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Aptitude tests

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Aptitude and subject assessment tests are now a regular part of the admissions' process to top universities throughout the world. Greene's offers specially designed individual and group tutorial courses for a wide range of these tests.

Because national and international qualifications vary in curriculum, level and outcome, universities across the world, and increasingly also in the U.K., often ask students to take standardising tests as part of the their application process. These examinations may test basic levels in English and Mathematics, such as the U.S. SAT I (the General Reasoning Test) or they may be looking for a particular aptitude for, or academic level in, particular subjects, as diverse as Medicine, Economics, Physics and French, and many more.

The question arises as to whether one can 'prepare' for an aptitude test – and it is true that if one is testing solely for 'aptitude' rather than specific knowledge, prolonged coaching is not necessarily advantageous. However, candidates tend not to have equal skills in all areas of the test, nor may they be acquainted with the kind of examination techniques and time management which the test demands. Even academically capable students require practice and thought to become familiar with the format and content of the test, and learn to cope with the pressures of time and question styles. There may also be significant gaps in the knowledge one has acquired at school and the requirements of the test.

(Please see the Greene's list of the aptitude tests currently required for the universities of Oxford and Cambridge).