

Pacing for Shortened 2020 MCATS

Shortened MCAT Schedule

Chemistry Section: 48 questions in 76 minutes	(followed by 10 minutes break)
CARS: 48 questions in 81 minutes	(followed by 10 minutes break)
Biology Section: 48 questions in 76 minutes	(followed by 10 minutes break)
Psych/Soc: 48 questions in 76 minutes	

Question Breakdown: Each exam section will contain 8 passages. In addition to this, the three science sections will each contain 12 discrete questions.

Science Sections

Option 1, Pace by Passage: Allow 8 min/passage and 1 min/discrete question.

Option 2, Pace by question/time markers	
At question number X:	You should have about Y minutes left <i>(this assumes you answer discrete and/or easier questions first):</i>
Q. 12	65 min left
Q. 24	45 min left
Q. 36	25 min left

CARS Section

Option 1, Pace by Passage	
Exam has X passages	This is your pacing
8	10 min/passage

Option 2, Pace by question/time markers	
At question number X:	You should have about Y minutes left
Q. 12	60 min left
Q. 24	40 min left
Q. 36	20 min left