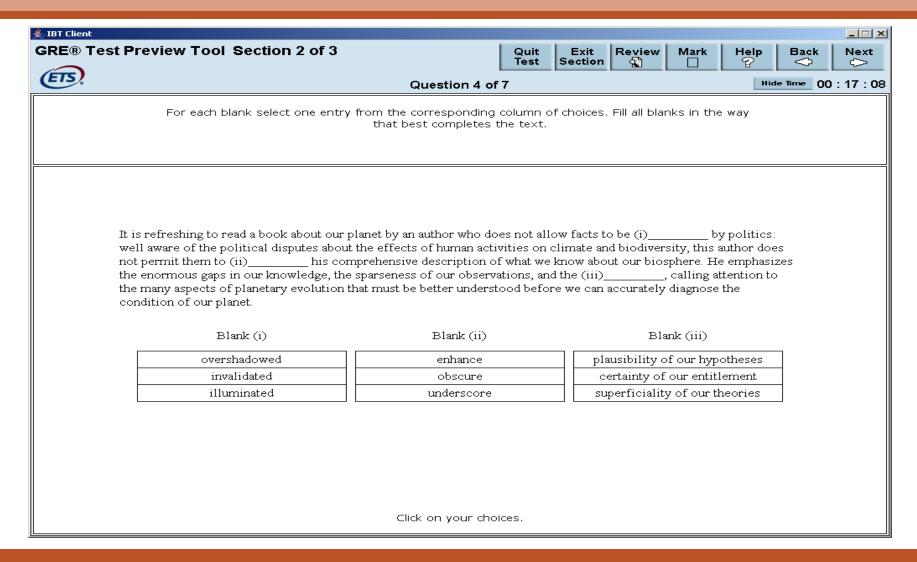


Verbal Reasoning: Reading Comprehension Select in Passage (continued)



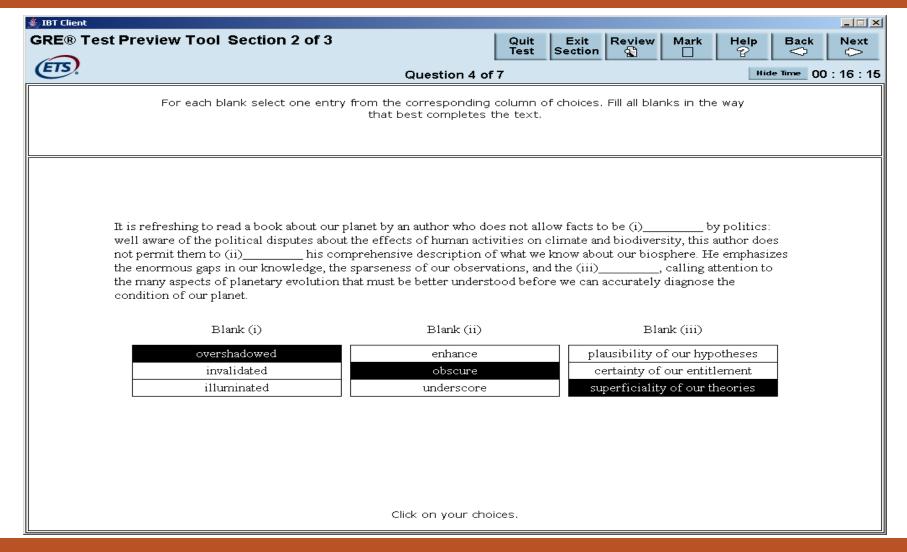


Verbal Reasoning: Text Completion Question

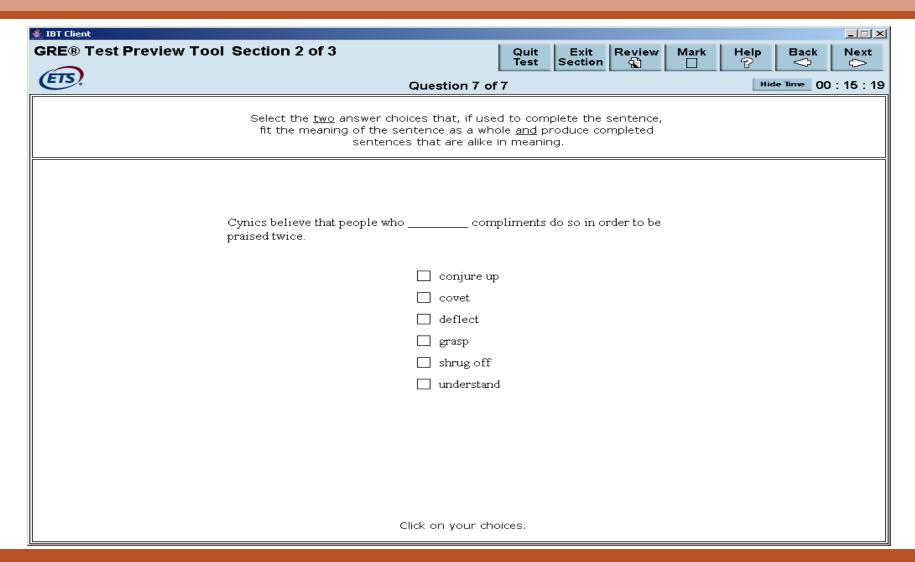




Verbal Reasoning: Text Completion Question (continued)

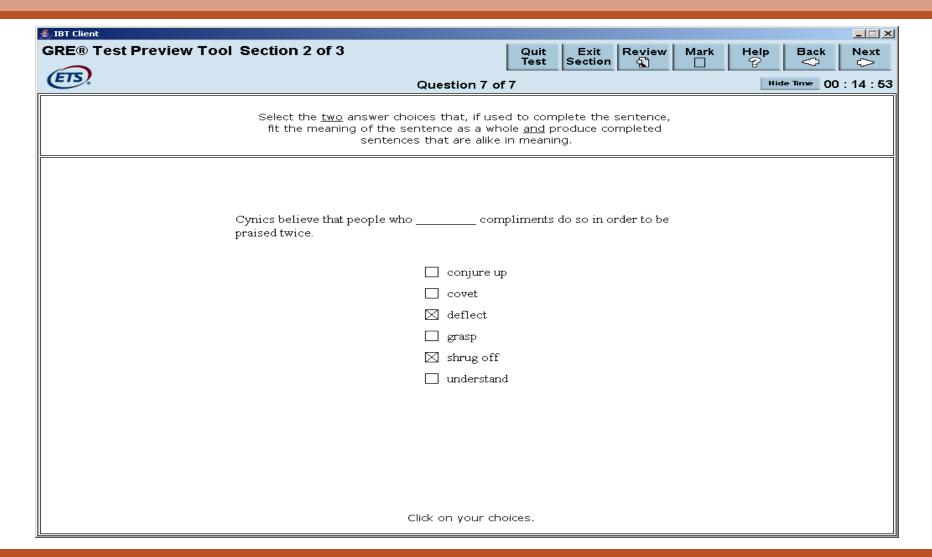


Verbal Reasoning: Sentence Equivalence Question





Verbal Reasoning: Sentence Equivalence Question (continued)





Quantitative Reasoning: Multiple Choice, Select One Answer Choice

A car got 33 miles per gallon using gasoline that cost \$2.95 per gallon. What was the approximate cost, in dollars, of the gasoline used in driving the car 350 miles?

- \$10
- \$20
- \$30
- \$40
- O \$50

Quantitative Reasoning: Multiple Choice, Select One Answer Choice (continued)

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Quantitative Reasoning: Multiple Choice, Select One or More Answer Choices

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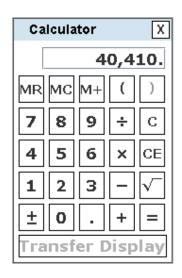
Indicate all such gross incomes.

- \$40,200
- \$43,350
- \$47,256
- \$51,996
- \$53,808

Quantitative Reasoning: Multiple Choice, Select One or More Answer Choices (continued)

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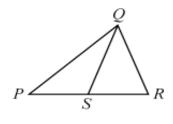
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Quantitative Reasoning: Quantitative Comparison Question

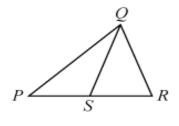


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Quantity A	Quantity B
PS	SR

- O Quantity A is greater.
- Quantity B is greater.
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Quantitative Reasoning: Quantitative Comparison Question (continued)



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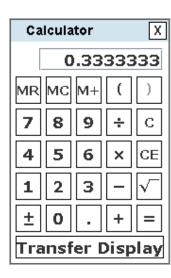
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Quantitative Reasoning: Numeric Entry Question

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Give your answer to the nearest whole percent.





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Quantitative Reasoning: Data Interpretation Question

In a survey, 100 travel agents each ranked Airlines A, B, and C in order of preference. Each of the 100 travel agents also rated the three airlines in five categories on a scale of 1 through 10, with 10 being the best rating.

DISTRIBUTION OF RANKINGS

ACB 6 ABC 18 BAC 34 Mote: The notation ACB means A ranked 1st, C ranked 2nd, and B ranked 3rd.

AVERAGE RATING

Category	Airline A B C		
Convenience	5.1	8.0	4.3
Friendliness	5.0	5.5	5.4
Price	5.0	6.4	3.5
Promptness	6.5	6.9	4.1
Reliability	7.8	7.5	4.9

If each of the average ratings was the arithmetic mean of the ratings given by the 100 travel agents, approximately how much greater was the total of the ratings given to all three airlines for reliability than that for promptness?

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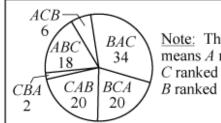
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> 500

Analytical Writing: Analyze an Issue Task

"As people rely more and more on technology to solve problems, the ability of humans to think for themselves will surely deteriorate."

Discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement above and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how those considerations shape your position.

Analytical Writing: Analyze an Argument Task

"In surveys Mason City residents rank water sports (swimming, boating, and fishing) among their favorite recreational activities. The Mason River flowing through the city is rarely used for these pursuits, however, and the city park department devotes little of its budget to maintaining riverside recreational facilities. For years there have been complaints from residents about the quality of the river's water and the river's smell. In response, the state has recently announced plans to clean up Mason River. Use of the river for water sports is, therefore, sure to increase. The city government should for that reason devote more money in this year's budget to riverside recreational facilities."

Write a response in which you examine the stated and/or unstated assumptions of the argument. Be sure to explain how the argument depends on these assumptions and what the implications are if the assumptions prove unwarranted.