
GRE Prep

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Get to Know the GRE

GRE Website: <http://www.ets.org/gre/>

- What is the GRE?
 - General vs. Subject GRE exams
- How to register
 - Creating an account, registration, cancellation
 - Differently abled student accommodations-Online application
- Identifying score goals

GRE Sections

- 1 Analytical Writing Assessment Section (Typed)
 - Two 30 minutes sections: Analyze an Issue and Analyze an Argument
 - Score Range: 0-6
- 2 Verbal Reasoning Sections
 - 30 minutes per section; 20 questions per section
 - Components: Text Completion Questions, Sentence Equivalence Questions, Reading Comprehension
 - Score Range: 130-170

GRE Sections

- 2 Quantitative Reasoning Sections
 - 35 minutes per section; 20 questions per section
 - Components: Quantitative Comparison and Problem Solving
 - Content Areas: Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, and Data Analysis
 - Score Range: 130-170
- One of the following:
 - Unscored Verbal Reasoning or Quantitative Reasoning
 - Research or Experimental section
 - 30 to 35 minutes
- Optional Breaks: About 12 minutes total
- Total Test Time: Around 4 hours

GRE Test

- Test Environment
 - ID Verification process (Voice and Photo ID, Fingerprinting, Voice Recording, Signature Comparison)
 - Small Classroom with cubicles where you are given assigned seat
 - Food and Drink not allowed
 - No items allowed other than ID Documents including jewelry and certain articles of clothing
 - May be required to show ID or sign log are various points
- Computer-Based Exam Features
 - Preview and review capabilities within a section
 - Mark and Review to tag questions so you can skip and return
 - Ability to change or edit answers
 - On-screen calculator
 - Given scratch paper before test

Timeline

- Computer delivered Administered Year Round
 - Still encouraged to **register early**
- 10-15 days to deliver scores to institutions
- Can take test every 21 days up to 5 times in a 12 month period
- When to take the GRE?
 - Depends on program deadline
 - Allow time to process scores
 - Allow time to repeat

Costs

- \$205 for all testing locations
 - Includes sending scores to 4 institutions of your choice
- \$27 per institution to send scores after test date
- GRE Fee Reduction Program
 - Complete Request Form
 - Approval within 2 weeks
 - Must pay half of the original cost (\$103)

Question 1

Analytical Writing: Analyze an Issue

Universities should require every student to take a variety of courses outside the student's field of study.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Identify Personal Study Tactics

Identify your Learning Style

- How do you study for exams?
- What are your learning strategies?



Study Tactics

- Find what works for you
- Make a study schedule and plan
- Stick to your study goal and plan
- Practice within the test guidelines and understand test environment (time restraints, types of questions, administrative procedures, etc.)
- Different Strategies:
 - Flashcards
 - Classroom Environment
 - Reviewing Content
 - Writing Content
 - Computer Based Practice

On Campus Resources

- Student Success Center
 - Online Resources and Handouts
 - Academic Coach Appointments
- Center for Career Development
 - Career Consultant Appointments
- Faculty/Staff/Student Connections



Question 2

Text Completion

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Vain and prone to violence, Caravaggio could not handle success: the more his (i)_____ as an artist increased, the more (ii)_____ his life became.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
(A) temperance	<input checked="" type="radio"/> (D) tumultuous
(B) notoriety	(E) providential
<input checked="" type="radio"/> (C) eminence	(F) dispassionate

Question 2

Explanation

Text Completion

In this sentence, what follows the colon must explain or spell out what precedes it. So, roughly, what the second part must say is that as Caravaggio became more successful, his life got more out of control. When one looks for words to fill the blanks, it becomes clear that "tumultuous" is the best fit for the second blank, since neither of the other choices suggests being out of control. And for the first blank, the best choice is "eminence," since to increase in eminence is a consequence of becoming more successful. It is true that Caravaggio might also increase in notoriety, but an increase in notoriety as an artist is not as clear a sign of success as an increase in eminence.

Therefore, the correct answers are **C. eminence** and **D. tumultuous**

Identify Resources

- Kaplan Resources
 - Question a day
 - Quick Pop Quizzes
 - Bootcamps
 - 20 minute Tests
 - Online Events
- ETS GRE Resources
 - Pool of analytical writing topics
 - GRE Math Review Worksheets with Answers
 - Strategies for certain types of questions
 - POWERPREP Online: 2 free practice exams
- Other Helpful Websites:
 - Princeton Review, Magoosh Online, etc.

Question 3

Quantitative Comparison

Compare Quantity A and Quantity B, using additional information centered above the two quantities if such information is given, and select one of the following four answer choices:

Quantity A	Quantity B
The least prime number greater than 24	The greatest prime number less than 28

- 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.

Question 3

Explanation

Quantitative Comparison

For the integers greater than 24, note that 25, 26, 27, and 28 are not prime numbers, but 29 is a prime number, as are 31 and many other greater integers. Thus, 29 is the least prime number greater than 24, and Quantity A is 29. For the integers less than 28, note that 27, 26, 25, and 24 are not prime numbers, but 23 is a prime number, as are 19 and several other lesser integers. Thus, 23 is the greatest prime number less than 28, and Quantity B is 23. The correct answer is **Choice A, Quantity A is greater.**

Fear in a hat: Test Anxieties

Question 4

Sentence Equivalence

Select the **TWO** answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentences as a whole **AND** produce complete sentences that are alike in meaning.

Although it does contain some pioneering ideas, one would hardly characterize the work as _____.

- A. Orthodox
- B. Eccentric
- C. Original
- D. Trifling
- E. Conventional
- F. Innovative

Question 4

Explanation

Sentence Equivalence

The word "Although" is a crucial signpost here. The work contains some pioneering ideas, but apparently it is not overall a pioneering work. Thus the two words that could fill the blank appropriately are "original" and "innovative." Note that "orthodox" and "conventional" are two words that are very similar in meaning, but neither one completes the sentence sensibly.

Therefore, the correct answers are **C. Original** and **F. Innovative**

Day of Prep

- Report to test center at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled test time
- Check In Process can be lengthy
- Items to Bring:
 - 2 Valid ID's (Original Government Issued Document; Include first and last name that you registered with; Include recent photograph and signature)
 - Examples: Passport, Driver's License, Military ID, etc.
 - Authorization voucher, if you paid for your GRE with check or money order
 - Limited personal items...you must store them in locker
- If you are late or absent, you forfeit your test fee

Question 5

Problem Solving

Select a single answer choice.

If $5x+32=4-2x$, what is the value of x ?

- A. -4
- B. -3
- C. 4
- D. 7
- E. 12

Question 5

Explanation

Problem Solving

Solving the equation for x , you get $7x = -28$, and so $x = -4$. The correct answer is **Choice A, -4**.

Assessment Survey

Website:

srs.campuslabs.com

Code: 6916

Questions