



The GRE

Online Edition
UW Pre Vet Society 12/1/20

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What is the GRE?



A multiple-choice, computer-based, standardized exam often required for admission to graduate programs

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STUDY
HARD!

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First off, do you need to
take the GRE?

Updated Veterinary Medical School Admissions Policies in Response to COVID-19

Changes to requirements noted below are effective for Spring 2020 coursework impacted by COVID-19 and prerequisites for Fall 2021 Matriculation (unless otherwise noted).

Requirements here may vary from information contained in the VMSAR 2020 Edition for 2021 Enrollment.

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School or College of Veterinary Medicine	Admissions Website for more details regarding changes in protocols	Accepts online coursework to fulfill prerequisite requirements	Accepts pass/fail coursework to fulfill prerequisite requirements	Accepts online lab coursework	Relaxing Letter from DVM requirement	Relaxing GRE requirement	Relaxing Experience Hours	Changes in Interviews for 2021 Cycle	Other Changes
Atlantic Veterinary College at the University of Prince Edward Island	https://www.upei.ca/prereqs/docs/or-ortetervary-medicine	Yes for Spring, Summer and Fall 2020, but only in certain circumstances: We have always accepted online prerequisite courses that did not require a laboratory component.	Yes for Spring 2020 only. Not accepted for Summer and Fall 2020.	For the Winter 2020 and Summer 2020 semesters we will allow online laboratories as other options will not be available to students. Undecided for Fall 2020.	My institution does not require recommendation letters	The GRE is no longer a requirement for the 2020-2021 cycle due to limitations on testing opportunities arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.	We do not have a set number of hours required	Virtual interviews for the 2021 cycle.	
Auburn University	No website at this time	Yes. We accept prerequisite courses taken at any regionally-accredited institution. We encourage applicants to complete biological and physical science prerequisite courses through traditional classroom delivery whenever possible.	Yes, for spring 2020 and summer 2020 terms.	Yes, for spring 2020 and summer 2020 terms	No, 1 letter from a DVM will still be required (3 letters in total)	GRE waived for this cycle	No		
Colorado State University	https://vetmed@colostate.edu/dvm/covid-19-admissions-faq/	Yes, for Spring, Summer and Fall 2020	Yes, for Spring, Summer and Fall 2020	Yes, for Spring, Summer and Fall 2020	No	We do not require GRE	Yes	We are cancelling MMI interviews moving forward	
Cornell University	https://www.vet.cornell.edu/behavior/veterinary-medicine/admissions/requirements/prerequisite-courses/course-guidelines	Yes	Yes, will accept pass/fail for prerequisite courses for the Spring and Summer 2020 terms. For other semesters, please visit the Cornell DVM Admissions Web Site for details.	Will accept online labs for required prerequisites for Spring and Summer 2020 terms. For Fall, will accept required online labs on a case by case basis. Visit the Cornell DVM Admissions web site for more info or contact vet_admissions@cornell.edu.	No, A letter from a DVM will still be required	We no longer require GRE	Undecided at this time, but maybe		
Iowa State University	https://vetmed.iastate.edu/isuvm-dvm-students/faq/	Yes, for Spring, Summer and Fall 2020	Yes, for Spring, Summer and Fall 2020	Yes, for Spring, Summer and Fall 2020	Do not require DVM letter, only strongly recommended	We do not require GRE	Will take impact of COVID-19 in reviewing experience hours	We do not conduct interviews	
Kansas State University	https://www.vet.k-state.edu/ https://www.vet.k-state.edu/admissions/requirements/requirements.html https://www.vet.k-state.edu/admissions/faqs.html	Yes, for Spring, Summer and Fall 2020	Yes, for Spring and Summer 2020. Undecided for Fall 2020	Yes, for Spring, Summer and Fall 2020	No	We do not require GRE	We do not have a set number of hours required	Zoom interviews will be held rather than in-person	KSU DVM has also added the CASPer assessments to the requirements to apply for the 2020-2021 application cycle.
Lincoln Memorial University	No website at this time	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Waived for 2020-2021 application cycle.	Institution does not require experience hours	Virtual Interviews	
Long Island University	www.liu.edu/vetmed	Yes	Yes	Yes	We will not require a letter from a DVM this year	We do not require GRE	We do not have a set number of hours required.	We do not have a set number of hours required.	
Louisiana State University	No COVID-19 admissions website.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Waived for 2020-2021 application cycle.	We do not have a set number of hours required.	Virtual interviews via Zoom.	
Massay University	Massay University Admission Requirements - Please read section entitled "Visiting International Students"	Yes, Spring, Summer, and Fall 2020.	Yes, Spring, Summer, and Fall 2020.	Yes, Spring, Summer, and Fall 2020.	My institution does not require recommendation letters	We do not require GRE	Undecided at this time, but maybe	No Change.	
Michigan State University	https://www.msu.edu/future-students/dvm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	We do not require GRE	Yes		
Midwestern University	No website provided at this time	Yes	Yes	Yes	Undecided at this time, but maybe	We do not require GRE	Undecided at this time, but maybe	We do not conduct interviews	
Mississippi State University	No page at this time	Yes	Yes	Yes	Undecided at this time, but maybe	We do not require GRE	We do not have a set number of hours required		



There are 3
sections to the
GRE

ANALYTICAL WRITING

Two separately time tasks:
"Analyze an issue" task
"Analyze an argument"
task

30 minutes per task
60 minutes total

Score range: 0 to 6

VERBAL REASONING

6 text completion
questions
4 sentence equivalence
questions
10 reading comprehension
questions
20 total questions per
section

30 minutes per task
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Score range: 130 to 170

QUANTITATIVE REASONING

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Analytical Writing

The writing section consists of two essays that are timed separately with 30 minutes to complete each. This will be the FIRST section completed in the exam.

Issue Task:

- Given a statement (sentence or short paragraph) followed by a prompt that asks to explain whether you agree or disagree with the statement, giving reasoning.
- I.e. "2. Some people believe it is imperative for individuals living in developed nations to reduce their energy consumption and lead a more sustainable lifestyle, given the evidence for global climate change. Others believe that such drastic lifestyle changes are unwarranted, based on the existing evidence for global climate change. Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.



Analytical Writing

Argument task:

- Given usually a longer paragraph. Will be presented with an argument for one side of a hypothetical issue.
- I.e. "A recent survey of 250 adults between the ages of 30 and 45 showed an association between the number of hours adults spend online each day and self-reporting of symptoms commonly associated with depression. The survey found that adults who spend 30 hours or more online each week were twice as likely as others to report that they "frequently" had trouble concentrating. Of adults who reported spending more than 30 hours per week online, 20 percent also reported that they had felt "sad, down, or blue" at least three times within the past month. These results suggest that spending too much time online is linked to depression and people who want to improve their well-being should strictly limit the time they spend online.

Write a response in which you discuss what questions would need to be answered in order to decide whether the recommendation and the argument on which it is based are reasonable. Be sure to explain how the answers to these questions would help to evaluate the recommendation.



Analytical Writing

- Score of 6 : Outstanding
- Score of 5: Strong
- Score of 4: Adequate
- Score of 3: Limited
- Score of 2: Seriously Flawed
- Score of 1: Fundamentally Deficient
- Score of 0: Off topic, illegible

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Verbal Reasoning

In each GRE Verbal section, questions are broken down into Text Completion, Sentence Equivalence, and Reading Comprehension question types. There are approximately 20 questions to complete in 30 minutes, giving you between 1 and 4 minutes per question, depending on the type. Each Verbal section will start with Text Completions, then you'll see a block of 4–5 Reading Comprehension questions, then the block of Sentence Equivalence questions, and you'll finish up with a second block of Reading Comprehension.

Verbal Reasoning

Even when faced with continuing (i) _____, the recalcitrant graduate student persisted in her spendthrift ways; she abjured any thought of self-(ii) _____ and spent prodigally.

- | | |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) lucre | (D) adumbration |
| (B) penury | (E) aggrandizement |
| (C) avarice | (F) abnegation |

Text completion questions: process of elimination!!!!



Verbal Reasoning

Cora was not known for her reticence; regardless, she only _____ acquiesced to calls to speak at the conference.

- [A] jejunely
- [B] exuberantly
- [C] willfully
- [D] grudgingly
- [E] candidly
- [F] timidly

Sentence equivalence questions: put the words into context



Verbal Reasoning

Reading Comprehension:
Skim the questions
Practice makes perfect!

A pioneering figure in modern sociology, French social theorist Emile Durkheim examined the effect of societal cohesion on emotional well-being. Believing that scientific methods should be applied to the study of society, Durkheim studied the levels of integration in various social formations and the impact that such cohesion had on individuals within the group. He postulated that social groups with high levels of integration serve to buffer their members from frustrations and tragedies that could otherwise lead to desperation and self-destruction. Integration, in Durkheim's view, generally arises through shared activities and values. Durkheim distinguished between mechanical solidarity and organic solidarity in classifying integrated groups. Mechanical solidarity dominates in groups in which individual differences are minimized and group devotion to a common goal is high. Durkheim identified mechanical solidarity among groups with little division of labor and high degrees of cultural similarity, such as among more traditional and geographically isolated groups. Organic solidarity, in contrast, prevails in groups with high levels of individual differences, such as those with a highly specialized division of labor. In such groups, individual differences are a powerful source of connection rather than of division. Because people engage in highly differentiated ways of life, they are by necessity interdependent. In these societies, there is greater freedom from some external controls, but such freedom occurs in concert with the interdependence of individuals, not in conflict with it. Durkheim realized that societies may take many forms and, consequently, that group allegiance can manifest itself in a variety of ways. In both types of societies outlined previously, however, Durkheim stressed that adherence to a

Which of the following is NOT a feature of an organic societal formation, according to Emile Durkheim?

- (A) Members are buffered from individual frustration that would lead the individual to cease being a productive member of society.
- (B) Citizens operate independently in their daily lives, but toward a common overall goal.
- (C) Each person must come to accept a series of assumptions that form a collective worldview shared by the formation.
- (D) Workers have an even division of labor and share the work of common tasks.
- (E) Individual differences are celebrated, and have a strengthening effect on the society.

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Quantitative Reasoning

The math section on the GRE, known as Quantitative Reasoning or Quant, consists of three question types: Quantitative Comparison, Problem Solving, and Data Interpretation.

There are two sections total, and each section is 35-minutes long with 20 questions. Like Verbal, the GRE Math sections are both structured identically: first you'll see the Quantitative Comparison questions, then the Problem Solving questions, and finally the Data Interpretation questions.

Most of the concepts you'll see on GRE Quant are covered in middle and high school, but you'll want to make sure you have a firm grasp on algebra and geometry, especially if you haven't taken a math class in some time.

Quantitative Reasoning

$$w > x > 0 > y > z$$

Quantity A

Quantity B

$$w + y$$

$$x + z$$

- (A) Quantity A is greater.
- (B) Quantity B is greater.
- (C) The two quantities are equal.
- (D) The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.



Quantitative Reasoning

In a bag of candy, 7 of the candies are cherry flavored, 8 are lemon, and 5 are grape. If a candy is chosen randomly from the bag, what is the probability that the candy is not lemon?

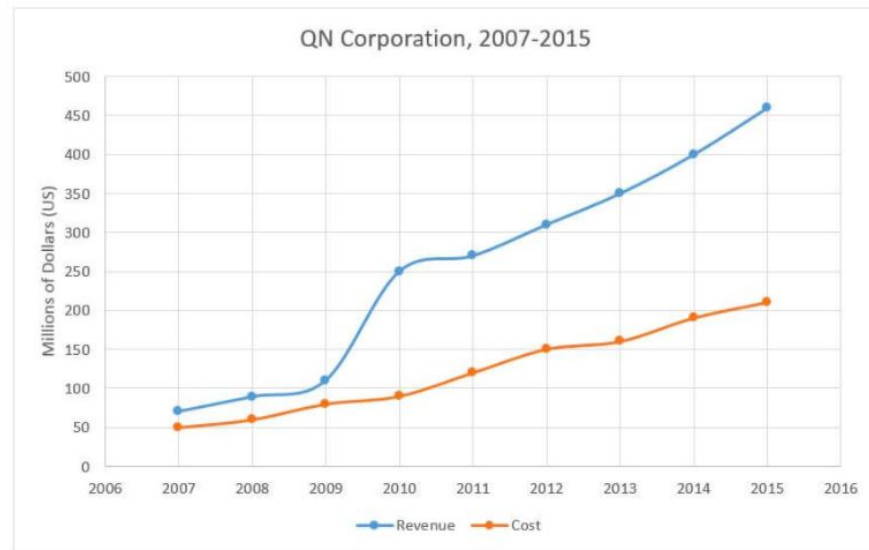
Type your numeric answer as a fraction in the boxes provided.

Quantitative Reasoning

4) In 2013, the dollar amount of the profit at QN Corporation was approximately which of the following?

- (A) \$80 million
- (B) \$160 million
- (C) \$190 million
- (D) \$240 million
- (E) \$350 million

The following graph shows the total revenues and total costs of QN Corporation, a publicly traded company, over the span 2007-2015. Recall that, for any year, profit = (revenue) - (cost).





Scoring

For the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning measures of the GRE® General Test, the reported scores are based on the number of correct responses to all the questions included in the operational sections of the measure.

The Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning measures are section-level adaptive. This means the computer selects the second operational section of a measure based on your performance on the first section. Within each section, all questions contribute equally to the final score.

For each of the two measures, a raw score is computed. The raw score is the number of questions you answered correctly.

The raw score is converted to a scaled score through a process known as equating. The equating process accounts for minor variations in difficulty among the different test editions as well as the differences in difficulty introduced by the section-level adaptation. Thus, a given scaled score for a particular measure reflects the same level of performance regardless of which second section was selected and when the test was taken.

Scoring

Table 1B: GRE® Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning Interpretative Data Used on Score Reports
 (Percent of test takers scoring lower than selected scaled scores.
 Based on the performance of all individuals who tested
 between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2019^a)

Scaled Score	Verbal Reasoning	Quantitative Reasoning
170	99	96
169	99	94
168	98	92
167	98	89
166	97	87
165	96	85
164	94	83
163	92	80
162	90	78
161	88	75
160	85	72
159	82	69
158	79	65
157	75	62
156	72	59
155	67	55
154	63	51
153	59	48
152	53	44
151	50	40
150	45	36
149	40	33
148	36	29
147	32	25

Table 1C: GRE® Analytical Writing Interpretative Data Used on Score Reports
 (Percent of test takers scoring lower than selected score.
 Based on the performance of all individuals who tested
 between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2019^a)

Score Levels	Analytical Writing
6.0	99
5.5	98
5.0	92
4.5	80
4.0	55
3.5	38
3.0	14
2.5	6
2.0	1
1.5	
1.0	
0.5	
0.0	



Now, test center or test at home?



How to Study: Tips and Tricks!

- Set a timeline!
 - This is a personal thing. Some people study for a week, month, quarter, all year!
- KAPLAN KAPLAN KAPLAN
 - Free practice tests, boot camps, question a day
 - More extensive study plans and books
- Khan Academy Instructional Videos
- GRE classes at different testing/instructional websites
- ETS website itself: free real time practice test and free untimed practice test
- Other study guide books: look for practice problems

When to take the GRE?

With enough time to retake, if needed.
Even if you don't retake, this will eliminate unnecessary stress.



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THANKS!

Do you have any questions?

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