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By rejecting non-essential cookies, Reddit may still use certain cookies to ensure the proper functionality of our platform. For more information, please see our Cookie Notice and our Privacy Policy. In 2020 ETS launched its GRE "at home" service for test-takers worldwide. The home-based test was born out of necessity when the pandemic caused test-centers to shut down globally. As you can imagine, it wasn't long before ETS found itself in rough waters due to reports of rampant cheating on the home-based version of the test. Many people, including me, saw this coming when the home test was initially announced. Delivering a standardized test over the internet is undoubtedly prone to a whole host of problems. When you take away in-person supervision, certain people will take advantage of the vulnerability in the system. And sure enough, they did. The question now remains, is ETS going to continue its home-based GRE test, or is it going to halt it given that the pandemic restrictions are loosening now. Is the GRE at home here to stay? In November 2020, ETS issued an update on its website stating that the TOEFL and GRE "at home" tests are here to stay for the foreseeable future. "In response to the needs expressed by institutions and test-takers, ETS is pleased to announce that the at-home TOEFL iBT® test and GRE® General Test are here to stay and will become a continuing part of each brand's product portfolios." The update went on to say: "7 months ago, we proudly announced that we had quickly introduced a solution for students who COVID-19 had impacted to take the TOEFL iBT test and the GRE General Test at home until in-person testing could resume. The tests have the same content, format, on-screen experience, and scoring as the test center's tests. And thanks to artificial intelligence and remote proctoring, institutions can feel assured that the tests are administered securely and that the scores are reliable." The update also mentions that at the time, nearly 400,000 students had registered for the test. ETS has even time and again emphasized its home GRE's credibility and assures students and institutions alike that test-scores are entirely legitimate. However, we know for a fact that cheating is entirely possible on the home-based GRE test. To say that the test is secure thanks to AI and remote proctoring is grossly dishonest. I have covered at length how test-takers exploit the lack of in-person supervision to attain near-perfect scores. Moreover, multiple news articles from India have also shed light on blatant cheating happening at GRE academies. ETS is yet to address these allegations, and they have published no comments on what it's doing to combat cheating. A more recent update, dated Feb 1, 2021, mentions nothing regarding the cheating problem. However, it once again states that the home-based GRE test is "here to stay and is now a continuing part of the GRE portfolio of products. Test takers now have the option to test at home or a center." So there you have it, ETS has no plans to discontinue the home test, and we are yet to receive an official statement regarding the cheating. Should I take GRE at home or the test center? At this point, it doesn't matter where you take the test. The home-based GRE test is now recognized by all the universities that accept the regular test. Even though there have been various cheating reports, no university will deny your scores if you take the home test. On the contrary, I would advise you to take the home-test because it is less hassle and available more readily. Finding a seat at a test-center is usually not an option last minute. If you don't have a booking in advance, opt for the home test. All you need is either a laptop or desktop computer with a webcam, speakers and a microphone. If you have both options available, why not take the test in the comfort of your home? Your scores carry the exact weight no matter which seat you take. Every aspect of the test itself is the same other than the delivery. There are no differences in difficulty, format, or time. Hence, I would advise that if you meet the home-based test requirements, then go for it. What do I need to be aware of before taking the home test? ETS is aware of the risks involved in a home-based standardized test. ETS has undoubtedly come across the articles that have been written on the instances of cheating. Even though format has not addressed the problems yet, they are aware of them. Due to this, many students have reported that the proctors administering the test are more vigilant than usual. I have even come across Reddit posts by test-takers whose tests were canceled abruptly on suspicion of cheating even though they didn't do anything. If you are planning on taking the test, I suggest you go through this article and avoid any actions that can be construed negatively. Moreover, an important tip is to make sure that your internet is working correctly on test day. It would be helpful if your family members or roommates don't use the internet while taking the test. This is especially important if your internet has low bandwidth. If any technical difficulties arise on your end during the test, you won't be compensated with additional time. If you want to go a step further, run an Ethernet cable from your modem straight to your laptop. This way, you will get uninterrupted internet and hopefully won't run into any issues. Good luck! Skip to main content Reddit and its partners use cookies and similar technologies to provide you with a better experience. 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Yes, that's all it takes. I will uncover the method that is used by fraudulent test-takers so that ETS could take appropriate measures and stop this. However, before I proceed, we need to look at how ETS's "GRE at Home" service works so that you, the reader, can fully understand how obnoxiously easy it is to cheat their software. How does the "GRE General Test at Home" work? The GRE General Test at Home was introduced by ETS early last year in the wake of the global pandemic that caused test-centers across the world to shut down. While it seemed like a worthy initiative at the time to help students take the test despite the pandemic, it has since proved to be an utter disaster. The test is administered through a downloadable software called "Proctor U." All you need to be able to take the test is either a laptop or a desktop computer, a microphone, a webcam, and speakers. You are not allowed to have anyone in the room other than yourself at any time during the test. You are required to wear appropriate clothes so that your ears are visible at all times. You can only use an erasable marker on either a small whiteboard or transparent sheet protector to take notes during the test. A human proctor is assigned to you who will monitor you live via a webcam. Before starting the test, the proctor will ask you to show them your room by rotating your laptop or webcam (if external) by 360 degrees. This is done to "make sure" there is no one else in the room beside you. You will also be asked to show them your table and the surrounding area. How do test-takers manage to cheat? I am sure many of you have spotted several red flags already, but if you haven't, then here is how the cheating works. Standard HDMI Splitter All you need is an HDMI splitter that you will plug into one of the HDMI ports on your computer. The next step is to connect your primary display, the one you will be using to take the test on, to one of the splitter's female ports. The secondary display connection goes into the second port on the splitter, and voila! Now you have a mirror of your entire GRE test on another screen that is outside your room. You can get HDMI cables that are up to 50 feet in length easily. However, you may need much less depending on how far you place your computer from your room entrance. Okay, so you have mirrored your screen to another room. What now? Who is to stop you from having some friends over who take pictures of the mirrored screen as you scroll through the test? This is precisely what test-takers have been doing all along. They employ the help of their friends who take pictures of the questions, solve the problems, then write down the answer choices on big pieces of paper, sneak into the room and slide the paper onto the table without raising any suspicion. The test-taker only needs to have the written answers in their peripheral vision. They don't even have to physically turn their head if the writing is big enough and hence the proctor who is monitoring the whole thing via webcam has no reason to suspect any wrongdoing. There are a few things to note here: Firstly, ETS has no requirement to have your webcam directed towards the entrance door of your room. Secondly, even if there was such a requirement, your face would be in front of the camera at all times, and hence it would be far from an effective solution. Thirdly, what if there are multiple entrances to your room? What if someone is hiding in the washroom? How is it possible to monitor everything inside a room when there is only one camera pointed towards the test-taker? Now, ETS claims that the "Proctor U" software uses AI to tell if you open your browser or some other third-party application on your computer. However, you don't need to open anything on the computer you are taking the test on. You only need to patiently wait for your friends to do all the dirty work while you pretend to be solving the questions. Also, you might be wondering how you can use an HDMI splitter on a laptop? Well, you don't have to. You can directly plug-in an HDMI cable into your computer and mirror your screen that way, but it is believed that the "Proctor U" software can pick that up and notify the proctor; however, this hasn't been verified, so I couldn't tell you for sure. Hence, as a precaution, those who cheat tend to use a desktop computer because it lacks an internal display, and you have to use an HDMI port to connect your monitor. An HDMI splitter is used because it negates the need for you to establish two different display connections to your desktop. The software may pick up an additional connection, but a splitter requires only one HDMI port, and from the software's perspective, only one connection is being used. Is cheating possible without the use of additional hardware? 100%. Even if you don't have the required hardware to cheat on the test, you can still manage to cheat easily. It may not be as quick or risk-free as the HDMI splitter method, but it is still possible nonetheless. I won't cover the other way in this article, but you can go here and read all about it. So what now? Anyone who has studied for the GRE or any other standardized test, for that matter, knows what kind of hard work it takes to learn and practice for months on end. You read through several prep books, solve thousands of questions, spend hundreds of dollars on prep material and online courses, you put your life on hold in the hopes that you will achieve a score high enough to get into your dream school and for what? So that someone corrupt can beat you without putting in even a fraction of the effort? I am in disbelief that this has been going on for months without making it onto anyone's radar. If you google the words "GRE Home Cheating," only a couple of recent articles pop up from Indian websites detailing instances of cheating at prep centers. Other than that, there is no real discussion on the topic except for a few posts on Reddit. Whoever is reading this, please share this article on all your socials so that ETS can take notice of what is happening. This article is meant to shed light on the reality of home-based GRE tests, which I wouldn't be able to do by myself, which can give fraudulent test-takers a better success rate with minimal risks. I do not want this article to be a "how-to" for those seeking to cheat; hence I will not mention those methods. So how can you cheat? Well, it's quite simple. At the beginning of the test, the proctor will ask the test-taker to show them their room, and sure enough, the test-taker will show them the room, and no one is there besides the test-taker. However, what is stopping anyone from entering the room once the test starts? As far as I know, there is no requirement to position the camera so that the room's entrance door is in sight at all times. Even if there is such a requirement, what if a room has multiple entrances? What if someone is hiding in the washroom or the cupboard, which sure enough will not be in the view of the camera. You cannot cover the entire room with a single camera, and hence the whole live-monitoring system falls right down on its face. Okay, so you are wondering to yourself that sure a test-taker can manage to have someone in the room, but how will they help? Well, all they would need to do is to sit out of the view of the camera. They can use their mobile phone to take pictures of the laptop/computer display without bringing the phone into the camera's FOV (field of view). This is where anyone with a little bit of camera knowledge and creativity can figure out beforehand how much of an area their webcam covers. What is even worse is that a person can intentionally purchase an external webcam with the lowest field of view capability so that the camera can only show their face and nothing else. Now that the proctor has no reason to think that there is someone in the room other than the test-taker, the "helper," as mentioned earlier, can take pictures of the display at just the right angle as not to get caught. Once they have the picture, they can read the questions, figure out the answer and write it down on a piece of paper and slide it on the table just enough so that the test-takers peripheral vision can pick it up. Remember, the GRE is a multiple-choice test, and there are no detailed step-by-step answers required for the math section. All a person needs are the correct answer choice, and that's it. Moreover, it's not as if those willing to cheat will put in the time to rehearse their tactics beforehand. They absolutely will. This is such an easy system to cheat that it boggles my mind how ETS is fit with this. Not to mention the myriad of other ways to make the whole process a lot easier and risk-free. Wouldn't this article show people how to cheat? This is a legitimate question, and I asked it myself too while I was writing this article. The truth of the matter is, I did not say anything that is not obvious to anyone to begin with. Even if someone doesn't figure this out personally, there are already multiple posts on Reddit forums where people are discussing this, and it's just a Google search away. The point of this article is to shed light on how vulnerable the "GRE at Home" test is. It is not fair to those who have worked for months to prepare for the examination and acquire a legitimate score when they easily cheat the system. If you think it is not happening, then feel free to search for it; you will find multiple stories of people talking about their friends who have successfully bypassed the system and achieved a high score. ETS must address this issue and come up with a more secure system or halt their at-home service altogether because certain people will always find a way to cheat the system. Read Next: Cheating on the "GRE Test at Home" is a widespread issue worldwide, with many test-takers cheating on their tests. The Educational Testing Service (ETS) has made it difficult for students to cheat on the GRE at home, as the proctor ensures no cheating inside the room. However, cheating is still a widespread issue, and ETS has banned many students and cancelled others' papers, even when they may not have been cheating. The GRE General Test at home is a safe and convenient option for test takers, but there have also been instances of students cheating. Attempting to cheat on a GRE online at-home proctored exam is highly risky and can lead to severe consequences, including having the test taken. To ensure no one cheats during the test, ProctorU trains diligent proctors and offers the best-in-class GRE test takers for hire and GRE at-home cheating strategies. At the beginning of the test, the proctor will ask the test-taker to show them their room, and using human monitoring and AI to detect suspicious activity. While schools may see all reported GRE scores, attention is mainly given to the most favorable scores, particularly those reflecting substantial improvements. GRE scores are confidential, requiring the explicit consent of the test taker for release. Consequently, examinees maintain control over their scores, including decisions regarding their dissemination. In summary, students can strategically manage their GRE reporting to present the strongest application possible to graduate programs. (Image Source: Pixabay.com) Can Schools See How Many Times I Took The GRE?Schools generally view only your best GRE score, especially when using the ScoreSelect tool. They cannot see how many times you have taken the GRE or the scores from each attempt, which means that your application is not negatively affected by taking the test multiple times. While one of the 13 schools I am applying to has requested a copy of the ETS score report, others vary in their requirements regarding whether to report multiple attempts. When you use the ScoreSelect feature, it allows you to select which scores to send to institutions while keeping other attempts private. Schools will see the scores you choose to submit but will not know about any unreported attempts. This gives perspective students the flexibility to manage their testing history without the worry of previous attempts hindering their applications. Test-takers can take the GRE up to five times in a 12-month period, as long as there is at least a 21-day gap between test dates. It's essential to weigh the financial and emotional impact of retaking the exam, especially considering that multiple attempts do not automatically reflect poorly in the application process. Ultimately, you are in control over which scores you send, and with ScoreSelect, you can choose to report only the most favorable scores from the last five years, whether they are the most recent, all, or specific administrations of the GRE. This ensures that your best performance is highlighted without any indication of your testing history, reassured by the knowledge that schools are only getting the information you want them to see. Read also: How To Interior Design Our Home? (Image Source: Pixabay.com) Can I Use Scratch Paper On The GRE At Home?According to ETS guidelines, traditional scratch paper is not permitted for the at-home GRE exam to ensure security. Instead, test-takers can utilize acceptable alternatives such as a small desktop whiteboard with an erasable marker or one sheet of paper enclosed in a transparent sheet protector. Pencils and pens are not allowed, and applicants will not be allowed to bring their own scratch paper; however, materials will be provided to ensure a smooth testing experience. For the conventional GRE administered at test centers, candidates are supplied with standard No. 2 or HB pencils, a sharpener, and erasers, contrasted with the at-home version that requires candidates to adapt to the new rules regarding note-taking surfaces. Test-takers are encouraged to practice using these alternatives in preparation for the test. It's essential to get comfortable with the erasing process and the specific materials allowed so there are no surprises on test day. Additionally, preparing through official practice tests that closely resemble the actual GRE experience can be beneficial. Online self-paced courses and interactions with GRE experts are available for personalized guidance. Throughout this preparation, candidates should focus on adapting to the absence of traditional scratch paper, practicing with the designated tools to ensure confidence during their test. Taking the time to become familiar with the use of a small whiteboard or transparent sheet protector will significantly enhance the overall testing experience and performance. (Image Source: Pixabay.com) What Happens If I Get Caught Cheating On GRE?Writing the GRE from home will not automatically cause students to lose their visa or university admission. However, if a candidate is caught cheating on the GRE General Test, they may face serious consequences, including being banned from taking the test for a certain period and losing their test fee. Cheating once may not lead to severe penalties, but if a candidate is caught cheating twice, they could face a permanent ban from testing. Immediate bans can also result from specific offenses. If a test-taker is found guilty of cheating, their scores will be invalidated, and every institution that received their scores will be informed. Despite increased monitoring by organizations like ETS and ProctorU, which includes strict checks on VPN usage, instances of cheating persist. Some individuals still resort to dishonest means to pass the exam, but these actions can jeopardize their future, including visa status and admission offers. Cheating methods, sometimes involving advanced technology and communication devices, are relatively easy to execute yet carry high risks. Penalties for cheating can range from score cancellations to lifelong bans from taking tests. Moreover, candidates must understand that academic dishonesty significantly affects not only their test outcomes but also their educational careers. While the temptation to cheat may remain, students are encouraged to invest in legitimate study methods to ensure their success. Relying on fraudulent practices ultimately undermines the integrity of the examination system and can lead to dire consequences, demonstrating the importance of honesty and diligence in test preparation. Cheating may seem like an easy route, but it poses major risks for students in the long run. (Image Source: Pixabay.com) What Is A Specialized GRE Test?The GRE (Graduate Record Examination) is a widely recognized standardized test, comprising a General Test and specialized Subject Tests. Among the six available Subject Tests, Psychology is one option for students seeking deeper assessment in their field. The GRE General Test evaluates verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, and analytical writing skills, serving primarily as an admissions criterion for graduate programs. In contrast, the GRE Subject Tests focus on specific knowledge in disciplines like Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, and Psychology, enabling programs to tailor curricula according to students' strengths. The Subject Tests are designed for individuals with an undergraduate major or significant experience in the respective area, assessing their analytical thinking and expertise. These tests are crucial for applicants aiming to differentiate themselves in postgraduate admissions, as they provide a specialized measure of achievement compared to the broader General Test. While the GRE General Test is integral to the admissions process for many institutions, the Subject Tests offer an avenue for candidates to demonstrate their proficiency and specialized knowledge, enhancing their study abroad applications. As standardized assessments, the GRE Subject Tests resemble SAT Subject Tests but focus on specific disciplines as the traditional GRE. The total testing time is approximately 1 hour and 58 minutes, with no allowed unscheduled breaks. Students need access to a PC to take the exam, which can be facilitated by borrowing a computer if necessary. With the ETS launching the GRE General Test at Home, students can now seamlessly book their test and search for graduate programs worldwide that recognize GRE scores. Test takers may find the online format to be very similar to the experience in a testing center, as the design includes familiar features and accommodates various user needs. Students contemplating this option can expect an identical on-screen experience and rigorous monitoring by a human proctor during the testing process. The GRE test at home was launched to provide students with a flexible way to take the exam, especially during challenging times, ensuring all health considerations are addressed. Overall, the GRE General Test at Home represents a valued tool for prospective graduate students navigating their admissions process. (Image Source: Pixabay.com) Is GRE At Home Harder?You can take the GRE either at a test center or online, with both options offering the same test length, difficulty level, and scoring. The decision of where to take the exam is based on personal preference. The Educational Testing Service (ETS) assures that the GRE at home is not more difficult than the test center version, as they maintain the same format, structure, and difficulty level. Despite this, some test-takers have found recent at-home GRE questions to be significantly more challenging compared to the easier prep materials, which could be a concern for potential test-takers. The at-home GRE service has provided a safe alternative for millions of students globally, especially during the COVID pandemic, and due to its popularity, ETS has decided to keep this option available indefinitely. Many individuals have expressed frustration over their scores being held under administrative review, raising questions about the differences in testing experiences. Additionally, students contemplating the at-home option are often unsure about room requirements, including restrictions on visible items like bookshelves or artwork. The GRE at home eliminates the need for travel to a testing center, allowing students to save time and potentially reduce pre-test anxiety. However, a stable internet connection is crucial for this format, necessitating a minimum speed of 2 MB per second. While some users have reported a positive experience with the home test, including smooth security checks, the claims of the at-home exam being harder still persist among some test-takers. Ultimately, both testing environments are designed to provide the same overall GRE experience, but the comfort and familiarity of the home setting versus the structured environment of a testing center remains a key consideration for students. (Image Source: Pixabay.com) Should I Take A GRE Course Online?Online courses provide a flexible and effective way to prepare for the GRE, which includes a general test and specialized GRE subject tests comprising six disciplines, one being Psychology. GRE test prep requires careful time budgeting, especially for current students managing college, extracurricular activities, and personal commitments, often resulting in only 10-12 hours available for study daily. Effective preparation is crucial for achieving strong GRE scores, making online GRE coaching an attractive option. Available formats include live online classes, tutoring, or self-study courses. Prep courses are particularly beneficial for those who prefer interactive learning, especially in challenging subjects like math. Online courses, such as those from Kaplan, offer structured study plans that enhance GRE preparation. Opting for an online course allows for personalized scheduling, enabling students to study at their convenience and skip sessions when necessary. This guide evaluates and ranks various GRE prep courses, providing a comprehensive resource for those embarking on their online GRE journey to ensure successful study and completion of the test. (Image Source: Pixabay.com) Can You Cheat On GRE Test At Home?ETS asserts that its "GRE Test at Home" employs AI and live monitoring to detect any browser or third-party app usage during the exam. However, cheating on the test is unfortunately feasible and can be done with relative ease by those willing to be creative. An article I recently wrote highlights how test-takers globally are managing to cheat on these home-based assessments, revealing the vulnerabilities in ETS's proctoring methods. Although risks are involved—such as severe penalties, including rescinded admissions—many students in my cohort have already attempted this. I personally scored 324 at a test center, but some peers are asking me to assist them in replicating that performance at home. Despite the safeguards, including the training of remote proctors via ProctorU®, instances of cheating have emerged, leading some business schools to revoke offers to MBA candidates based on suspected dishonesty. Ultimately, while the home GRE offers convenience, it also poses significant ethical and academic risks. How to Cheat on GRE test at home 2024 How to cheat on ProctorUHow to cheat on GRE test at home 2024 How to cheat on ProctorU Hey, if you are wondering how to cheat on gre test at home in ... Skip to main content Reddit and its partners use cookies and similar technologies to provide you with a better experience. By accepting all cookies, you agree to our use of cookies to deliver and maintain our services and site, improve the quality of Reddit, personalize Reddit content and advertising, and measure the effectiveness of advertising. By rejecting non-essential cookies, Reddit may still use certain cookies to ensure the proper functionality of our platform. For more information, please see our Cookie Notice and our Privacy Policy. I recently wrote an article proving how test-takers worldwide are cheating on their "GRE at Home" tests. It is quite disappointing how ETS's home-based GRE service is so vulnerable to fraudulent activity. ETS first introduced the home-based test a year ago after the pandemic broke out, and there is no telling how many of the test results have been fraudulent so far. It is equally alarming that there hasn't been a more significant backlash by people regarding the rampant cheating, but that might be due to the lack of coverage on the issue. Anyway, it is no secret now that ETS's "proctor U" software is obnoxiously easy to cheat. Since ETS plans on keeping the home-based test around for the foreseeable future, it is paramount that they fix the issues so that decent people who take the test legitimately don't get affected. In this article, I will go over some of the home-based test vulnerabilities and what ETS can do to fix them. One of the biggest challenges to any home-based test service is that it must rely on a particular software to deliver the test. No software can be perfect, and those who have skin in the game will eventually find ways to work around the safeguards that are put in place by the developers. Unlike an in-person test, no one is physically present in a home-based test to monitor the test-takers, which is perhaps the most crucial problem. Instead, a proctor supervises the test over the internet by monitoring the test taker's webcam feed. Take what is happening with home-based GRE, test-takers manage to mirror their computer screens to secondary displays outside their rooms. This allows test-takers to get their friends to help them by watching the questions in another room, solving them, and then sneaking into the test taker's room to show them the answer choices written on a piece of paper. The proctor fails to suspect anything because, from their perspective, the test-taker isn't doing anything unusual, not knowing that their friends are feeding them the answer choices by carefully holding up the papers right next to the display from behind. The test taker doesn't have to make much head movement to read the answers, and hence there is nothing to suspect. Here are some ways that can make the testing requirement more secure. A requirement for the doors to be locked from the inside: At the start of the test, the proctor will ask you to show them your room by rotating your webcam 360°. This only prevents other people from being in the room at the beginning. However, what is stopping them from sneaking in during the test? Proctor will ask you to show them that your door is closed at the start of the test, but again, the door can be opened by anyone from the outside. To fix this, ETS should implement a rule that the door must be locked from the inside of the room by the test-taker. Moreover, only a bolt lock would work here because a key-lock can still be opened from the outside by whoever has the keys. The proctor must ask the test taker to show them that the door is locked before the test starts. This will prevent non-test takers from entering the room and passing information to the test-taker. A Room with Only Single Entrance Should Be Approved: Cheaters can choose to take the test in a room that has multiple doors. Even if ETS makes locking the door from the inside a requirement, the proctor may not know that there are various entrances. An effective way to eliminate this problem is only to allow the test in a room with a single entry. This will prevent people from entering the room using a different entrance than the one shown to the proctor. At the start of the test, the proctor should ask the test taker to show them the entire room by moving their laptop or external camera. If they detect multiple entries, then the test should not be allowed in that room. Camera Position: Currently, there is no requirement that the camera is pointed towards the door. Sure, the camera won't be able to pick up the entire door because of the test-taker sitting in front of it. However, even if only the top half of the door is visible to the proctor, it would be enough to tell whether it is closed the entire time or not. Desk Placement: There are no specific requirements as to where in the room the computer desk should be placed. Some locations are worse than the others in that written information can be passed to the test taker without being noticed by the proctor. For example, if you place the desk against a wall and in front of the door, anyone trying to sneak into the room would have to walk in front of the camera to hand the test taker the answers. This arrangement would depend on the layout of a specific room but generally, you would want the test-taker to face a wall with the door in sight of the camera. Unnecessary Display Connections: If you have read my article on how people manage to cheat on their at-home GRE test then you know that a secondary display connection is established for the whole thing to work. The most common way to do this is to use an HDMI splitter that gives cheaters the ability to mirror their displays in another room. To prevent this, a proctor would need to be familiar with the different ports on a computer. They can ask the test-taker to show them all the wires plugged into the computer by video calling them on their smartphone. If there are any additional wires or devices used to cheat, the proctor will detect them. Improvements in AI: ETS claims that the "Proctor U" software uses AI to detect suspicious activity. This can be opening the internet browser on your computer during the test or opening another software that may allow the test-taker to cheat. While this is a good measure, it is still not perfect. I think that the AI should be trained to track the eye-movement of the test-taker. For example, developers can build a feature into the software that can detect patterns in eye movement. Suspicious eye movement such as continually looking to the side or over the screen should be a cause for concern. Once notified, the proctor can ask the test-taker to turn their camera around to ensure no one has entered the room and that the door is still closed.