

What is the sequence of events at the GMAT test center?

(iii) *Reading Comprehension*: This question-type tests your reading ability. To do well in this question-type you need to be able to read at a moderate pace and comprehend what you read.

When you are at the testing center, the sequence of events proceeds as follows:

1. A pre-test computer tutorial to get you familiarized with the computerized testing environment
2. AWA—60 minutes
3. 5-minute optional break
4. Quantitative section—75 minutes
5. 5-minute optional break
6. Verbal section—75 minutes

The Quantitative and Verbal sections might be interchanged in their order of appearance.

What are experimental questions?

Many GMAT applicants are initially surprised by the fact that not all questions that they appear for, are scored. Yes, you read that right—of the 88 questions that you appear for in the Verbal and Quantitative, about 15 to 20 might be experimental questions that shall not affect your score at all. So, the best thing for you to do would be to skip these questions and save time right? Alas, you have no way of knowing which questions are experimental and which are not. Hence, you shall have to attempt every question with equal diligence.

In case you are curious, these experimental questions are included in your test as they are being statistically tested for fairness and applicability. If these questions pass the test, they shall appear as actual questions in future GMATs.

Despite the outrage that students initially feel at being made to appear for questions that aren't even going to be scored, these questions do not really harm you in any way. During the GMAT, you don't even need to make yourself aware that some questions are experimental. Their presence in no way alters your preparation for the GMAT or method of attempting the GMAT.