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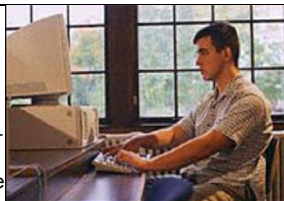
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How is the MCAT Scored?

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How MCAT Scores are Determined

The MCAT consists of four test sections. The Verbal Reasoning, Physical Sciences, and Biological Sciences sections contain multiple-choice questions, and the Writing Sample section consists of two essays. Four separate scores are derived from the MCAT, one for each section. The total number of correct questions that you achieve on the multiple-choice sections are calculated by summing the number of questions you answered correctly, with no penalty for incorrect answers. MCAT Practice Online® uses the scoring methodology used to determine examinee scores on the national test administration of the MCAT. Estimated scores are determined for the three multiple-choice sections. Writing Samples scores are not provided. The distribution of raw and scaled scores for MCAT Practice Online® has been estimated from the performance of examinees who took the questions during previous administrations of the MCAT. The relationship between number correct, scaled scores, and percentile ranks will vary somewhat from one administration to another as the characteristics of the particular examinee population vary.

**Scaled Scores**

Although all editions of the MCAT measure the same basic skills and concepts, each edition contains different questions. Since one edition may be slightly more difficult or slightly easier than another, it is necessary to convert the total number of correct questions to a scale that takes into account differences in the difficulty of test questions. Regardless of the particular edition used, or the particular administration at which the test is taken, equal scaled scores will represent the same level of skill mastery. The scaled scores used for reporting MCAT range from a low of 1 to a high of 15 for each of the three multiple-choice sections of the test. For example, if your total correct on one section is between 40 and 43, your converted scaled score might be 11. If your total correct ranges from 44 to 46, your converted score might be 12, and so forth. The 15-point scale tends to provide a more stable and accurate assessment of your abilities, since two candidates of equal ability would be expected to get the same scaled score, even though there might be a slight difference in their total correct.

MCAT Practice Test 3 full length

Estimated Scaled Score	Physical Sciences Raw Scores	Verbal Reasoning Raw Scores	Biological Sciences Raw Scores
15	76-77	59-60	76-77
14	74-75	57-58	73-75
13	70-73	54-56	70-72
12	65-69	51-53	66-69
11	62-64	48-50	62-65
10	58-61	44-47	58-61
9	54-57	41-43	53-57
8	48-53	37-40	48-52
7	42-47	34-36	44-47
6	36-41	30-33	39-43
5	30-35	27-29	34-38
≤4	0-29	0-26	0-33

MCAT Practice Test 3

Estimated Scaled Score	Physical Sciences Raw Scores	Verbal Reasoning Raw Scores	Biological Sciences Raw Scores
15	52-52	40-40	51-52
14	51-51	39-39	49-50
13	48-50	38-38	47-48
12	46-47	35-37	45-46
11	43-45	33-34	43-44
10	39-42	29-32	40-42
9	36-38	26-28	36-39
8	33-35	24-25	32-35
7	29-32	22-23	29-31
6	24-28	19-21	25-28
5	21-23	18-18	22-24
4	16-20	16-17	19-21
3	13-15	14-15	16-18
2	10-12	11-13	14-15
1	0-9	0-10	0-13

MCAT Practice Test 4 full length

Estimated Scaled Score	Physical Sciences Raw Scores	Verbal Reasoning Raw Scores	Biological Sciences Raw Scores
15	77-77	60-60	76-77
14	76-76	59-59	74-75
13	72-75	57-58	70-73
12	68-71	55-56	66-69
11	63-67	52-54	63-65
10	57-62	48-51	60-62
9	53-56	45-47	55-59
8	48-52	41-44	49-54
7	42-47	38-40	44-48
6	36-41	32-37	40-43
5	32-35	30-31	35-39
≤4	0-31	0-29	0-34

MCAT Practice Test 4

Estimated Scaled Score	Physical Sciences Raw Scores	Verbal Reasoning Raw Scores	Biological Sciences Raw Scores
15	52-52	40-40	50-52
14	50-51	39-39	48-49
13	48-49	37-38	46-47
12	45-47	35-36	45-45
11	43-44	33-34	42-44
10	39-42	31-32	39-41
9	36-38	27-30	35-38
8	33-35	25-26	32-34
7	29-32	23-24	29-31
6	25-28	20-22	26-28
5	21-24	18-19	22-25

4	17-20	16-17	19-21
3	13-16	14-15	16-18
2	9-12	10-13	13-15
1	0-8	0-9	0-12

MCAT Practice Test 5 full length

Estimated Scaled Score	Physical Sciences Raw Scores	Verbal Reasoning Raw Scores	Biological Sciences Raw Scores
15	76-77	60-60	76-77
14	74-75	59-59	74-75
13	70-73	56-58	70-73
12	65-69	53-55	65-69
11	61-64	49-52	61-64
10	57-60	44-48	56-60
9	53-56	40-43	52-55
8	48-52	37-39	47-51
7	42-47	33-36	43-46
6	36-41	30-32	39-42
5	32-35	27-29	35-38
≤4	0-31	0-26	0-34

MCAT Practice Test 5

Estimated Scaled Score	Physical Sciences Raw Scores	Verbal Reasoning Raw Scores	Biological Sciences Raw Scores
15	52-52	49-40	50-52
14	50-51	38-38	49-49
13	47-49	37-37	46-48
12	45-46	35-36	44-45
11	43-44	32-34	41-43
10	39-42	30-31	38-40
9	37-38	28-29	35-37
8	32-36	25-27	32-34
7	28-31	23-24	29-31
6	23-27	20-22	26-28
5	20-22	18-19	23-25
4	17-19	16-17	20-22
3	11-16	13-15	16-19
2	4-10	9-12	12-15
1	0-3	0-8	0-11

MCAT Practice Test 6 full length

Estimated Scaled Score	Physical Sciences Raw Scores	Verbal Reasoning Raw Scores	Biological Sciences Raw Scores
15	76-77	60-60	76-77
14	74-75	59-59	74-75
13	70-73	55-58	70-73
12	65-69	51-54	64-69

11	61-64	48-50	59-63
10	57-60	44-47	54-58
9	53-56	41-43	49-53
8	48-52	37-40	44-48
7	42-47	34-36	41-43
6	36-41	30-33	36-40
5	31-35	27-29	32-35
≤4	0-30	0-26	0-31

MCAT Practice Test 6

Estimated Scaled Score	Physical Sciences Raw Scores	Verbal Reasoning Raw Scores	Biological Sciences Raw Scores
15	50-52	40-40	51-52
14	49-49	39-39	49-50
13	46-48	37-38	46-48
12	45-45	36-36	43-45
11	42-44	32-35	41-42
10	39-41	30-31	37-40
9	36-38	28-29	33-36
8	33-35	26-27	30-32
7	29-32	23-25	28-29
6	25-28	20-22	25-27
5	21-24	18-19	23-24
4	17-20	15-17	20-22
3	12-16	13-14	18-19
2	8-11	9-12	14-17
2	0-7	0-8	0-13

MCAT Practice Test 7 - full length

Estimated Scaled Score	Physical Science Raw Scores	Verbal Reasoning Raw Scores	Biological Science Raw Scores
15	74-77	60-60	76-77
14	72-73	59-59	73-75
13	68-71	55-58	69-72
12	66-67	52-54	66-68
11	61-65	48-51	62-65
10	56-60	44-47	56-61
9	52-55	40-43	51-55
8	46-51	37-39	46-50
7	41-45	34-36	41-45
6	33-40	28-33	36-40
5	27-32	26-27	33-35
4	22-26	22-25	28-32
3	14-21	18-21	23-27
2	11-13	13-17	16-22
1	0-10	0-12	0-15

MCAT Practice Test 7

Estimated Scaled Score	Physical Science Raw Scores	Verbal Reasoning Raw Scores	Biological Science Raw Scores
15	51-52	39-40	51-52
14	50-50	38-38	49-50
13	47-49	37-37	47-48
12	46-46	36-36	44-46
11	44-45	33-35	42-43
10	40-43	31-32	37-41
9	37-39	29-30	34-36
8	34-36	26-28	30-33
7	29-33	24-25	27-29
6	25-28	20-23	24-26
5	19-24	18-19	22-23
4	15-18	15-17	18-21
3	10-14	13-14	15-17
2	7-9	8-12	11-14
1	0-6	0-7	0-10

MCAT Practice Test 8

Estimated Scaled Score	Physical Science Raw Scores	Verbal Reasoning Raw Scores	Biological Science Raw Scores
15	52-52	39-40	51-52
14	49-51	38-38	49-50
13	47-48	36-37	47-48
12	44-46	35-35	45-46
11	43-43	33-34	41-44
10	39-42	30-32	38-40
9	36-38	28-29	33-37
8	33-35	26-27	29-32
7	30-32	23-25	26-28
6	26-29	20-22	23-25
5	22-25	18-19	20-22
4	17-21	15-17	18-19
3	12-16	12-14	15-17
2	8-11	9-11	11-14
1	0-7	0-8	0-10

MCAT Practice Test 9

Estimated Scaled Score	Physical Science Raw Scores	Verbal Reasoning Raw Scores	Biological Science Raw Scores
15	51-52	40-40	52-52
14	49-50	39-39	50-51
13	47-48	37-38	48-49
12	44-46	36-36	45-47
11	41-43	32-35	43-44
10	38-40	30-31	39-42
9	35-37	26-29	35-38
8	31-34	24-25	31-34
7	27-30	21-23	27-30

6	23-26	18-20	23-26
5	20-22	17-17	20-22
4	16-19	15-16	18-19
3	13-15	13-14	14-17
2	11-12	9-12	9-13
1	0-10	0-8	0-8

MCAT Practice Test 10			
Estimated Scaled Score	Physical Science Raw Scores	Verbal Reasoning Raw Scores	Biological Science Raw Scores
15	52-52	40-40	51-52
14	50-51	39-39	50-50
13	49-49	38-38	47-49
12	46-48	37-37	46-46
11	44-45	34-36	43-45
10	41-43	31-33	39-42
9	38-40	29-30	35-38
8	33-37	27-28	32-34
7	28-32	24-26	29-31
6	23-27	21-23	26-28
5	19-22	19-20	23-25
4	15-18	15-18	20-22
3	11-14	12-14	16-19
2	8-10	9-11	14-15
1	0-7	0-8	0-13

Writing Samples

MCAT Practice Online® does not provide estimated scores for the Writing Samples. For the national administration of the MCAT, Writing Sample essays are scored twice on a scale from 1 to 6, and your total raw score is the sum of all four individual scores (i.e. two scores for each of two essays). Your total raw score is then converted to an alphabetic scale ranging from J (lowest) to T (highest). The same alphabetic score can result from different combinations of individual scores. For example, a candidate whose individual scores are 4 and 5 on the first topic and 4 and 4 on the second—for a score of 17—would receive the same alphabetic score as a student who scored 3 and 3 on the first topic and 5 and 6 on the second. Listed below are the typical characteristics of papers receiving each score.

Score	Typical Characteristics of Essay
6	These essays show clarity, depth, and complexity of thought. The treatment of the writing assignment is focused and coherent. Major ideas are substantially developed. A facility with language is evident.
5	These essays show clarity of thought, with some depth or complexity. The treatment of the rhetorical assignment is generally focused and coherent. Major ideas are well developed. A strong control of language is evident.
4	These essays show clarity of thought and may show evidence of depth or complexity. The treatment of the writing assignment is coherent, with some focus. Major ideas are adequately developed. An adequate control of the language is evident.
3	These essays show some clarity of thought but may lack complexity. The treatment of the writing assignment is coherent but may not be focused. Major ideas are somewhat developed. While there may be some mechanical errors, some control of language is evident.

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2	These essays may show some problems with clarity or complexity of thought. The treatment of the writing assignment may show problems with integration or coherence. Major ideas may be underdeveloped. There may be numerous errors in mechanics, usage, or sentence structure.
1	These essays may demonstrate a lack of understanding of the writing assignment. There may be serious problems with organization. Ideas may not be developed. There may be so many errors in mechanics, usage, or sentence structure that the writer's ideas are difficult to follow.

J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
Below Average				Average				Above Average		
Demonstrates difficulty in responding to the tasks				Demonstrates proficiency in responding to the tasks				Responds to the tasks in a superior manner		
Ideas are undeveloped				Ideas are somewhat developed				Ideas are substantially developed		
Problems with clarity of thought, no evidence of depth or complexity				Evidence of some clarity, depth, and complexity of thought				Evidence of clarity, depth, and complexity of thought		
Problems with organization, integration, and coherence of ideas				Ideas presented in a coherent manner, with some focus and utility				Ideas presented in a unified, focused, and coherent fashion		
Numerous errors in mechanics, usage, or sentence structure				Adequate control of language with some grammatical or usage problem				Sophisticated command of diction with syntactic variety and few grammatical or usage errors		

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