General Information

The **Graduate Admission Test** (**GAT**) is a general aptitude test designed to assess verbal, quantitative, and analytical reasoning abilities, which serve as predictors of success in graduate studies. **GAT** results are used to screen and identify eligible candidates for admission to graduate programs at Addis Ababa University. You can find a list of these programs at the following link: https://admission.aau.edu.et/GraduatePrograms. The test consists of three sections, each targeting a specific aspect of reasoning. The first section focuses on verbal reasoning, evaluating candidates' comprehension of written passages, their ability to analyze complex ideas, draw inferences, and evaluate arguments. The second section assesses quantitative reasoning, measuring the test takers' proficiency in understanding and interpreting numerical data, solving mathematical problems, and applying quantitative concepts. The third section evaluates analytical reasoning skills, including the candidates' capacity to analyze and evaluate logical relationships, recognize patterns, and draw conclusions based on provided information.

The verbal, quantitative, and analytical reasoning sections of the test comprise 60, 40, and 25 questions, respectively, amounting to a total of 125 questions.

Adminstration of GAT

The **Institute of Educational Research (IER) - Testing Center** coordinates the overall administration of the GAT in collaboration with the Office of the ICT Directorate, Graduate Programs, Registrar Office, and colleges/institutes of AAU. The test is conducted digitally through AAU's testing portal at gat.aau.edu.et, using the University's private network infrastructure. The digital format of the GAT provides several advantages, such as improved efficiency, streamlined test administration, and automated scoring processes.

Test takers are required to take the test in designated computer labs at various colleges and institutes of AAU, which ensures standardized conditions for all participants.

Duration of the Test

A total of three hours will be allocated to complete the entire test, with each section having a time limit of **60 minutes**. It is imperative to strictly adhere to these time limits, as each section will automatically close after the 60-minute duration, prompting test takers to proceed to the next section. It is strictly prohibited to attempt to move from the current section to the next or previous section before the allocated 60 minutes have elapsed.

Responsibilities of GAT Test Takers

Test takers have certain responsibilities to ensure a smooth and fair testing process. These responsibilities include:

- ***Familiarize themselves with the test format***: Take the time to review sample questions or practice tests or mock exam to become acquainted with the types of questions they may encounter.
- ***Adhere to test instructions***: Follow all instructions provided by the test administrators.
- ***Maintain test integrity***: Maintain the highest level of integrity during the test by not engaging in any form of cheating, or unauthorized assistance.
- ***Use authorized materials only***: Only use materials, resources, or aids that are explicitly permitted by the test administrators.
- ***Present a valid identification document***: Produce a valid identification document and GAT Admission Ticket as required by the test administration.
- ***Come with materials for testing***: Come prepared for the test with the necessary materials, including an acceptable calculator (such as a four-function calculator), as well as writing implements (pen or pencil) for rough works. Test takers will be provided with a blank sheet of paper for rough work. The rough work paper will be collected at the end of the test.
- ***Arrive in Time***: Candidates scheduled for **morning** session testing, are required to arrive at their respective testing site at **8:00 a.m.** or earlier, whereas candidates scheduled for the **afternoon** session testing are required to arrive at their respective testing site at **1:00 p.m**. or earlier.

Items Prohibited in the Testing Room

Test security is our priority! In the testing hall, it is important to be aware of the materials that are prohibited to maintain a fair and standardized testing environment. The following materials are typically prohibited:

- ⊗ ***Electronic devices***: This includes cell phones, smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, laptops, and any other electronic devices that can store or access information.
- ⊗ ***Internet access***: Devices or tools that provide internet access, such as Wi-Fi routers or portable hotspots, are generally not allowed.
- ⊗ ***Communication devices***: Any device capable of communication, including but not limited to, headphones, earphones, Bluetooth devices, or any other device that can transmit or receive information.
- ⊗ ***Books, notes, or study materials***: Bringing books, notes, textbooks, handouts, pamphlets, scratch papers or any unauthorized study materials into the testing hall is prohibited.

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- ⊗ ***Unauthorized calculators***: Test taker are not allowed to use scientific and programmable calculators.
- ⊗ ***Unauthorized aids***: Any additional aids, such as rulers, protractors, compasses, or formula sheets should not be brought into the testing hall.

Test Takers with disabilities

Test takers who have disabilities are entitled to reasonable accommodations in order to ensure equal access to the testing process. It is the responsibility of the test taker with a disability to disclose their specific disability type during the application process in order to receive appropriate accommodations. By disclosing their disability, they can initiate the process of requesting and coordinating the necessary accommodations. In addition to disclosing their disability, test takers should actively communicate their specific requirements and needs to the coordinator at the respective testing center.

Please note that visually impaired applicants will utilize the screen reader JAWS to complete the GAT. Individual readers are not permitted for the GAT. Test takers with other disabilities will be assigned to rooms that are suitable for their specific needs.

Exam Schedule

The examination schedules will be released on the official website of AAU (http://www.aau.edu.et/) as well as the Telegram channel of IER-Testing Center (https://t.me/aauGAT). We strongly advise applicants to consistently check both the website and telegram channel for any updates regarding their designated test center, date, and time for GAT.

Scoring

In order to ensure transparency and facilitate test takers' comprehension of their performance, the assessment results will incorporate various equivalent metrics. Upon test completion, individuals will be able to access their raw score, T-score, and percentile rank. These metrics will offer a comprehensive assessment of their performance in relation to the normative group, empowering test takers to evaluate their position and make well-informed decisions based on their results.

However, test takers must wait for the passing score for the GAT test. This score will be announced on the AAU's website and Testing Center's telegram channel.

Reporting

Test takers can access their GAT results certificate digitally. To enhance authenticity and verification, a QR code and URL link to the IER-Testing Center will be included. By scanning the QR code or visiting the URL link, test takers or relevant parties can easily validate the certificate's authenticity. This ensures it is genuine and issued by the authorized testing center. The QR code or URL link will also provide additional information if needed, offering a comprehensive and transparent verification process.



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