

Test	Section	Big Book PDF* Page# (/1089)	Check your answers at Big Book PDF Page#	Your Score
1	1	31	69	
1	4	50	69	
2	1	71	109	
2	4	90	109	
3	3	124	149	
3	5	136	149	
4	1	151	189	
4	4	170	189	
5	2	197	229	
5	4	210	229	
6	1	231	267	
6	2	237	267	
7	1	269	307	
7	2	275	307	
8	1	309	346	
8	5	328	346	
9	2	354	384	
9	4	366	384	
10	1	386	423	
10	4	404	423	
11	3	436	460	
11	6	454	460	
12	3	474	499	
12	6	493	499	
13	1	501	536	
13	4	518	536	
14	1	538	575	
14	6	569	575	
15	2	582	612	
15	4	594	612	
16	1	614	651	
16	4	634	651	
17	1	653	691	
17	2	659	691	
18	1	693	729	
18	4	710	729	
19	1	731	769	
19	4	750	769	
20	3	784	808	
20	6	802	808	
21	3	823	848	
21	6	842	848	

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22	1	850	889	
22	4	869	889	
23	1	891	930	
23	4	910	930	
24	1	932	968	
24	2	938	968	
25	2	976	1007	
25	5	995	1007	
26	2	1016	1048	
26	5	1035	1048	
27	1	1050	1087	
27	5	1075	1087	

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- Practice Guidelines
 - Questions to be done in each Big Book verbal section
 - Time Limit suggestions
 - How to know the difficulty level of a question?
- 2 ways to find the scaled score for your raw score

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Questions to be done

A Big Book Verbal Section has 38 questions as follows:

- 7 Sentence Completions (SC)
- 9 Analogies
- 11 Reading Comprehension (RC) questions
 - 1 long passage with 7 or 8 questions,
 - 1 short passage with 4 or 3 questions
- 11 Antonyms

The analogies and antonym question-types are no longer tested. The SC question format is slightly different from today's Sentence Equivalence and Text Completions, but the SC sentences provide excellent practice of pre-thinking. Also, the single-blank SC questions are indistinguishable from today's 1-blank TCs. The RC passages (and questions) in the Big Book are also exactly like those in the official GRE guides, the official mocks and your GRE test when you take it.

So, each Big Book Verbal Section offers $7 + 11 = 18$ practice questions that are relevant for your GRE practice.

The total number of Verbal sections in the Big Book
 $= (2 \text{ per test}) \times (27 \text{ tests}) = 54$

So, the total number of useful Verbal practice questions for you in the Big Book $= 18 \times 54 = \mathbf{972}$

Suggested Time Limits

For the 7 SC questions, at beginning: **≤ 6 minutes**; aim to reduce this, with practice, to **4.5 minutes**.

For the 11 RC questions, at beginning: **≤ 20 minutes**; aim to reduce this, with practice, to **16.5 minutes**.

How to find the Difficulty Level (DL) of a question?

Use this Rule of Thumb:

P+ value

[lower bound included], (upper bound excluded)

P+ less than 25
P+ between [25] and (50)
P+ between [50] and (65)
P+ between [65] and (82)
P+ equal to 82 or more

Difficulty Level

5
4
3
2
1

P+ for each question in a section is available on the Answer Key page for that Test.

Section 1		
Number	Answer	P +
1	A	90
2	B	82
3	B	81
4	E	77
5	D	70

Score $\left(\frac{\quad}{18}\right)$	Predicted Scaled Score
18	165
17	164
16	162
15	160
14	158
13	157
12	155
11	153
10	151
9	150
8	148
7	146
6	144
5	143
4	141
3	139
2	137
1	136

JK's note - Here is why the Predicted Scaled Score maxes out at 165:

The average Difficulty Level of a Big Book Verbal Section is **3 (Medium)**. So, assuming that the 18 SC+RC questions also have the same average difficulty level as the overall section, I've applied the Accuracy-to-ScaledScore formula that I've deduced by analyzing DSRs and PP+ scores, with the Difficulty Level input value set to 3. The Scaled Scores obtained from the formula were then adjusted downwards by me. This was a judgment call I took to account for the following three facts:

1. The 2-blank SC questions are kinder, format-wise, to the test-taker than the 2-blank TC questions, where the answer choices for each blank must be selected individually.
2. There are no 3-blank TC questions here, and
3. The 11 RC questions are distributed across just 2 RC passages in the Big Book, while in today's GRE, the 10 RC questions in a verbal section may be distributed across 4 or 5 RC passages, one of which may be as long as the longer Big Book RC passage. I deem the latter (today's RC format) to be cognitively more demanding.

1. Multiply your Raw Score (out of 18) with 4.
2. For the resulting number, find the scaled score, by using the Raw Score to Scaled Score Conversion Chart given in the Big Book for that test (this was the old GRE score scale, from 200 to 800).
3. Use the [Old Scale to New Scale Concordance Table](#) provided by the ETS (reproduced on next slide) to find your verbal score as per the present 130-170 scale.

**SCORE CONVERSIONS FOR GENERAL TEST 1 ONLY
AND THE PERCENTS BELOW***

Raw Score	Verbal		Quantitative		Analytical		Raw Score	Verbal		Quantitative		Analytical	
	Scaled Score	% Below	Scaled Score	% Below	Scaled Score	% Below		Scaled Score	% Below	Scaled Score	% Below	Scaled Score	% Below
49	530	64	710	80	800	98	12	210	1	240	1	270	2
48	520	61	700	79	800	98	11	210	1	220	1	260	1
47	510	58	690	76	780	97	10	200	1	200	1	240	1
46	490	53	680	75	760	96							

Example: Say you got 12 out of 18 in Test 1 Section 1.

1. 12 times 4 is 48.
2. At the end of Test 1, on page 70 of the PDF, is given the Raw Score to Scaled Score conversion chart. A raw score of 48 maps to a scaled score of 520.
3. The Concordance Table says that 520 in the old scale is equivalent to 154 in the new scale.

So, $\frac{12}{18}$ in Test 1 Section 1 is equivalent to a **V154**.

Scores on the Prior Scale	Estimated Scores on the Current Scale
800	170
790	170
780	170
770	170
760	170
750	169
740	169
730	168
720	168
710	167
700	166
690	165
680	165
670	164
660	164
650	163
640	162
630	162
620	161
610	160
600	160
590	159
580	158
570	158
560	157
550	156
540	156
530	155
520	154
510	154
500	153

Scores on the Prior Scale	Estimated Scores on the Current Scale
490	152
480	152
470	151
460	151
450	150
440	149
430	149
420	148
410	147
400	146
390	146
380	145
370	144
360	143
350	143
340	142
330	141
320	140
310	139
300	138
290	137
280	135
270	134
260	133
250	132
240	131
230	130
220	130
210	130
200	130

Source of this information: [ETS](#)