

NMAT by GMAC™ — Exam Syllabus

Official exam structure and section-wise topics, sourced from mba.com

Exam Overview

The NMAT by GMAC exam is a computer-adaptive test comprised of three sections: Language Skills, Quantitative Skills, and Logical Reasoning. Each section is individually timed, and candidates may choose the order in which they attempt the sections at the start of the exam. There is no negative marking, and all sections carry equal weightage.

Exam Structure

Section	Questions	Duration	Score Range
Language Skills	36	28 minutes	12–120
Quantitative Skills	36	52 minutes	12–120
Logical Reasoning	36	40 minutes	12–120
Total	108	120 minutes	36–360

Note: Questions are delivered one at a time from a pool, and difficulty adapts to the candidate's performance. Under normal conditions, the number of questions, difficulty levels, and time limits are the same regardless of when/where the test is taken.

Section-Wise Topics

1. Language Skills

- Reading Comprehension
- Para Forming
- Error Identification
- Prepositions
- Sentence Completion
- Analogies

2. Quantitative Skills

- Number Properties
- Arithmetic
- Algebra and Probability
- Data Interpretation — Caselets and Tables
- Data Interpretation — Graphs and Charts
- Data Sufficiency

3. Logical Reasoning

- Critical Reasoning
- Analytical Puzzles
- Deductions

- Other Reasoning

Scoring

The NMAT by GMAC exam uses adaptive scoring: questions are selected based on the candidate's performance on prior questions, so higher-scoring candidates generally face more difficult items. A final ability estimate is calculated using a probabilistic model and then converted to a scaled score ranging from 12 to 120 per section. The scorecard, including scaled section scores and the total score, is available for download within 48 hours of taking the exam.

Key Exam Highlights

- No negative marking
- Equal weightage given to all three sections
- Candidates can choose the order of sections at the start of the exam
- Up to 3 attempts allowed to improve your score within the testing window
- Unofficial score preview available instantly after the exam
- Official scorecard downloadable within 48 hours
- Accepted by 58+ leading B-schools across India
- Test centers available in 70+ cities in India, plus an at-home online option

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