

# GATE Theory Exam 2023

*The Georgia Auditions Theory Exams (GATEs) are a required component of GMTA's Auditions competition and support GMTA's belief that excellent performers are also knowledgeable performers. Each GMTA Auditions participant in the category of piano or piano concerto must take and pass the appropriate level test at his or her local association unless granted an exemption.*

**Date:** Saturday, February 18th, 2023 (concurrent with DMTA local Auditions)

**Location:** Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Decatur, GA 30030

**Time:** 1:00 – 4:00pm. . Students may take the test at any time during that interval but must have completed both parts of the test no later than 3:00pm.

**Student Fee:** \$10

**Online Registration Deadline:** Saturday, January 15th, 2023 (STRICTLY ENFORCED BY GMTA)

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**GATE Levels:** The GATEs include three levels of testing: A (Grades 4-6), B (Grades 7-9), and C (Grades 10-12). Levels A and B are multiple choice and Level C includes both multiple choice and handwritten responses.

**GATE Exemptions:** Students may become exempt from taking some or all the GATEs if they achieve any of the following scores on the GMTA Theory Tests:

GMTA Theory Test	Score	Exempt from GATE Level A	Exempt from GATE Level B	Exempt from GATE Level C
Level II	90 or above	Yes	No	No
Level III	90 or above	Yes	Yes	No
Level IV	85 or above	Yes	Yes	Yes
Level V	80 or above	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Registration:** Registration and payment (\$10 per student) for GATE must be done online at the GMTA website by the registration deadline of Saturday, January 15th, 2023. See <http://georgiamta.org/student-gate.php> for online registration instructions. NOTE THAT ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED BY GMTA.

**Student Testing Schedule:** Teachers will be notified of the testing schedule for each level by e-mail, and it will be the teacher's responsibility to notify each student of his/her scheduled times.

## ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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- The exemptions apply the year after the student earns a qualifying grade.
- Once earned, the exemption is permanent for that student through Grade 12.
- A comprehensive list of students who have earned exemptions is published on the GMTA website.
- If a student does not earn an exemption and does not take the GATE prior to the GMTA Auditions, the student may participate in the auditions, but will not be eligible to be considered to advance to regional and/or state auditions.

Any additional questions should be directed to the Local Association GATE Chair, Pamela Martin, or by consulting the GMTA website ([georgiamta.org](http://georgiamta.org)) under Student Activities/Theory.