Achievable

GRE DUMP SHEET

Test format and test day

Five sections, about 1 hour 58 minutes

Measure	Questions	Time	What it holds
Analytical Writing: 1 section, **always first**	1 essay	30 min	One "Analyze an Issue" task: take a position on a claim and support it with reasons and examples, typed with **no spellchecker**
Verbal Reasoning: 2 sections	12, then 15	18, then 23 min	Reading comprehension, text completion, sentence equivalence
Quantitative Reasoning: 2 sections	12, then 15	21, then 26 min	Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, data analysis; an **on-screen calculator**
Total	1 essay + 54	**1 hr 58 min**	Verbal and Quant sections follow the essay **in any order**; **no scheduled breaks**

Adaptive by section

- The **first section** of Verbal and of Quant is of **average difficulty**
- Do well on it and the **second section** of that measure is **harder**; struggle and it is easier
- The score counts **correct answers** in both sections **and** their difficulty: an easier second section **caps your score**

Scoring

- **Verbal** and **Quant: 130—170** each, in 1-point steps
- **Analytical Writing: 0—6**, in half-point steps
- **Percentile rank:** the share of test takers (last 3 years) who scored below you
- **No passing score**, and **no penalty** for a wrong answer: **answer every question**
- Unofficial Verbal and Quant scores on screen at the end; official scores, Writing included, in **8—10 days**

Inside a section

- **Skip**, **Mark** and **Review**, and **change answers**, but only until the section ends
- **Calculator** (Quant only): basic, with √, ±, parentheses and one memory; it follows the **order of operations**
- **Transfer Display** copies the result into a one-box numeric-entry answer: round or convert it as asked
- No calculator of your own; scratch paper at a center, a whiteboard or sleeved sheet at home

Final weeks and test day

- Rehearse with ETS's free timed **POWERPREP Online** test; **review** every practice section
- About **95% sure?** Choose it, mark it, **move on**; stuck: eliminate, guess, mark
- **Reread the question** before choosing; extreme wording in reading choices is usually a trap
- **Essay:** plan before you write, and save minutes to proofread

Every question type, in one line

- **Quantitative Reasoning**
  - **Quantitative comparison:** Quantity A vs. Quantity B, with the same 4 choices every time
  - **Multiple choice, one answer:** 5 choices in **ovals**
  - **Select one or more:** choices in **squares**; select **all** that are correct and only those
  - **Numeric entry:** type an integer or decimal, or a fraction in two boxes; round only if told
  - **Data interpretation sets:** several questions on one table or graph
- **Verbal Reasoning**
  - **Text completion:** 1—3 blanks; 5 choices for one blank, 3 per blank otherwise
  - **Sentence equivalence:** 1 blank, 6 choices; pick the **2** that give sentences **alike in meaning**
  - **Reading comprehension:** select one, select one or more (of 3), or **select a sentence** in the passage
  - **No partial credit** on any question with more than one answer

Registration and policies

- Create an **ETS account** in the exact name on your ID; test at a **center** or **at home** (the same test)
- **$249** plus a 4% online service fee, as of Aug 1, 2026; China and India are priced separately
- **Reschedule or cancel** at least **4 days** ahead (10 in mainland China): rescheduling costs $55, canceling refunds **half**
- **Retake** once every **21 days**, up to **5 times** in a rolling 12 months, even with scores canceled
- **ScoreSelect:** 4 free reports on test day (this test or all from 5 years); later, **$40** each, any test dates

Test day

- **ID:** original, unexpired, government-issued, with photo and signature; **name must match exactly**
- **Center:** arrive **30 minutes early**; only your ID (and a mask) in the room; the clock runs if you step out
- **Home:** a computer with the **ETS Secure Browser**, ID verified **72 hours** ahead, check in **15 minutes** early; no breaks