



VCE Matters

What is the GAT?

- The GAT is used to check your school and external based assessments have been accurately and fairly assessed
- The GAT used in the calculation of a derived exam score – it's an insurance policy
- Whilst you can't study for the GAT, you can do past papers to become familiar with the type of questions

GAT

The GAT brochure includes important rules and regulations

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/GAT/GATbrochure.pdf>

GAT

The structure of the GAT is outlined on the brochure

The GAT is a single session three-hour test. There are two writing tasks and 70 multiple-choice questions.

You may complete the tasks in any order, but it is recommended that you complete the writing tasks first, then the multiple-choice questions. The following time allocations are recommended:

Writing Task 1	30 minutes
Writing Task 2	30 minutes
Multiple-choice questions	2 hours
TOTAL	3 hours

Answers to all tasks will be collected at the end of the three hours.

Writing Task 1

Will present written and graphical information in colour. You will be asked to write a piece that presents the main information in this material. You should not present an argument in your response. You will be assessed only on your writing skills and not any extra knowledge you may have about the material.

Writing Task 1 will be judged on:

- how well you organise and present your understanding of the material
- how effectively you communicate the information
- how clearly you express yourself

Writing task 1 example

- <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/GAT/2016/2016gat-cpr-w.pdf>

Writing Task 2

Will present some statements on an issue. You will be asked to develop a piece of writing presenting a point of view on the issue, based on one or more of the statements. You can include other knowledge or information you may have to support your view. You should aim to present your reasons and arguments to support your view and to rebut opposing ideas. You should also aim to communicate clearly and effectively to the reader.

Writing Task 2 will be judged on:

- the extent to which you develop your point of view in a reasonable and convincing way
- how effectively you express yourself.

Writing task 2 example

- <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/GAT/2016/2016gat-cpr-w.pdf>

Multiple choice

- The multiple-choice questions will cover mathematics, science, technology, humanities, the arts and social sciences. There will be 70 questions in this section, which will take about two hours to complete. You should attempt every question. Marks will not be deducted for incorrect answers.
- **You must use a pencil on the answer page for multiple-choice question**

Multiple choice example



"Mom, tell Dad to stop liking my music!"

- 11 The joke of the cartoon is that
- A some fathers never grow up.
 - B good music can cross the generation gap.
 - C teenagers can only enjoy those things their parents do not.
 - D teenagers wish to connect with their parents but are reluctant to reveal it.

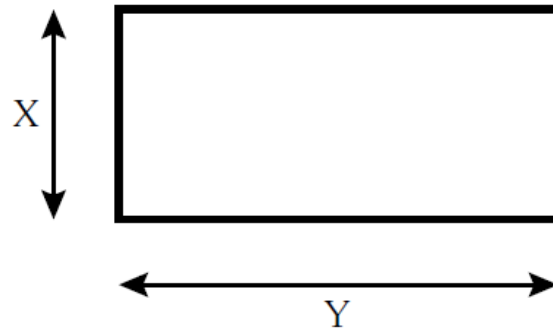
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Multiple choice example

Questions 62 and 63

Rachel has a business laying carpet squares. The carpet squares are 1 square metre (m^2) and come in four different colours (black, white, red and blue). Rachel lays the squares in such a way that squares of the same colour do not share an edge.

All floors are rectangular and X can equal Y .



Assume that X and Y are whole numbers (1, 2, 3...).

- 63** Suppose Rachel carpets a floor with only red and blue carpet squares and uses fewer red than blue squares.

Which of the following could be the size of the floor?

- A** $X = 6$ and $Y = 15$
- B** $X = 15$ and $Y = 7$
- C** $X = 6$ and $Y = 12$
- D** $X = 12$ and $Y = 12$

GAT – what you need

- To be lined up outside library OR sports centre (weather permitting) at least 15 minutes before
- ID which has your student number on it.
- IF you use other ID, you must have your student number from the timetable (this will be distributed in tutor group)
- Stationery – **pencil, eraser, sharpener** and **pen** – NO WHITEOUT
 - NO PENCIL CASES –clear bag if you have to
- Clear bottle – no labels
- Dictionary – no annotations
- No electronic devices
- No HATS. Make sure you wear layers to keep warm.

If you ask for materials on the day

- You will pay \$1 to the Mission Action Day

Special provision

- If you are ill or there is an exceptional circumstance on the day of the GAT you must contact Ms. Lochery

– Put this number in your phone:

0419 588 462

If you are injured before the GAT such as broken arm etc, you need to see Ms Lochery for a form to complete GAT on computer

Where you'll sit

Seating plan will be placed outside library and on the sports centre wall

Seats are in **numerical order** according to student number

Your **student number** is on your student card

You will line up in your rows outside library if raining or outside sports centre

Where to go for help...

- VCE matters section of student portal
 - GAT brochure
 - Past GAT papers

Questions???

