

Five Things Every **GRE** Test Taker Must Know

The GRE is a standardized test that is used by many graduate programs as a factor in determining admission. WKU Test Prep is here to help prospective applicants prepare to perform at their best on the GRE. We've put together this list of five facts that we feel are critical to understand if one wants to perform well on the exam.

Fact #1: *Item formats and test instructions are standardized.*

Familiarize yourself with the test format and interface. Know directions, item format standards, and the test structure in advance, so that you don't waste time and energy on actions that don't contribute to improving your score.

Fact #2: *No specific area of study is tested on the GRE.*

One need not have prior knowledge of a particular subject to perform well on the exam. Answer items based solely on the information provided.

Fact #3: *The surest way to get a question wrong is to fail to answer it.*

Time management is essential to maximizing performance. Be sure to answer every question and manage your time to allow for the questions that remain.

Fact #4: *The GRE tests vocabulary in context.*

Understanding how to derive meaning from contextual clues is more important than simply memorizing vocabulary words.

Fact #5: *You don't have to show your work on the GRE.*

Getting the question right is the primary concern. Picking numbers, plugging in answer choices, process of elimination, and educated guessing are all fair game when solving questions.

Always remember, there are no tricks to the GRE and the test isn't trying to fool you. With a thorough review of the math and verbal skills tested on the exam, and diligent preparation, you can improve your performance on the exam.

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