

Top - 9 Myths about GATE ?

That drives many students away from it

It has been seen that, many engineering students don't prepare for GATE because of some misconceptions that they have about it, and due to this they miss out an important and lucrative opportunity to take their career to new heights. Just because of fear of failure, they don't even give it a try.

GATE (Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering) is a test of a student's grasp over his or her undergraduate studies - right from the first year to the final year. It checks the clarity of the candidate's concepts as well as their application.

The basic thing required to crack it, is to start preparing for it (from today itself). Proper Time Management, Efficient Planning, Sheer Determination, Consistency and Goal Oriented Focussed Preparation are the only ingredients required.

We present here, some of the Most Popular Myths, students have related to GATE Exam

Myth - 1: Lakhs of Students appear for GATE and only Few Get Good Results. I am scared that I would be lost in the crowd.

No need to be scared. Approximately 2.5 lakh students appear for GATE Exam in Mechanical branch. Don't worry about them as only 10,000 students (just 4% of the crowd) seriously prepare for it. Moment we start preparing for it seriously, we instantly become a part of those 10,000 students. At that moment itself, you become clear of the competition from 2,40,000 students and you are in the Top - 4%.

Now, our next focus should be to keep working consistently and improve ourselves and progressively move to Top - 5000, then Top - 1000, then Top - 100 and finally towards AIR - 1. And it would be very easy us to do so.

Because, the moment any of these 10,000 students get deviated from the goal (by wasting their time in studying inefficiently, not attending lectures, not doing the correct type of practice problems, not improvising themselves etc), we would take an immediate lead - Kyunki Hum Aisi Koi Bhi Galti Nahi Karne Waale.

Our entire roadmap (Lecture Plan, Periodical Tests, Study Material, LMR booklet etc) has been designed accordingly.

Myth - 2: GATE has a Huge Syllabus. Questions are asked from every subject from 1st year to final year of Engineering.

Yes, the syllabus of GATE is big, but it is not that huge as usually perceived by many students. All the subjects of your Engineering course are not a part of GATE syllabus (Eg: Subjects related to Electrical and Electronics are not asked in Mechanical paper. Also topics like Roto - Dynamic compressors, Reciprocating and Centrifugal pumps, Mass Transfer, Multi DOF Vibration etc are not there in GATE). So, no need to worry about many of these things.

Myth - 3: Tough Nut to Crack - Mujhse Nahi Hoga

Until you prepare for it, every exam will appear difficult and GATE is no exception. Start preparing and over a period of time, you will realise that it is so simple to crack it. The Top rankers are just normal human beings, exactly the way you are. They only did one thing - Kept preparing for it and with every passing day moved closer towards their goal, that's it.

Myth - 4: You have to Attempt all the Questions to get a Good Score

No. If you are not sure about the answer, don't make any wild guess. GATE has a negative marking scheme. A severe 33% marks are deducted in case of MCQ's. One wrong answer will bring your rank down by around 50. Student should focus on covering all the concepts involved in any topic as the GATE Q's are designed to check that. One has to answer the questions carefully to maximize his / her marks. It's okay if you miss a couple of questions but attempting it wrong could adversely affect your GATE rank.

Myth - 5: Luck is required

Yes, but only 0.01%. To succeed in these exams, the consistent effort that you invest for around 1.5 years contributes to the remaining 99.99%. So, focus only on one thing and that is preparation - in fact Smart Preparation.

Myth - 6: A student who has just entered in the final year of Engineering and had not studied his subjects of previous semesters very properly (from GATE perspective), can score within Top - 300 rank if he appears the upcoming GATE exam.

The probability of him scoring well is almost negligible. The reason is, GATE preparation requires a lot of time. In his final year, he has to put his time into studying his semester subjects (university exam point of view), attend college, prepare for college tests, write term work, give time to his final year projects and internships. All of this will take away a lot of time.

It is recommended for such a student to target GATE 2021, so that he can comfortably prepare for it. Also, once his exams of final semester are over (by 10th June'20), he would get full 8 months to focus on GATE 2021. A good percentage of Top rankers adopt this formula to succeed.

Myth - 7: A student who never planned for GATE, has completed his engineering recently and now is doing a job should not try giving GATE exam, as it's too late for him

It's never late. There are many students who have completed their engineering and are investing 1 to 2 years towards GATE preparation. Once you get a decent score, your career prospects become so very bright after that. Hence, if you had never thought about it, it's the time to consider.

Putting those 1 to 2 years of effort will be investment of time. You can simultaneously continue with your job as well, if you want to. But, try to be in a job that does not clash with your lecture time and also does not put a lot of burden on you that you don't get time for your study.

Myth - 8: GATE is only for students who want to get into IIT's for M.Tech or get a job at PSU's.

- It would be incorrect to make this statement. Yes, the top rankers (within 300) can go for either of these.
- In case, if you don't get IIT's for M.Tech or a job at PSU, don't worry. There are many other options available.
- You can do your Masters from many of the Top ranking NIT's (do a Google search on it).
- If you don't get into Top NIT's, there are many other decent NIT's you can try. So there are many options that will be open for you.

Myth - 9: Every type of Student has to Study Everything in GATE syllabus.

If your aim is just to qualify GATE, then you can afford to skip certain topics and focus on the most important ones and easily get enough marks to qualify (Marks required to qualify GATE is usually 35 marks, actually it varies depending on the difficulty level of exam). Around 15% (approx. = 37500 students) qualify the GATE exam.

The benefits of just "Qualifying GATE" are;

- If you are opting for job after BE / B.Tech in any of the private companies, then if your CV / Resume has this statement "Qualified GATE", you immediately become the preferred choice and have an edge over other applicants as you have already proved that you are better than the 85% of the Engineering crowd in India.
- You can even do Masters from private colleges after qualifying GATE (You would get a stipend of Rs. 12,500pm from MHRD while doing your Masters) and then easily get into a teaching job (if you are interested). Lecturers, Assistant Professors, Professors and HOD of these private colleges draw a decent salary.

So, Go for it. Don't avoid GATE. All the Very Best