

**GRE General Test**  
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**The Split-Test Administration of the GRE General Test in China  
(including Hong Kong), Korea, and Taiwan**

**How does the split-test administration work?**

The General Test is offered in two parts. The Analytical Writing section is offered on computer; the Verbal and Quantitative sections are offered at a paper-based administration. Test takers are required to take both the computer-based and paper-based parts of the GRE General Test in the same testing year, and must take the computer-based Analytical Writing portion first. A choice of two paper-based administrations will be offered during the 2006-07 testing year, spaced out so as to minimize congestion in the computer-based test (CBT) centers.

**How do you register for GRE General Test in these regions?**

The candidate should schedule an appointment for the CBT Analytical Writing measure through the [Prometric Regional Registration Center](http://etsis4.ets.org/tcenter/cbt_fr.cfm) ([http://etsis4.ets.org/tcenter/cbt\\_fr.cfm](http://etsis4.ets.org/tcenter/cbt_fr.cfm))

**What is the test fee?**

The test fee is US\$175, which is US\$15 more than the current foreign test fee to cover additional costs for a split-test administration. The candidate will pay for the entire test at the time he/she registers to take the Analytical Writing section.

**How soon can I take the Analytical Writing section?**

The Analytical Writing section will be offered beginning July 1, 2006 (candidates may schedule appointments at any time). The test will be offered at all existing computer-based testing centers in China (including Hong Kong), Korea, and Taiwan.

**When will the paper-based Verbal and Quantitative sections be offered?**

The two paper test administrations will be October 28, 2006 and June 9, 2007.

**How do test takers schedule their Verbal and Quantitative testing appointments?**

At the Analytical Writing session, the candidate will complete the Background Information Questions, select score recipients, and select a paper-based test center. Once the candidate takes the Analytical Writing section and test data are transmitted to ETS, a registration number and admission ticket for the paper-based administration of the Verbal and Quantitative measures will be generated and mailed to the candidate.

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**How soon must test takers take the Analytical Writing section before the paper-based Verbal and Quantitative testing dates?**

Candidates must take the Analytical Writing session several weeks before the paper-based Verbal and Quantitative administration to allow time for admission tickets to be mailed to candidates, test books to be mailed to the test centers, and so forth.

Therefore, candidates wishing to test at the October 2006 paper administration must take the Analytical Writing section between July 1, 2006 and September 23, 2006. Those wishing to take the paper-based test in June 2007 must take the Analytical Writing section between September 24, 2006 and May 5, 2007.

**Why did ETS go to a split-test administration of the GRE General Test?**

ETS went to a split-test administration to restore the validity of scores for students in these regions. The paper-based Verbal and Quantitative sections that are administered will be retired from use after each administration, thereby removing the unfair advantage some past students gained by memorizing questions in advance of the test. The Analytical Writing section is administered on computer. Test takers word process their essay responses so that the responses can be reviewed by ETS Essay Similarity Detection (ESD) software. The software ensures that every scored essay has a high degree of original critical thinking and analytical writing. All test takers benefit when ETS can assure admissions decision makers of the validity of test scores.

**Can test takers take the Verbal and Quantitative sections first and then take the Analytical Writing section?**

No, test takers must take the Analytical Writing section first.

**Can test takers take the CBT and paper-based portions of the test in different years?**

No. Candidates must take both administrations in the same testing year (i.e., between July 1 and June 30).

**Will Analytical Writing scores be reported separately from Verbal and Quantitative scores to schools and colleges?**

No. Scores on the General Test will not be reported to candidates or institutions until all three sections of the test have been completed. Scores for the General Test will be reported within six weeks after the paper-based administration is completed.

**If the test taker takes only the Analytical Writing portion, will Analytical Writing scores be reported?**

No. Scores will not be reportable until all three test sections (Analytical Writing, Verbal, and Quantitative) are completed.

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**How long is the test session for the Analytical Writing section?**

The Analytical Writing session is a total of two hours.

**Can I handwrite my essay responses at the CBT test center?**

No, you will be required to type your essay responses at the CBT test session. All test takers at CBT centers worldwide are required to type their essay responses on the GRE Analytical Writing section in order to enable use of the Essay Similarity Detection (ESD) software.

**How long is the test session for the paper-based Verbal and Quantitative sections?**

The paper-based test session is a total of two and a half hours.