

**POSTAL PREPARATORY COURSE
FOR THE
GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION
(GENERAL TEST)**

A degree, whether post-graduate or doctoral, from an American University is today a proclamation of academic excellence and tested scholarship. It is no longer the proud suffix or the honorific prefix that it used to be.

What was earlier a passport to a career has now become a visa for entry into the world of eminent academics. The efflorescence of the creative and the practical in these scholars, as a result of 'the brainstorming' they undergo, makes them effective citizens of a country, contributing to its growth in technology, and by implication, to its economy.

**JOINING THE PURSUIT OF TECHNOLOGICAL,
SCIENTIFIC OR SOCIO-ECONOMIC GOALS
THROUGH PROPER EDUCATION AND
TRAINING IS THE NEED OF THE HOUR -THE
HI-TECH EDUCATION AND TRAINING
FOR WHICH GRE IS THE THRESHOLD
GALVANISE THE PURSUIT.**

**STAND UP TO THE MOST
EXACTING REQUIREMENT**

It is for this test - the Graduate Record Examination or GRE - that BRILLIANT comes forward to prepare you. With long years of success in training students for different entrance exams, both Indian and foreign, we have the intellectual superstructure and the necessary infrastructure, to stand up to the most exacting requirement.

**BRIGHTEN YOUR CHANCES
OF ENTERING THE FAMED PORTALS
OF ACCREDITED UNIVERSITIES**

The awareness of the prestige attached to a degree from an American University has led to an ever increasing number of students taking the GRE. The competition is among the best from every country on the globe; the better your performance in the GRE, the brighter your chances of entering the famed portals of accredited universities.

THIS BEING THE GOAL

The preparation has to be rigorous and the testing dependable. Our introductory material and unit tests prepare you with the basics; the 15 Test Papers that follow simulate recent GRE papers.

THE WINNING PUNCH

If you are to get into the best and foremost American Universities, your performance cannot be second best. But such excellence is attained only through hard and persistent effort. A leap in the dark leads one nowhere. Planned preparation, well developed strategy, unremitting labour, incessant practice and exhaustive study are the reagents that act, and react, to produce results. Our postal support programme provides ample scope for each one of these and when you have gone through the course, you are fit for the test, as fit as a pugilist in the ring to deliver the winning punch.

Your entry into one of these universities catapults you into the company of Nobel Laureates, who dot the map of the US and expose you to the latest and the best. For an academic life of incomparable brightness and scintillating intensity, it is the GRE that is the gateway and the royal road. We invite you to take it and Brilliant will go with you all the way, clearing the path for you, lightening the burden on you and illuminating the path before you. We welcome you to join us for this exciting intellectual exploration, a veritable "Project Columbus".

WHAT IS THE GRE ?

Graduates who want to pursue a Masters or Ph.D. programme in American Universities are often required to pass the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), conducted by the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey. These tests referred to as GRE are required of students for admission to many Graduate Schools, Professional Colleges and fellowship competitions. It therefore follows that one must be a graduate before he/or she is admitted into Graduate School for which GRE is the Entrance Test.

Sponsors of fellowships use this examination as one of the criteria to select the recipients of their awards. More frequently, the scores obtained by the applicants, together with their under-graduate records and recommendations, determine admission to Graduate Schools abroad.

While no minimum qualification is prescribed for taking this course, we would strongly suggest that students should ensure that they are sufficiently qualified (graduates or those expecting to graduate in about six months) to be able to take full advantage of our course material.

I. The General Test - is offered only as a Computer-based Test and measures verbal, quantitative and analytical reasoning skills that have been developed over a long period of time and are not related to any particular field of study. The following areas are examined:

Section I: VERBAL ABILITY

- Analogies
- Text Completions
- Antonyms
- Reading Comprehension

A new type of Verbal Question is being added this year in the segment of Text Completion. This is included in our Test Papers. The total number of questions will be 30 and the time allotted is 30 minutes. The score reported on the existing 200-800 score scale is in 10 point increments.

Section II: QUANTITATIVE ABILITY

- Quantitative Comparison
- Data Interpretation
- Discrete Quantitative

There will be 28 questions for a duration of 45 minutes and the score reported on the existing 200-800 score scale is in 10 point increments.

Section III: ANALYTICAL WRITING

The Analytical Writing section consists of two Analytical Writing tasks

- (i) a 45-minute "Present Your Perspective on an Issue" task and
- (ii) a 30-minute "Analyse an Argument" task.

The "Issue Task" states an opinion on an issue of general interest and asks the student to address the issue from any perspective. The "Argument Task" presents a different challenge; it requires a critique on the argument by discussing how well reasoned the student finds it.

The two tasks are complementary in that one requires the student to construct his/her own argument about an issue whereas the other requires him to critique someone else's argument by assessing its claims and evaluating the evidence it provides.

For the Analytical Writing section, each essay scores from two framed readers using a 6 point holistic scale. The score will be reported on the existing 0-6 Writing Assessment score scale in half-point increments.

A No Score (NS) will be reported for any section (verbal, quantitative or analytical writing) in which the student answers no questions at all.

A complete list of topics can be accessed on the GRE Web Site at www.gre.org/writing.html. The topics are also given in our Set on this section.

II. Subject Tests - measure achievement in a particular subject area and assume an undergraduate major or extensive background in that discipline. Subject Tests are given in 8 subject areas and are available only as Paper-based Tests.

Computer-based Test

A Computer-based Test has replaced the Paper-based Test in most the Countries except in areas where Computer-based testing is not available.

The Computer-adaptive Test is tailored to the candidate's performance level and provides precise information about his/her abilities using **fewer** test questions than traditional Paper-based tests.

At the start of the test, the candidate is presented with questions of average difficulty. As each question is answered, the computer scores that question and uses that information to determine which question should be presented next. Since the computer scores each question, it must be answered when it is presented. The student cannot go back and change the answer. The score will be based on **one section** each of verbal, quantitative and analytical and **not two** each as in the Paper-based Test. The test requires only the most **basic computer skills** which are covered in a hands-on Tutorial package. The candidate can take as much time as needed with the Tutorial **before** starting the actual test. The candidate must come prepared to stay for 4½ hours at the Test Centre, out of which 2 hours and 30 minutes are allotted for answering the questions in these 3 sections that matter in the Test. The remaining time is spent on the Tutorial, background questions, etc. of which 45 minutes will be for the 4th section.

Structure of the Computer-Based General Test

The General Test

The General Test is composed of verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing sections.

The General Test contains four sections, one of which is an unidentified "pretest" section that can appear in any position in the Test after the Analytical Writing section. Questions in the Pretest Section are being tested for possible use in future Tests and answers will not count toward your scores. An identified "research" section that is not scored may also be included and this section will always appear at the end of the Test. Questions in the research section are included for the purpose of ETS research and answers will not count toward the student's scores.

Total testing time is up to 3 1/4 hours, not including the research section. The directions at the beginning of each section specify the total number of questions in the section and the time allowed for the section. The Analytical

Writing section will always be first. For the Issue task, two topics will be presented for choosing one. The Argument task does not present a choice of topics; instead, only one topic will be presented. The Verbal and Quantitative Sections may appear in any order, including an unidentified verbal or quantitative pretest section. Candidates are advised to treat each section presented during the Test as if it counts.

Typical Computer-Based GRE General Test

Section	Number of Questions	Time
Analytical Writing	1 Issue task	45 min.
	1 Argument task	30 min.
Verbal	30	30 min.
Quantitative	28	45 min.
Pretest	Varies	Varies
Research	Varies	Varies

Important Guidelines

1. If you are taking the Computer-based General Test, schedule your testing appointment as soon as you know your deadlines for Graduate School applications. **Call early to maximise the chances of scheduling your preferred test date and time.**
2. Online registration is available for the paper-based Subject Tests, at www.ets.org/gre.
3. Since the Fall of 1999, only the Computer based General Test is offered, both in the U.S. and in most locations including India around the world. Subject Tests will continue to be offered in the Paper-based format.

How to apply?

The Computer - based General Test is given year round during the first three weeks of each month on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the Registration Centre at the following address:

Prometric
2nd Floor,
DLF Infinity Tower - A,
Sector 25, Phase II,
DLF City, Gurgaon,
Haryana - 122 002.

OUR COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

*We prepare you **only for the General Test**, not for the Subject Test.*

Our study material consists of:

1. A General Introduction which discusses the format of the GRE, with valuable hints for tackling each section.
2. An Introduction to Maths, Statistics & Analytical Ability that builds the required knowledge from first principles, as would a text-book.
3. Brilliant's classification of words with prefixes and suffixes: The root of the word can give a clue to identify an unfamiliar word. It will be useful to know the root words and how a new word is derived from the root.
4. Key and Explanatory Notes, problems worked out in detail, analysing the reasons for the choice of a particular alternative, thereby reinforcing the student's decision, pointing out mistakes and clearing doubts.
5. Counsel Letters to build in the student a winner's psychology and bring out latent talent.

The Material is delivered in five sets:

- Set 1** Introduction and worked examples on various topics
- Set 2** Unit Tests on English
- Set 3** Unit Tests on Quantitative Analysis
- Set 4** 15 Test Papers on the actual model of GRE-CAT
- Set 5** Analytical Writing

There will be 3 Mock Tests for the student's final rehearsal.

DOUBT LETTER SCHEME

Students' requests for clarification on doubts while studying our course materials can be sent to us. Our Professors will respond with their explanation and guidance.

The scheme is available upto six months from the date of enrolment.

ENROLMENT

Students can enrol at any convenient time but are advised to join early as it will give them more time for study and revision of the course material.

COURSE FEE

The fee for the GRE course is **Rs. 3895/-** + Service Tax Rs. 481/- = **Total: Rs. 4376/-**.

Requests for concession in the fee or for an instalment facility will not be entertained.

Fee once paid will not be refunded or adjusted under any circumstances

PROCEDURE FOR ENROLMENT

The student should send us:

1. The Enrolment Form completed on both sides and signed with a passport size photograph pasted in the space provided.

Note: Enrolment Forms without the photograph will not be accepted.

2. A Money Order or Demand Draft drawn in favour of **Brilliant Tutorials Pvt. Ltd.**, payable at **Chennai**, for the full course fee.

If a Money Order is being sent, the course as well as the student's full postal address should be indicated in the coupon.

Students resident outside India should follow the remittance instructions given on the Enrolment Form they receive.

3. The Enrolment Form and the course fee should be sent to:
**Brilliant Tutorials Pvt. Ltd., 12, Masilamani Street, T.Nagar,
Chennai-600017.**
4. The fee can also be paid in cash in our office.

Note: When calling to enquire about the status of your application, please have the following information ready:

- A copy of your application form
- D/D Number and Date (If Money Order, then MO Receipt Number and Date)
- Issuing Bank
- Mode of Despatch of application (Courier, Registered Post, Speed Post, Ordinary Post)
- Date of Despatch

Please wait at least 15 days after date of despatch before calling.

REQUESTS FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS ETC.

Normally we do not accept any advice for stoppage of despatch of study material. Change of address, or, in exceptional cases, stoppage or resumption of despatch etc. will be implemented only if requested by a letter signed by the student. A photocopy of the Admit Card (with the photograph visible) must be enclosed with the letter. Telephone requests will not be honoured unless confirmed in writing.

This policy is designed to prevent fraud and to safeguard the interests of our genuine students.

Please allow 15 days from the date of receipt, for implementation of the change

All matters are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Chennai only.

**PRACTICE
MAKES
PERFECT**

THIS IS THE PHILOSOPHY THAT HAS HELPED OUR STUDENTS TO SUCCEED. WE URGE THEM TO WORK OUT AS MANY TEST PAPERS AS THEY CAN. OUR APPROACH TO THE TASK OF PREPARING OUR STUDENTS IS TO GIVE THEM ABUNDANT PRACTICE THROUGH OUR TEST PAPERS, MODELLED AFTER ACTUAL TEST PAPERS.

IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THE MORE TESTS A STUDENT GOES THROUGH, THE MORE THOROUGH AND CONFIDENT HE BECOMES. REPEATED EXPOSURE TO THE TEST WILL RID THE STUDENT OF THE FEAR OF EXAMS AND KEEP HIM RELAXED WHEN HE FACES THE ACTUAL TEST.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE USEFULNESS OF ABUNDANT PRACTICE WITH TESTS FINDS SUPPORT FROM THE EMINENT AUTHORITY, STANLEY KAPLAN, THE DOYEN OF TUTORIAL SERVICE FOR COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE EXAMS IN THE UNITED STATES.