The GATE 2018 score is calculated using the formula

\[ GATE\ Score = S_q + (S_t - S_q) \left( \frac{M - M_q}{M_t - M_q} \right) \]

where,
- \( M \) is the marks obtained by the candidate in the paper, mentioned on this GATE 2018 scorecard
- \( M_q \) is the qualifying marks for general category candidate in the paper
- \( M_t \) is the mean of marks of top 0.1% or top 10 (whichever is larger) of the candidates who appeared in the paper (in case of multi-session papers including all sessions)
- \( S_q = 350 \), is the score assigned to \( M_q \)
- \( S_t = 900 \), is the score assigned to \( M_t \)

In the GATE 2018 score formula, \( M_q \) is 25 marks (out of 100) or \( \mu + \sigma \), whichever is greater. Here \( \mu \) is the mean and \( \sigma \) is the standard deviation of marks of all the candidates who appeared in the paper.

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Codes for XE and XL Paper Sections (compulsory section and any other two sections)

XE: Engineering Sciences
A – Engineering Mathematics (compulsory)
B – Fluid Mechanics
C – Materials Science
D – Solid Mechanics
E – Thermodynamics
F – Polymer Science and Engineering
G – Food Technology
H – Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences

XL: Life Sciences
P – Chemistry (compulsory)
Q – Biochemistry
R – Botany
S – Microbiology
T – Zoology
U – Food Technology