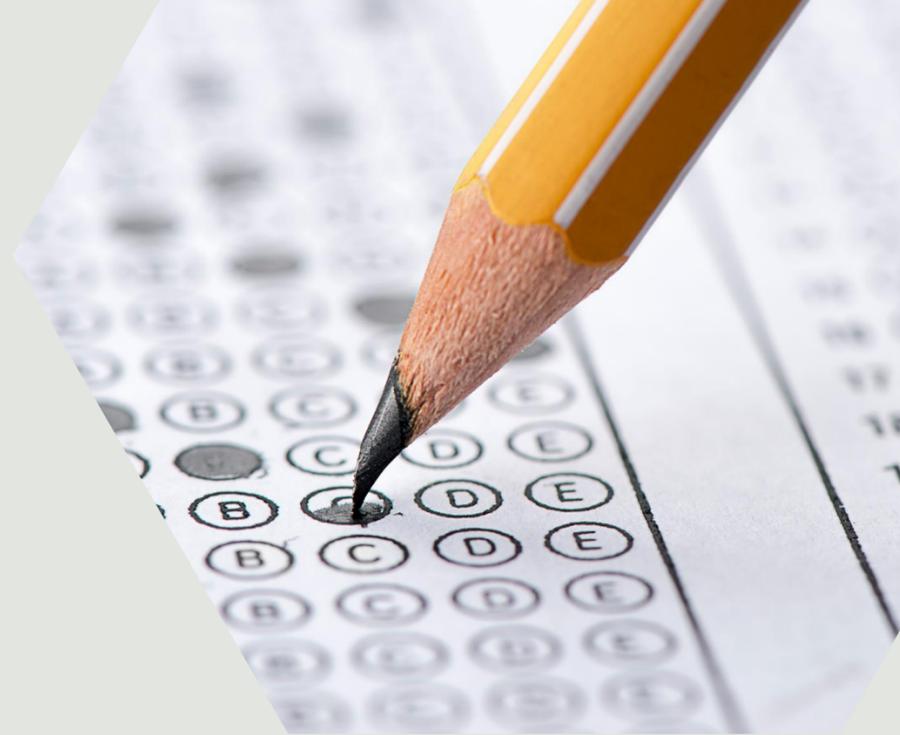


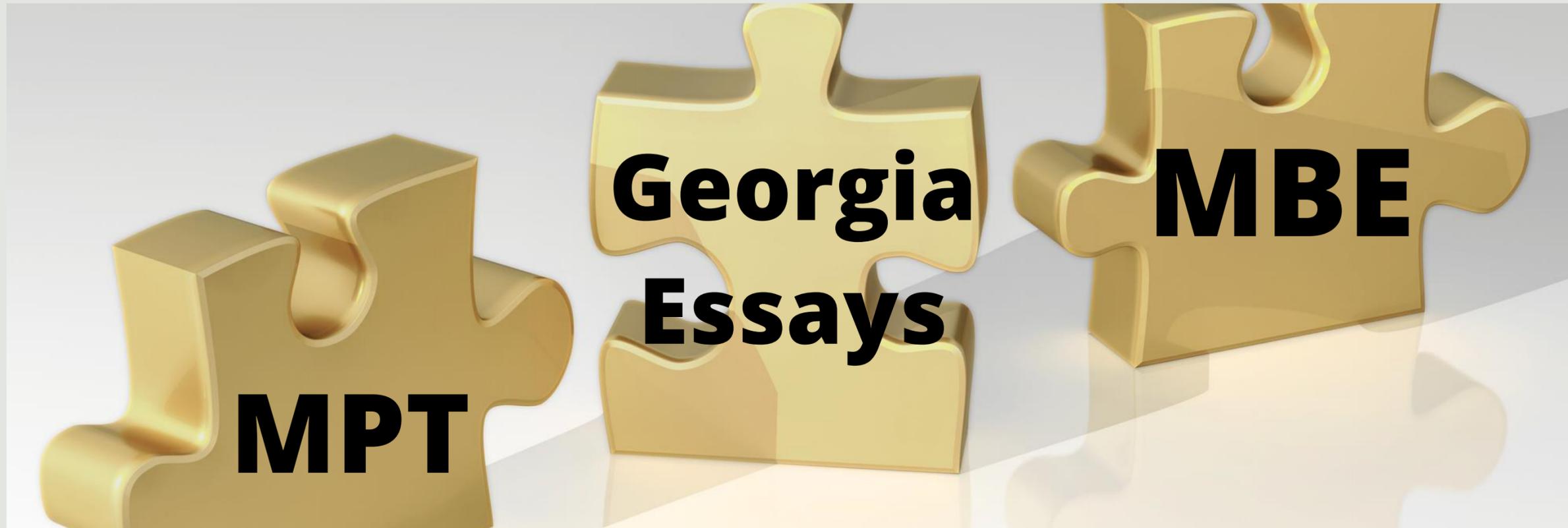
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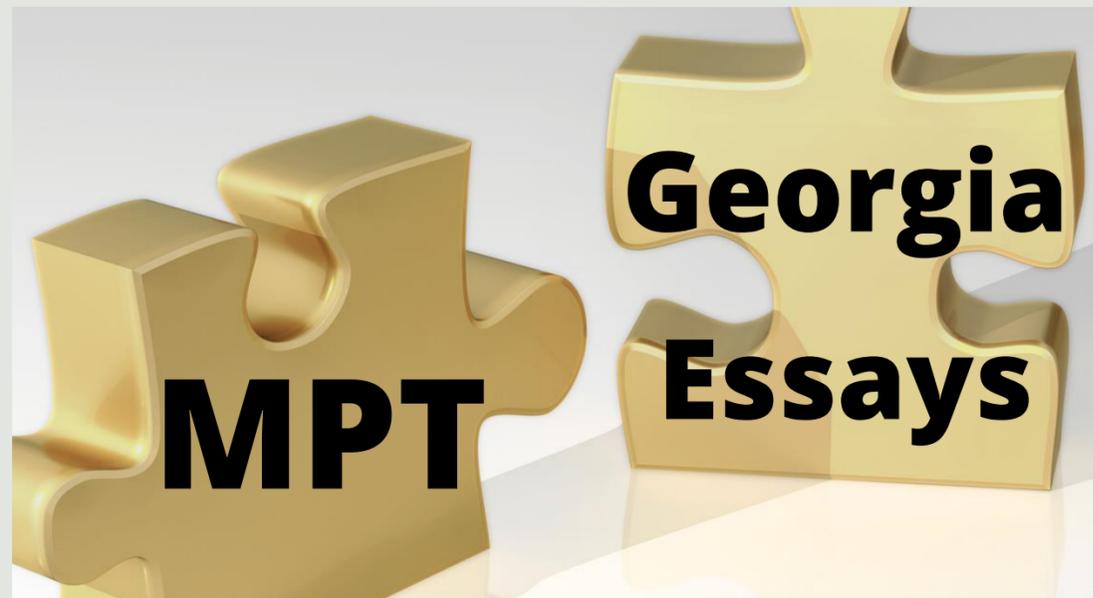


# THREE COMPONENTS



There are three components to the Georgia Bar Exam: the Multistate Performance Test, the Georgia Essays, and the Multistate Bar Examination. Know what each component is designed to test and make a study plan so you can maximize your score.

# DAY 1

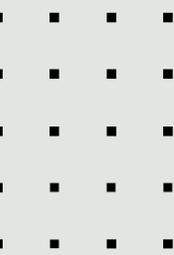


The MPT and Georgia Essays are administered on the first day of the exam and comprise 50% of the overall score.

# DAY 2



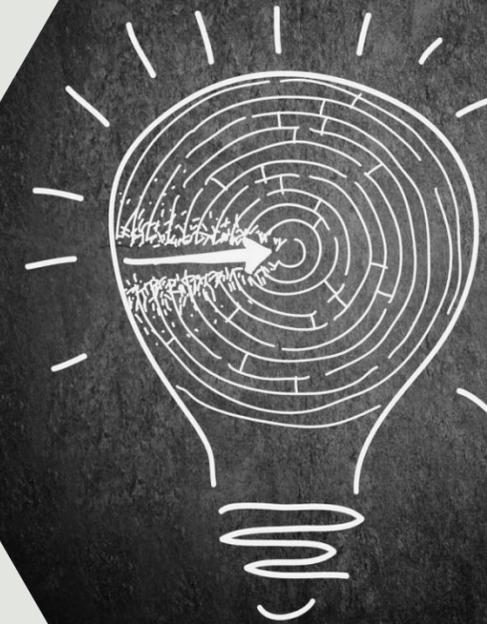
The MBE is administered on the second day and comprises the remaining 50% of the score.



# MPT



- Assesses your abilities to problem-solve, conduct legal analysis and reasoning, conduct factual analysis, communicate effectively in writing, organize and manage a legal task, and recognize and resolve ethical dilemmas through a closed-world problem where all the law and facts are provided to you. The deliverable for this assessment is a specific type of written document (e.g., a legal memo, brief, etc.) that will be specified within the MPT prompt.
- Deliverable for this component is two written answers.
- You may find more information about the MPT on the NCBE website [here](#).



# GEORGIA ESSAYS



- Assesses your abilities to identify legal issues, provide the relevant law that should be used to decide the issue in Georgia, select the relevant facts that should be examined to decide the issue, and clearly show your application of the legal rules to the set of facts given to reach a probable outcome.
- Deliverable for this component is four essay answers. **The Georgia Supreme Court has defined “essay” broadly to include any kind of short writing (including a memo or short performance task).**
- Subject Areas:\*

*Business Organizations*

*Contracts*

*Evidence*

*Federal Practice and Procedure*

*Non-Monetary Remedies*

*Property*

*Trusts, Wills, and Estates*

*Constitutional Law*

*Criminal Law and Procedure*

*Family Law*

*Georgia Practice and Procedure*

*Professional Ethics*

*Torts*

*Uniform Commercial Code (Articles 2 and 3)*

**\*More than one subject area may be tested in each question.**

# MBE

- Assesses your ability to apply fundamental legal principles and legal reasoning to factual scenarios.

- Subject Areas:

*Civil Procedure*  
*Contracts*  
*Evidence*  
*Torts*

*Constitutional Law*  
*Criminal Law and Procedure*  
*Real Property*

- You may find more information about the MBE on the NCBE website [here](#).



# TIME MANAGEMENT

Time management is a skill that is implicitly tested on every component of the bar exam. As with any skill, practicing and refining execution of how you manage your time will make you better able to answer as many questions as possible on exam day. If you have difficulties with time management and allocation for tasks, be sure to include in your bar preparation strategies on using your time efficiently and wisely. For the MBE, transfer your answers in batches from the booklet to the answer sheet.

# ACTIVE LEARNING STRATEGIES

Active learning strategies, including completing and assessing practice MPTs, multiple-choice questions (try to answer 200 MBE questions a day up through the weekend prior to the exam), and essays, should be the preferred types of strategies that you use when preparing for the bar exam. Look [here](#) for past Georgia bar exam MPTs, essays, and sample answers.



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# STAYING CALM WHEN THE STAKES ARE HIGH

- Use a reliable laptop.
- Plan your day: determine ahead of time whether your law school will provide lunch, you will bring lunch, or you plan to purchase lunch on-site.
- Familiarize yourself with the [Exam Rules](#), location of the [GICC](#), [nearby hotels](#), and [exam room set up](#).
- Relax the night before the exam and get a good night's sleep.
- Arrive early.
- Plan for potential downtime after you set up your laptop.



# ORGANIZATION



**I**

## ISSUE

Can be written as either: The issue is [restate call of question] OR [Conclusion to question]



**R**

## RULE

All the legal rules that will be used to answer the prompt. Start with: "In Georgia, . . ."



**A**

## APPLICATION

Using facts from the prompt to show how the legal rules in "R" apply in this situation. Start with: "Here, . . ."



**C**

## CONCLUSION

State (or restate) the conclusion

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For the written components of the bar exam (MPT and Essays), remember that your graders are lawyers who are used to reading and using legal writing paradigms. Organize your writing using IRAC, CREAC, or another similar paradigm. Use headings to guide the reader through your responses and to keep yourself on track.

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