

SAMPLE 2022 GAT MATERIAL

From 2022, Section A of the GAT will measure students' skills in literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy.

This page provides some sample questions that will be found in Section A of the 2022 GAT.

For Section B, the questions and writing task will be similar to those in prior GATs (up until 2021). The single writing task on Section B of the 2022 GAT will be similar in format to the prior Writing Task 2. View [Past GAT papers](#).

Reading

Question 1

The following text is a case study of a young person planning to move out of home.

Lisa is in her third year of TAFE, and currently lives with her family. She wants to move into a share house with some friends. Most of them do not have cars, so they need a house that is close to a train station and other facilities like supermarkets. Lisa has worked out that her share of rent will probably be between \$140 and \$170 a week. Lisa receives some money from Youth Allowance and also has a part time job, so she thinks she can manage this amount.

Lisa discusses it with her family, who help her create a budget. They discuss other expenses that Lisa hasn't taken into account, such as bills, transport expenses, food costs and TAFE study materials. Lisa also forgot about the repayments on the loan she had taken out last year for a holiday.

After going through the budget, Lisa realises that her income wouldn't cover all her current expenses plus rent. She does not want to take on extra hours at work because she is already working hard at TAFE. She decides to wait a few months to finish paying off her debt and save some more money. When she does move out, she will have less stress about her financial situation.

What is the source of Lisa's debt?

- A. unpaid rent
- B. credit card purchases
- C. overdue bills
- D. loan

▼ Answer

D

Question 2

Questions 2 and 3 are about the following text from a hotel review website.

Reviews for Austin Hotel



Benjo01
King Suite with city view
2 nights – Nov 2020
Couple

Benjo01 reviewed this hotel on 3 Dec 2020

Melville, Australia – 239 reviews – 1 helpful vote

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Not very accommodating ...

Girlfriend and I stayed here while on a weekend getaway. I figured we would have a nice view of the Harkston Gardens since the hotel is just next door, but when we checked into our room all we could see from the balcony was the back of another building! I called reception to ask if we could be moved to a room with a view but the receptionist was very rude and told us that we had to stay where we were.

The room itself was well-kept, but the décor needs updating. In fact, the whole hotel is past its prime. It's a dark, brick building with heavy wooden panelling everywhere and just two cramped, ancient elevators.

All in all, a pretty disappointing experience. I doubt we'll be back.

Response from Griffith, Rudy – Rooms Division Manager at Austin Hotel
responded 4 Dec 2020

Dear Benjo01,

Thank you for your review. We are disappointed to hear that you did not enjoy your stay.

Austin Hotel was built in 1910 and is on the National Heritage Register. Consequently, many of our building's features (such as our original, antique elevators) are protected and cannot easily be changed. Whilst we appreciate that the hotel's aesthetic was not to your tastes, we are proud of our history and have received many positive comments from guests who have praised our building's unique and beautiful furnishings.

Regarding your room: we are sorry if there was any confusion. However, our suites are clearly listed online as either 'park view' or 'city view' and priced accordingly (you booked a 'city view' suite). The team member that you spoke with on the phone was not rude to you – she politely offered you the opportunity to upgrade to a 'park view' suite at a heavily discounted rate and, unfortunately, you declined this offer.

Once again, we apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope that you will consider staying with us again the next time you are in Harkston.

'The team member ... offered you the opportunity to upgrade to a "park view" suite at a heavily discounted rate and, unfortunately, you declined this offer.'

In this sentence, the manager is

- A. expressing his displeasure at having failed to obtain further revenue from Benjo01.
- B. acknowledging that his team member could have been more polite to Benjo01.
- C. suggesting that Benjo01's disappointment with his room was his own fault.
- D. expressing his regret at having been unable to give Benjo01 a better offer.

▼ Answer

C

Question 3

'Austin Hotel was built in 1910 and is on the National Heritage Register. Consequently, many of our building's features (such as our original, antique elevators) are protected and cannot easily be changed.'

Which of the following phrases could best replace the word 'Consequently'?

- A. in addition to this
- B. to illustrate this
- C. as a result of this
- D. in spite of this

▼ Answer

C

Question 4

Questions 4 and 5 are about the following text from a popular discussion website.

The screenshot shows a forum interface with a search bar at the top. The main thread is titled "Tips for a First Year Apprentice?" and was posted by JerryJules 2 days ago. The post content says: "Hi all, I've just started my construction apprenticeship this week (finally!) Days are super long and tiring but I'm enjoying it. Anyway, I was wondering if anyone had any tips or advice for me? I'm working with a great building company on a large commercial job and I really want to show that I'm worth having around." Below the post are interaction buttons: "6 comments", "Share", "Save", "Hide", and "Report". There are six replies listed below:

- posted by Mika55 2 days ago**
 1. Arrive early. Leave late.
 2. Leave the ego at the door.
 3. Anticipate what equipment is needed and have it ready.
 4. Bring doughnuts and/or get coffee.
- posted by Generalissimo 1 day ago**

You're there to learn, so pay attention and ask questions. It's always better to ask a stupid question than to pretend you know everything and then mess up something important.
- posted by SpackRat 1 day ago**

Don't just recognise that you're on the bottom rung – embrace it. Be enthusiastic and volunteer to do the jobs that nobody else wants to do (note: you'll probably get made to do them anyway).
- posted by DCR2D2 1 day ago**

Never hide your mistakes. It's far better to own up to a mistake early than to keep quiet about it and then have it become a huge issue later on (which I can guarantee you it will).
- posted by Timbo 23 hours ago**

Do whatever you're told *within* reason. Unfortunately, there are some tradies who disregard safety and expect their apprentices to do the same. If you don't feel comfortable doing something because you think it's dangerous, be prepared to speak up about it and then to stick to your guns.
- posted by WiredUp 6 hours ago**
 - Carry essential tools like a tape, marker, utility knife, drill, etc. with you at all times. You want to be the person who can supply whatever tool is needed on hand right away.
 - Always be doing something. If there isn't anything obvious to do, just start tidying up the work site, organising gear, sweeping the floor etc.

What reason does JerryJules give for seeking advice on his apprenticeship?

- A. He has no experience with commercial jobs.
- B. He is finding the role of apprentice difficult and exhausting.
- C. He wants to impress his supervisors enough for them to keep him on.
- D. He feels that TAFE has not prepared him properly for his apprenticeship.

▼ Answer

C

Question 5

Figurative language is language that means something different from its literal meaning.

Which of the following phrases from the text is an example of figurative language?

- A. 'ask a stupid question'
- B. 'on the bottom rung'
- C. 'keep quiet about it'
- D. 'within reason'

▼ Answer

B

Question 6

This is a ticket that Taylah bought for a concert.



Which one of the following questions can be answered by the information on the ticket?

- A. What is the address of The Music Centre?
- B. Will there be an interval between concert performances?
- C. What is the name of the company promoting the concert?
- D. Do audience members need to arrive early to find their seats?

▼ Answer

C

Question 7

Questions 7–9 are about the an email below from a restaurant manager to his staff.

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Summer Holiday

Huxley, Trent

Mon 14/11/2020 6:56 AM

To: Jeffersen, Katie; Boyle, James; Huxley, Richard; Jericho, Patricia; Hemsworth, Tyson; Li, Tommy; Hudson, Chris; Marliagno, Alessandra; Parnison, Julie; Mali, Jackson; Stevens, Janelle

Dear all staff,

Just a reminder that we will be closing for two weeks over the summer holidays from Dec 21st to Jan 4th. The only people who will be around are Julie, Tyson and Richard (for the dry goods stocktake).

Last year, the place was left in a 'less-than-ideal' condition over the break, so I would like to clarify a few expectations for this year:

- 1) All food and drink in the staff fridge should either be taken home or thrown out – no exceptions. I will not be cleaning out the fridge before I leave on the 18th. I strongly suggest you spend some time this week checking to see what's yours and acting accordingly. Do not leave this until your last shift (I already know what happens if you do).
- 2) Food and drink for the restaurant should be dealt with as follows:
 - Anything perishable that will go off before our reopening date needs to be removed before we close on the 21st.
 - Anything that will still be good after we reopen must have the date clearly labelled and be stored appropriately.
 - Anything that is being kept which doesn't need to go in the cold room should be stacked neatly in the dry store ready for the stocktake on the 28th.
- 3) The place needs to be spotless before the summer closedown, as representatives from the Fabiano head office in Durley – including the CEO – will be visiting on January 6th. Preparing for this is everybody's responsibility.

Finally, I am still waiting to hear from some of you regarding availability for January, so it would be appreciated if you could get back to me about this before the 18th.

Thank you all, and I hope everyone has a very safe and restful break.

Kind regards,

Trent Huxley
Restaurant Manager
Fabiano, Plainview
Ph. 9298 21873
E. Thuxley@fabiano.com

What is the main purpose of this email?

- A. To ensure that staff comply with closedown procedures.
- B. To inform staff about the upcoming stocktake.
- C. To brief staff on a future visit from the CEO.
- D. To determine staff availability in January.

▼ Answer

A

Question 8

'Last year, the place was left in a "less-than-ideal" condition.'

In the context of the whole email, which statement best captures what the manager means in this sentence?

- A. The condition last year was unacceptable and things had better improve this year.
- B. The condition last year was good, but I think there is room for us to do even better this year.
- C. The condition last year was fine, but my bosses are pressuring us to improve this year.
- D. The condition last year was not good, but we can probably do the same thing this year.

▼ Answer

A

Question 9

'Anything that will still be good after we reopen must have the date clearly labelled'

Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word 'good' in this sentence?

- A. exceptional
- B. significant
- C. acceptable
- D. valuable

▼ Answer

C

Question 10

Want to cook **cheap** and **healthy** meals that also **taste** good?

Not sure what the right ingredients are, or how to put them together?

Meals in a Box is the answer!



What do you get?

You choose the meal

Ingredients for the week's meals – chosen from more than 25 options that change weekly.

You choose how much

Whether you want one meal for four people, or 21 meals for four (or more!), we can provide it.

You choose when

Choose weekly, fortnightly or monthly deliveries (free delivery for weekly orders booked for 8 weeks or more).

\$10 discount for first time customers!

How do you get it?

Order online – choose the meal options and delivery times that suit you.

We carefully select and pack the best ingredients and send them on their way in insulated bags that cushion your food.

Unpack, cook and enjoy! It's that simple!

Visit MealsinaBox.com.au, or call our helpful customer service desk on 1800-MealsBox.

What would you expect to find at the website shown above?

- A. suggested recipes and shopping lists
- B. details on how to order Meals in a Box
- C. information about takeaway food deliveries
- D. the address from which Meals in a Box can be collected

▼ Answer

B

Writing

Question 1

Part A

Your school council has provided a \$5,000 grant to improve facilities. Senior students have been invited to send in their recommendations.

Write an email to the school council president in which you outline what you think the money should be spent on.

Give reasons for your recommendations.



Dear School Council President,

Part B

The improvements you recommended have been made.

You have been asked to write a short report for the school website.

Write a report about the improvement the grant has made to your school and its students.

Numeracy

Question 1

A total of 230 players participated in an Under 18 Hockey season.

This table shows data for the top five goal scorers.

Player	Number of goals	Number of games
A	27	14
B	26	10
C	24	8
D	13	6
E	10	13

Which player had the highest average number of goals per game?

- A. Player A
- B. Player B
- C. Player C
- D. Player D

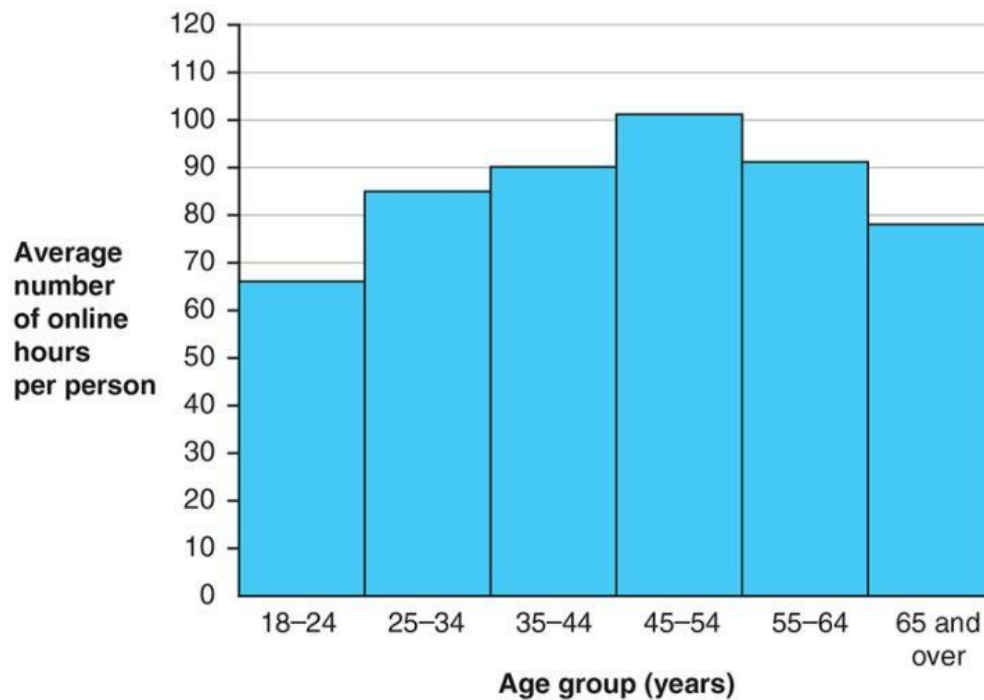
▼ Answer

C

Question 2

A sample of adults was asked to record the number of hours they spent online using smartphones each day of December 2019.

The graph below shows the average number of hours per person for the whole month.



Which of the following is closest to the difference in average online smartphone use between the 18-24 age group and the 45-54 age group?

- A. 30 hours per person
- B. 35 hours per person
- C. 40 hours per person
- D. 65 hours per person

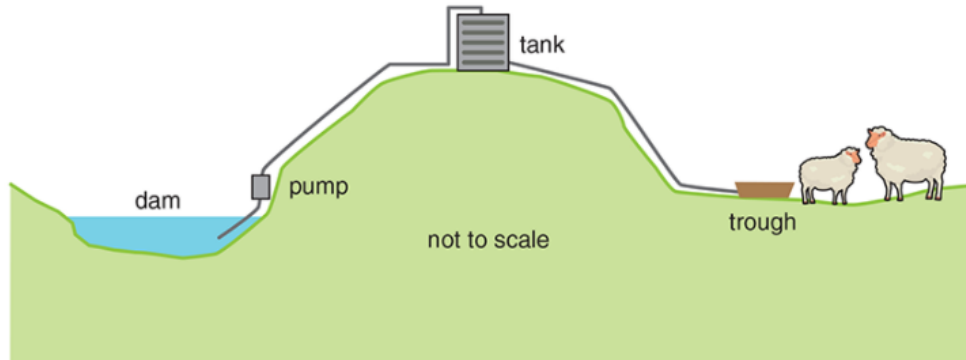
▼ Answer

B

Question 3

Water is being pumped from a farm dam to be stored in a cylindrical water tank.

The water can then flow down to a water trough.



The pumping rate is 120 litres per minute.

Which of these is closest to the time it would take to pump 10 000 litres of water?

- A. 1 and a half hours
- B. 2 hours
- C. 7 hours
- D. 8 and a half hours

▼ Answer

A

Question 4

John is a casual adult worker in a shop. His hourly rate of pay is 20% more than the normal hourly rate of pay for permanent adult workers.

The normal hourly rate of pay for permanent adult workers is \$22.

What is John's hourly rate of pay?

- A. \$23.10
- B. \$24.20
- C. \$26.40
- D. \$27.50

▼ Answer

C

Question 5

The table below shows a range of download speeds for three different internet services. Each provider has three different plan options of varying speeds.

Internet speed is measured in megabits per second (Mbps).

Service Provider	Plan 1 (Mbps)	Plan 2 (Mbps)	Plan 3 (Mbps)
Provider A	5–15	16–20	21–25
Provider B	5–30	31–40	41–50
Provider C	5–60	61–80	81–100

Here are two statements about the table.

Statement 1:
A speed of 45 Mbps is only possible with Provider C.

Statement 2:
For each plan option, the maximum speed of Provider C is four times the maximum speed of Provider A and double the maximum speed of Provider B.

Which option is correct?

- A. Only statement 1 is true.
- B. Only statement 2 is true.
- C. Both statements are true.
- D. Neither statement is true.

▼ Answer

B

Question 6

A farmer uses 54 hectares of land to produce hay.

The farmer sows 20 kilograms of seed per hectare.

The cost of the seed is \$6 per kilogram.

What was the total cost of the seed?

A. \$1,080

B. \$1,200

C. \$3,240

D. \$6,480

▼ Answer

D

Question 7

The cost of a taxi fare is the flag fall plus a cost based on the distance traveled in kilometres (km).

The table below shows taxi fees and rates for Melbourne at different times of the day in 2019. The flag fall is a fee charged as soon as the taxi is hired.

Day-time (09:00–16:59)	
Flag fall	Distance rate
\$4.20	\$1.622/km
Night-time (17:00–8:59)	
Flag fall	Distance rate
\$5.20	\$1.804/km
Peak-time (22:00–3:59)	
Flag fall	Distance rate
\$6.20	\$1.986/km

Which amount is closest to the difference between the Day-time distance rate and the Peak-time distance rate?

- A. 18 cents/km
- B. 19 cents/km
- C. 36 cents/km
- D. 37 cents/km

▼ Answer

C

Question 8

Kim is starting an apprenticeship.

The tuition fee is \$2,400 and the toolkit costs \$1,500.

Kim's employer will pay one-third of the total cost.

Kim will pay the rest.

What amount will Kim pay?

A. \$1,000

B. \$1,300

C. \$1,600

D. \$2,600

▼ Answer

D

Question 9

The table below shows the number of points scored in five basketball games by four players.

Player	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5
Lina	19	17	22	23	16
Kia	25	20	18	22	11
Sarita	20	12	18	17	13
Sophie	14	20	15	11	18

After five games, Lina is the highest point scorer with 97 points.

In Game 6, Lina scores 20 points.

What is the least number of points that Kia needs to score in Game 6 to be the highest point scorer after six games?

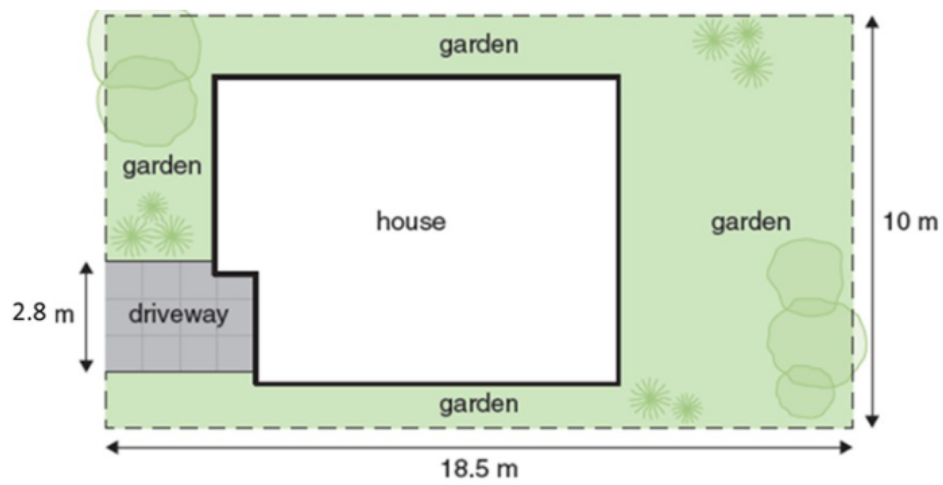
- A. 21
- B. 22
- C. 26
- D. 32

▼ Answer

B

Question 10

This is a site plan for Jack's new home. The block of land is rectangular.



The dashed line shows the boundary fence. What is the total length of the boundary fence?

- A. 28.5 metres
- B. 43.2 metres
- C. 46.0 metres
- D. 54.2 metres

▼ Answer

D