

HOW TO USE PRACTICE PAPERS

Philosophy behind the practice papers

This practice paper has been prepared so that the students can revise their basic concepts along with the development of proper temperament and confidence. To make full use of it and to give your best in GATE, our team has designed a “**plan-of-action**”:

1. **Sequence:** The papers have been numbered in a certain order depending on difficulty level. Please attempt it in the same manner.
2. **Simulating the proper environment:** For every test you take, simulate the environment like an actual one. Attempt the test exactly between examination hours(1400-1700 or 0900-1200 hours). Isolate yourself in a peaceful corner on a table-chair, retrain yourself from referring any book/notes. You must take previous year GATE papers as time-bound tests.
3. **Body clock:** You may have been following certain daily routines in general, however, one month before the exam, you must condition your body to feel most fresh and energetic in those 3 hrs which are going to frame your future on GATE examination day. Thus, whether or not you are taking a test in this duration, please sit and study during this time without any disturbance/interference. For students having classes in this duration, just concentrate in the class (don't doze off :P).
4. **Just before test:** Take deep breath and relax yourself. Keep a water-bottle, take a gulp if nervous.
5. **During the test:** Don't make any kind of wild guesses during the practice test also. Mark an answer only when you are sure. Follow the strategy that you think you will follow in the actual exam. You can modify it as per your discretion later.
6. **After giving test:** Relax ☺
7. **Marking the paper:** First just mark your answers and see what score you are getting. Don't go high or low. The best thing is whatever your score be, you always have room to improve ☺
8. **Analyzing the paper:**
 - I. The first thing to immediately note is: how many Qs you did not attempt?
Was it because: 1. Less time 2. Had not read the topic 3. Did not see the Q.
Remedies:
 1. Increase your speed maintaining accuracy. Attempt those Qs first which look doable, do not get stuck in any one Q for a long time.
 2. If you have completely left a topic, do not spend time on it unless the Q looks easy to you at first sight.
 3. This is out of carelessness. After marking the bubbles on sheet/ticking on Q paper towards the latter half of exam, please check that you are not leaving any Q unread.
 - II. Now start sequentially from beginning. See the solutions of those Qs also, which you have done correctly because it may be just a fluke. You may also find a better alternative or a new concept to attempt similar Qs.
 - III. For Qs attempted wrongly, there may be several possible reasons:
 1. Just randomly marked
 2. Calculation mistake/wrong bubble marking
 3. Reading the data incorrectly
 4. Concept mistakeRemedies:
 1. Please DON'T do that, you are wasting your hard-earned marks. However, if you can eliminate at least two choices by some logic, then you may take a 50-50 chance.
 2. This shows lack of concentration. Try to maintain your calm during exam.
 3. This is also lack of concentration. To avoid this, you should mark the important data in Q while reading it.
 4. Please read solution carefully and commit the concept to your notebook/memory.
 - IV. After this you can do a deeper analysis so as to identify your weak and strong areas, and modify your strategy accordingly. You could go for covering some topics you may have left (if you have time).

- V. Discuss with other friends preparing seriously for GATE, if possible. Above all, get prepared to do better in the next exam. And don't worry, the more you lose **HERE**, the more you get **THERE**.

FOR THE EXAMINATION DAY

Last Week

- ❖ Revise the relevant formulae, questions and concepts you have learnt during the whole preparation period.
- ❖ DO NOT deal with any new concept.
- ❖ You may practice a time-bound previous year GATE paper to build confidence.
- ❖ Note down the various strategies which you have found to be the most effective while solving test papers.

Last Night

- ❖ Rejuvenate yourself with some of your favorite activity.
- ❖ Have a light meal, sleep early.

On the Morning of Day of Examination

- ❖ DO NOT take heavy breakfast. You can take fruit juice.
- ❖ Avoid talking too much; take deep breath to relax yourself.

During the Examination

- ❖ AVOID negative marking. Mark only those questions which you are sure of. You can, however make a smart guess by eliminating the options.
- ❖ If you get stuck in a question, DO NOT waste time, move further. If time permits, you can come back to it later.
- ❖ Keep a track of time.
- ❖ If the paper appears difficult, DO NOT panic, it'll be difficult for everyone.
- ❖ There is no fixed number of questions required for qualifying GATE, it varies year-to-year, thus concentrate on maximizing your performance than counting how many Qs you have done.

ALL THE VERY BEST!!!!

***Disclaimer:** These papers are designed to cover and revise most of the concepts under EC branch of GATE, however, we DO NOT claim that these are sufficient for the exam. Also, the tips given are just suggestions by GATE-qualified students and may differ for person to person.*