

MAT or GRE?

The **MAT** has only one question type—analogies. The analogy questions on the MAT test a broad range of topics and concepts including geography, history, vocabulary, art, science, math, modern events, sequence of letters and words, literature, and grammar. Students with a well-rounded humanities background tend to do well on the MAT.

Here is a sample MAT question-- BACH : MUSIC :: MONET :

- (a) painting
- (b) architecture
- (c) design
- (d) dance

The correct answer is (a) because the composer BACH is associated with MUSIC in the same way that MONET is associated with (a) PAINTING.

The MAT is a paper format exam that features 120 questions administered in a 60 minute time period. Thus, you must work quickly to complete all of the questions. An on-line study guide is available at: <http://www.pearsonassessments.com/NR/rdonlyres/17D54A0A-EEB2-4D23-A4A8-DF536495A5B/0/TheMAT.pdf>

The **GRE** is a longer test with a wider variety of questions types. The GRE is composed of three different sections which test students on their math, verbal, and writing ability:

- The Verbal section of the GRE consists of antonyms, analogies, sentence completion, and reading comprehension. Like the MAT, much of the Verbal section's antonyms, analogies, and sentence completion, much, tests students' vocabulary skills.
- The Quantitative section of the GRE focuses on arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and word problems.
- The Analytical Writing section of the GRE provides two prompts; one prompt asks the student to analyze an issue and the other asks the student to take a position on an issue and present an argument for the issue.

GRE scores are composed of three different scores: one for the Verbal section, one for the Quantitative section, and one for the Analytical Writing section.

The MAT and GRE are very different tests. The most important factor in deciding whether to take the GRE or MAT is determining which exam will produce the best score for you. The GRE has math and writing sections, and therefore, if you are weak in math or writing the MAT may be the better option. If you are strong in reading comprehension or math (which on the GRE is at the high school level) the GRE gives you opportunity to pick up some easy points.

Keep these considerations in mind:

- Are you a good writer or strong in math? If so, the GRE may be better test for you.
- Are you a poor writer or weak in math? If so, the MAT may be better test for you.
- Do you become easily fatigued when testing? Since the MAT is considerably shorter than the GRE, the MAT might produce a better result.

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Testing Centers for the GRE & the MAT

For the **GRE**, see:

<https://mygre.ets.org/greweb/action/RegPortal><https://mygre.ets.org/greweb/action/RegPortal>

Local testing centers include:

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