

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: FAQ'S**

Related to GATE

**Q: I am doing my Automobile / Production Engineering. Can I appear for GATE in Mechanical Engineering?**

**Ans:** Yes

**Q: Please tell me, how many times can I appear for GATE? Is there any age limit?**

**Ans:** You can appear for GATE as many times as you want. There is no age limit to it.

**Q: GATE score is valid for how many years?**

**Ans:** GATE score card is valid for 3 years for taking admission in M. Tech. But for doing job in PSU's (i.e. Public Sector Undertakings like IOCL, NTPC, BHEL, BARC, PGCIL etc), it is valid only for the current year.

**Q: What does PSU's mean?**

**Ans:** A state-owned enterprise in India is called a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU). These companies are owned by the Union Government of India or one of the many state or territorial governments or both. The company stock needs to be majorly owned (at least 51%) by the government to be a PSU. There are 8 Maharatnas, 16 Navratnas, 57 Miniratnas - I and 16 Miniratnas - II in India.

**List of 8 Maharatnas:**

1. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
2. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
3. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
4. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
5. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
6. Coal India Limited (CIL)
7. Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL)
8. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)

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**List of 16 Navratnas:**

1. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
2. Container Corporation of India (CONCOR)
3. Engineers India Limited (EIL)
4. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
5. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
6. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)
7. National Aluminium Company (NALCO)
8. National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC)
9. National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
10. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLCIL)
11. Oil India Limited (OIL)
12. Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
13. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL)
14. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)
15. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)
16. Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)

**Popular Miniratnas:** like NHPC, BEML, Mazgaon Dock etc.

**Q: I have completed / would be completing my graduation through distance learning. Do you think I can apply for GATE 2021?**

**Ans:** Yes, you can very much apply for GATE 2021 exam. Please make sure that your course on the basis of which you are applying must be recognised by AICTE.

**Q: For how many GATE papers can I apply?**

**Ans:** You can apply for only 1 paper (Eg; Mechanical) out of the 24 options for GATE 2021. However, it is expected that you appear in a paper appropriate to the discipline of your qualifying degree. You are free to choose any paper according to your admission plans, keeping in mind the eligibility criteria of the institutions in which you wish to take admission.

**Q: I am in my final year of Engineering and want to give GATE 2020 but I have not very rigorously prepared for it. What should be my approach now? Should I give GATE 2020 or aim for GATE 2021 and start working towards it? Please guide.**

**Ans:** Appearing the GATE exam without a perfect preparation will not give results for sure. You can give GATE 2020 to understand your level of preparation. If you cannot score a decent rank - no problem. You have the option open to appear for GATE 2021 to improve your rank. You can join our GATE 2021 batch with a focussed goal oriented approach. And the good thing for you is, you can invest approx. 8 full months after your Sem - VIII exams towards GATE.

**Q: I have completed my Engineering this year and also had given the latest GATE but didn't score well. Also I am not very satisfied with the current job that I am doing. I want to improve and make myself employable for PSU's or other well-known companies. Should I appear for GATE 2020 or GATE 2021?**

**Ans:** Thinking practically, if you feel that you can finish the preparation of huge GATE syllabus (every topic) along with solving every GATE question that appeared in the last 25 papers atleast by 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020, then go for GATE 2020. But if you have a doubt about it, then keep GATE 2020 aside and focus on GATE 2021 and start working for it from today itself.

**Q: There are many students who put 1 to 2 years after their Engineering for GATE Preparation. Is it an investment or wastage of time?**

**Ans:** Chances of getting a decent score while attempting for the GATE in your final year is very less for various reasons (eg: until that moment you have not studied the subjects of final semester, you may have not revised the subjects of previous semesters properly, you may have not practiced exhaustive GATE questions, you may have not got sufficient time for preparing GATE due to your termwork, viva, college tests etc). It always makes sense that you take a break after your engineering (if you had not prepared for GATE in advance) and work towards only one goal i.e. cracking the GATE. And don't worry, this 1 - 2 year of preparation will act as an investment of time and will set your career on the right path.

**Q: Which subject is best to start the GATE preparation?**

**Ans:** Start with an easy and interesting subject. Mechanics / Mathematics / SOM / Basic Thermodynamics would be the best subjects to begin the GATE preparation. Understand Concepts and Formulas and then practice questions and quizzes for each topic. After the completion of each topic, practice the GATE questions.

**Q: How many hours should I invest for GATE preparation?**

**Ans:** GATE has a huge syllabus (almost all the core subjects of your Engineering). You need to invest at least 1000 hrs (around 700 hrs of classroom coaching + 300 hrs of revision & Extra practice). It is extremely important to complete the syllabus in time. **Nothing** should be kept as an option, if you are aiming for a **decent GATE Score that has a value**. It always makes sense to start early (in fact from today itself).

**Q: How many reference books ideally a student should go through per subject to excel?**

**Ans:** At least two standard books per subject (if you are doing self-study). If you have joined our classroom coaching then all core concepts and conclusions will be discussed during the lectures (so no wastage of your time) and then occasionally you would be expected to refer at least one book to take yourself to yet another level (smarter way of studying).

**Q: How many days are required to complete the GATE syllabus?**

**Ans:** Ideally, a student should start the GATE preparation from the day he enters into Engineering by studying the core subjects well. Don't worry, if you have not done that.

To help you brush up all those things, we have designed a focussed 1.5 year GATE Preparation Plan. So that when a student enters into Sem - V, he would start utilising 8 to 10 hrs per week towards the goal of cracking GATE.

**Q: How to prepare for the GATE Exam?**

**Ans:** If you have joined our classroom coaching program, then just keep attending all the lectures, keep doing consistent revision, try to solve all the practice questions given, attempt all the Topic - wise, Subject - wise and Full Length Test Series to build up speed and to understand your weakness, then work on improving it, keep asking your doubts and progressively, you will get automatically prepared to be within Top - 100 rankers.

**Q: What is the benefit of joining Classroom Coaching for GATE preparation compared to self-study via GATE books or Online GATE lectures?**

**Ans:** A dedicated Classroom Coaching;

- Makes it very easy and automatic for you to complete the huge syllabus on time, as they have a perfect plan for it and they stick to it.
- Helps you to smartly prepare for GATE by utilising every single minute efficiently.
- Subject expert is always available to you (personally during lectures and 24 x 7 on WhatsApp) to clear your doubts so that you don't get stuck and keep moving ahead.
- Creates an atmosphere to remain focused on the goal.
- Infuses consistent motivation.
- Interacting with fellow likeminded students helps you explore new techniques and methods to smartly solve a question.

**Q: I have passed in 2019 but I have a backlog. Can I apply for GATE 2021?**

**Ans:** You can apply for GATE 2021 using the marks sheet for the final semesters (any one) of your B.E / B.Tech. However, you will have to clear your backlog by August 2021 to be able to avail admissions into M.Tech.

**Q: I have passed my degree in 2019. I don't have my Degree Certificate but I have Provisional Certificate. Will that be enough?**

**Ans:** Yes, that would be enough. As per the eligibility criterion, you need any one of the following documents while applying for GATE 2021 - degree certificate/ provisional certificate/ course completion certificate/ professional certificate/ membership certificate issued by the society or institute, you have completed your last education.

**Q: I have completed my B.E / B.Tech with 50%. Am I eligible for GATE 2021?**

**Ans:** To appear for GATE 2021 exam, there is no specific pass percentage criterion. But yes, for admission into M.Tech at most IIT's, you must have at least 50% marks (average of 4 years) in your B.E or B. Tech. Some top IIT's demand at least 60% (Eg: IIT Bombay). IISc Bangalore allows candidates with a second class in their graduation to apply for M.Tech provided they have valid GATE scores. Most PSUs ask for 60% and above.

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