

# Learning Guide – Overview and Resources

## A Simple Approach – Watch, Learn, Practice, Repeat

The GMAT Prep Now Learning Guide makes GMAT preparation easy. It contains *hundreds of learning activities* that guide you from day one of your studies all the way to test day.

The Learning Guide is based on the proven, straightforward strategy of learning one concept at a time and then reinforcing your learning by practicing several questions related to that one concept. This allows you to see the many different ways the GMAT can test your knowledge of this one concept. It also helps you build your confidence as you master one concept at a time.

## Complete the Steps and Take the GMAT with Confidence

Each Learning Guide activity has a corresponding checkbox, which allows you to track your progress and see what activities are left to complete.

## Required Resources

To follow the Learning Guide, you will need:

- Full access to GMAT Prep Now's videos (modules 1 to 15)
- The GMAT Prep Now Improvement Chart (free downloadable Excel file that helps you track your progress and identify weaknesses)
- [The Official Guide for GMAT Review \(12th edition\)](#)

## Optional Resources

If you require additional practice materials, consider purchasing any of the following (these resources are also referenced in the Learning Guide):

- The [Official Guide for GMAT Verbal Review \(2<sup>nd</sup> Edition\)](#)
- The [Official Guide for GMAT Quantitative Review \(2<sup>nd</sup> Edition\)](#)

# Learning Guide – Part I

## Part I - Basic Orientation, Baseline Score and GMAT Math

You're now ready to begin your GMAT preparation. In Part I of the Learning Guide, you will:

- Familiarize yourself with the GMAT
- Establish your baseline score
- Learn general GMAT strategies
- Learn all of the math content that the GMAT tests
- Begin developing the proper mindset to take the GMAT with confidence

Okay, let's begin Part I.

### Getting to Know the GMAT

- Go to The GMAT page on the GMAT Prep Now website to learn more about the GMAT
- For additional information about the GMAT, read pages 7 to 13 in the *Official Guide for GMAT Review (12th Edition)*
- [Register an account](#) on the MBA.com website to receive information regarding financial aid, recruiting events, and other important

### Establishing your Baseline Score

Before you can establish your baseline GMAT score, you will need to familiarize yourself with Data Sufficiency questions. Since Data Sufficiency questions are unique to the GMAT, you will have not seen this question type anywhere else.

- Go to GMAT Prep Now's Data Sufficiency Module and watch video #1, Introduction to Data Sufficiency
- For additional information about Data Sufficiency questions, visit [MBA.com](#)
- Download the [GMATPrep](#) software, the official GMAT practice software. GMATPrep contains two computer-adaptive tests (CATs) that you can take to assess your abilities and gauge your progress.
- Take GMATPrep test #1 (skip the Analytical Writing Assessment section)

Note: This Learning Guide directs you to write each GMATPrep practice test up to three times. Some students worry about taking a CAT multiple times. To address this concern, please read the article, [Taking the GMATPrep Tests Multiple Times](#).

Note: The GMATPrep software doesn't work on Macs, so you will have to borrow a PC.

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### Establishing your Baseline Score (continued)

- If you haven't already done so, download the GMAT Prep Now Improvement Chart. This downloadable Excel file is a convenient way to track your progress and identify weaknesses.
- Enter the results from GMATPrep practice test #1 in your GMAT Prep Now Improvement Chart

### General Strategies Module

In this module, you will learn helpful strategies that can be applied to a wide variety of GMAT questions.

- Watch all of the videos in the General Strategies Module.

### Data Sufficiency Module

In this module, you will learn key strategies to consider when solving Data Sufficiency questions.

- Watch all of the videos in the Data Sufficiency Module.

**Note:** Don't worry if you're unfamiliar with some of the math content in the Data Sufficiency videos. The sole purpose of these videos is to provide you with a solid foundation before you begin working on the math content. Later in the Learning Guide, you will be directed to revisit most of these videos.

### Arithmetic Module

In this module, you will learn the core content and GMAT-specific strategies related to:

- Basic operations
- Signed numbers
- Decimals
- Fractions
- Percent
- Ratios

#### **The Basics – Integers and Decimals**

- Go to GMAT Prep Now's Arithmetic Module and watch videos #1 to #8
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 1, 15, 22, 29, 30, 35, 37, 56, 83
  - Data Sufficiency: 5, 23, 31, 57, 64, 65, 86, 125, 130, 133, 167
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 4, 6, 17, 19, 45, 51, 65, 80, 93, 94, 110, 126, 158, 174
  - Data Sufficiency: 8, 12, 18, 21, 24, 49, 104

### **Arithmetic Module (continued)**

#### **Fractions**

- Go to GMAT Prep Now's Arithmetic Module and watch videos #9 to #16
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 24, 43, 45, 75, 79, 95, 176, 181, 203, 225
  - Data Sufficiency: 43, 46, 47, 108, 139
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 8, 14, 27, 29, 42, 46, 48, 53, 58, 59, 60, 88, 105, 168, 176
  - Data Sufficiency: 119

#### **Percent**

- Go to the Arithmetic Module and watch videos #17 to #24
  - Note: if you need some help with basic equation solving, go to the Algebra & Equation Solving Module and watch videos #15 and #16
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 8, 10, 13, 17, 19, 47, 60, 64, 78, 92, 111, 123, 128, 131, 139, 151, 187
  - Data Sufficiency: 7, 37, 89
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 9, 10, 12, 26, 38, 43, 49, 52, 66, 95, 100, 101, 143, 159
  - Data Sufficiency: 10, 17, 36, 53, 93

#### **Ratios**

- Go to the Arithmetic Module and watch videos #25 to #30
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 20, 52, 55, 61, 63, 66, 76, 96, 103, 109, 118, 162, 169, 192
  - Data Sufficiency: 38, 111, 163
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 39, 82
  - Data Sufficiency: 77

#### **Assorted Arithmetic Questions**

- Go to the Arithmetic Module and answer video questions #31 to #38

## Learning Guide – Part I

### Developing the Proper Mindset

While developing content knowledge is vital to getting a high score, it's also important to develop the proper mindset as you prepare for the GMAT.

- Read the article, [The Power of Positive Thinking](#)

### Powers and Roots Module

In this module, you will learn the core content and GMAT-specific strategies related to:

- Exponent laws
- Equations with exponents
- Negative exponents
- Square roots and other roots
- Fractional exponents
- “Fixing” the denominator

#### **Powers (Exponents)**

- Go to the Powers & Roots Module and watch videos #1 to #12
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 28, 46, 98, 104, 108, 114, 133, 164, 190, 216, 226
  - Data Sufficiency: 97, 151, 153
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 55, 74, 86, 163, 170
  - Data Sufficiency: 54, 79, 81

#### **Roots**

- Go to the Powers & Roots Module and watch videos #13 to #25
  - Note: If you are unfamiliar with the FOIL method mentioned in video lesson #24, you may want to go to the Algebra & Equation Solving Module and watch videos #5, The FOIL Method.
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 11, 32, 51, 54, 73, 117
  - Data Sufficiency: 169
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 36, 47, 96, 97
  - Data Sufficiency: 31, 51, 113

#### **Assorted Powers and Roots Questions**

- Go to the Powers & Roots Module and answer video questions #26 to #36

### **Algebra and Equation Solving Module**

In this module, you will learn the core content and GMAT-specific strategies related to:

- Simplifying expressions
- Expanding expressions
- 3 types of factoring
- Basic equations
- Equations with fractions
- Quadratic equations
- Systems of equations
- Number of solutions
- Equations with square roots
- Equations with exponents
- Equations with absolute value
- Strange operations
- 3 types of inequalities
- The coordinate plane
- Equations of lines
- Graphs of quadratics

#### **Simplifying, Expanding and Factoring**

- Go to the Algebra and Equation Solving Module and watch videos #1 to #14
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 89, 137, 148, 150, 208, 213, 230



**Don't forget to** use the GMAT Prep Now Improvement Chart to record your answers to the *Official Guide (12th edition)* questions.

- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 20, 50, 57, 103, 108, 133

#### **Equations - Basic, Quadratic, Systems, Roots and Absolute Value**

- Go to the Algebra and Equation Solving Module and watch videos #15 to #26
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 2, 38, 41, 44, 50, 58, 70, 97, 100, 112, 144, 168, 172, 215, 218, 222, 227
  - Data Sufficiency: 1, 15, 30, 35, 52, 60, 83, 95, 99, 150, 165, 168
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 5, 40, 41, 72, 99, 106, 107, 111, 122, 128, 152, 166
  - Data Sufficiency: 2, 15, 23, 25, 28, 30, 37, 42, 46, 48, 57, 61, 62, 73, 80, 83, 94, 100, 105, 106, 109, 124

### **Algebra and Equation Solving Module (continued)**

#### **Functions, Formulas, Inequalities and Strange Operations**

- Go to the Algebra and Equation Solving Module and watch videos ##27 to #42
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 42, 49, 68, 71, 119, 122, 125, 130, 136, 143, 173, 188
  - Data Sufficiency: 11, 26, 36, 44, 49, 51, 69, 72, 79, 80, 100, 115, 120, 154, 156, 159, 162, 166
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 1, 28, 77, 91, 92, 113, 117, 121, 134, 156
  - Data Sufficiency: 32, 40, 52, 56, 68, 69, 76, 89, 96, 98, 102, 120, 121

#### **Coordinate Geometry (lines and parabolas)**

- Go to the Algebra and Equation Solving Module and watch videos #43 to #55
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 9, 25, 88, 210
  - Data Sufficiency: 75, 94, 121, 164
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 21, 83, 102, 123

#### **Assorted Algebra and Equation Solving Questions**

- Go to the Algebra and Equation Solving Module and answer video questions #56 to #73

#### **Developing the Proper Mindset**

So, how are you feeling about the GMAT these days? If you're losing momentum, the following activity may help.

- Read the article, [Thought Awareness, Rational Thinking, and Positive Thinking](#)

### Word Problems Module

In this module, you will learn the core content and GMAT-specific strategies related to:

- Assigning variables
- Writing equations
- Testing the answer choices
- Age questions
- Motion questions (distance-rate-time)
- Work questions
- Double Matrix & Venn diagrams
- General sequences
- Recursive sequences
- Sums of sequences
- Growth tables
- Mixture/solution questions
- Variables in the answer choices (2 techniques)

#### **Basic Word Problems - Ages, Systems, Ratios, etc.**

Go to the Word Problems Module and watch videos #1 to #10

Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:

- Problem Solving: 26, 59, 65, 77, 90, 91, 115, 138, 140, 141, 153, 155, 166, 175, 179, 186, 195, 196, 211, 220

- Data Sufficiency: 8, 9, 13, 22, 27, 33, 39, 40, 48, 54, 55, 58, 61, 62, 63, 70, 71, 77, 78, 85, 88, 101, 118, 119, 123, 131, 137, 138, 142, 143, 145, 152, 155, 158, 174



**Don't forget to** use the GMAT Prep Now Improvement Chart to record your answers to the *Official Guide (12th edition)* questions.

(Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:

- Problem Solving: 2, 3, 13, 25, 35, 49, 61, 62, 69, 73, 75, 114, 115, 120, 127, 138, 154, 155, 165, 167

- Data Sufficiency: 5, 6, 7, 9, 13, 26, 27, 29, 33, 44, 50, 67, 75, 84, 97, 108

#### **Distance-Rate-Time, Work and Other Rates**

Go to the Word Problems Module and watch videos #11 to #19

Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:

- Problem Solving: 21, 80, 86, 101, 126, 129, 154, 183, 206

- Data Sufficiency: 10, 14, 25, 68, 87, 102, 103, 104, 112

(Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:

- Problem Solving: 16, 23, 37, 87, 119, 130, 136, 140, 142, 173

- Data Sufficiency: 38, 47, 55, 71, 117



### **Word Problems Module (continued)**

#### **Double Matrix and 3-Set Venn Diagrams**

- Go to the Word Problems Module and watch videos #20 to #23
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 94, 124, 167, 170, 178, 193, 200, 221
  - Data Sufficiency: 2, 4, 21, 50, 59, 67, 92, 113, 124, 126, 127
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 18, 64, 146
  - Data Sufficiency: 63, 85, 116

#### **Sequences, Sums, Mixtures and Growth Tables**

- Go to the Word Problems Module and watch videos #24 to #33
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 81, 85, 146, 156, 157, 171, 223, 228
  - Data Sufficiency: 19, 45
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 11, 22, 56, 67, 90, 131
  - Data Sufficiency: 107, 111

#### **Variables in the Answer Choices**

- Go to the Word Problems Module and watch videos #34 to #37
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 6, 31, 34, 74, 84, 120, 127, 149, 163, 165, 202, 204
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 34, 54, 118, 124, 171

#### **Assorted Word Problems**

- Go to the Word Problems Module and answer video questions #38 to #48

### Geometry Module

In this module, you will learn the core content and GMAT-specific strategies related to:

- Lines and angles
- Isosceles and equilateral triangles
- Right triangles
- Special triangles
- Similar triangles
- Quadrilaterals
- Circles: area and circumference
- Circles: sectors and arcs
- Circles: inscribed angles
- Circles: tangent lines
- Circles: inscribed angles
- 3-dimensional objects

#### Lines and Triangles

- Go to the Geometry Module and watch videos #1 to #16
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 39, 48, 53, 102, 147, 152, 177, 194, 205, 209
  - Data Sufficiency: 20, 56, 74, 91, 109, 140, 149, 157



**Practice your guessing skills.** If you can't answer a question, see if you can eliminate some answer choices and then choose the best answer.

- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 7, 30, 44, 71, 85, 157
  - Data Sufficiency: 11, 19, 65, 72, 91, 123

### **Geometry Module (continued)**

#### **Quadrilateral, Polygons, Circles and Volume**

- Go to the Word Problems Module and watch videos #17 to #28
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 4, 16, 18, 33, 62, 113, 134, 145, 160, 189, 197, 212
  - Data Sufficiency: 18, 29, 34, 42, 96, 114, 117, 122, 132, 135, 144, 148, 160, 173
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 15, 24, 33, 76, 89, 135, 139, 141, 145, 150, 153, 162, 175
  - Data Sufficiency: 4, 22, 43, 58, 59, 60, 88, 95, 99, 114

#### **Assorted Geometry Questions**

- Go to the Geometry Module and answer video questions #29 to #42

### **Integer Properties Module**

In this module, you will learn the core content and GMAT-specific strategies related to:

- Divisibility and divisors
- Prime numbers
- Squares of integers
- Rules of divisors
- Odd/even numbers
- Greatest common divisor (GCD)
- Least common multiple (LCM)
- The GCD-LCM formula
- Consecutive integers
- Remainders

#### **Divisibility and Factors**

- Go to the Integer Properties Module and watch videos #1 to #13
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 3, 7, 36, 107, 110, 142, 159, 161, 182, 198, 217
  - Data Sufficiency: 16, 41, 66, 82
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 78, 125, 144, 147, 149, 169, 172
  - Data Sufficiency: 3, 39, 45, 64, 70, 82, 87, 92, 115

### **Integer Properties Module (continued)**

#### **GCD, LCM, Evens and Odds**

- Go to the Integer Properties Module and watch videos #14 to #21
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 40, 72, 185
  - Data Sufficiency: 6, 12, 17, 73, 76, 90, 106, 110, 128, 172
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 31, 98, 112
  - Data Sufficiency: 78, 90, 110

#### **Consecutive Integers and Remainders**

- Go to the Integer Properties Module and watch videos #22 to #26
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 23, 82, 87, 106, 219, 224
  - Data Sufficiency: 24, 170, 171
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 68, 109, 164
  - Data Sufficiency: 16, 20, 35, 86

#### **Assorted Integer Properties Questions**

- Go to the Integer Properties Module and answer video questions #27 to #38

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### Statistics Module

In this module, you will learn the core content and GMAT-specific strategies related to:

- Mean, median, & mode
- Range
- Weighted averages
- Standard deviation

Go to the Statistics Module and watch all of the videos

Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:

- Problem Solving: 5, 14, 27, 57, 69, 93, 99, 132, 180, 184, 199, 201, 207
- Data Sufficiency: 28, 32, 53, 81, 84, 93, 98, 105, 116, 129, 134, 136, 141, 146, 147, 161



**Don't forget to** use the GMAT Prep Now Improvement Chart to record your answers to the *Official Guide (12th edition)* questions.

(Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:

- Problem Solving: 32, 63, 70, 81, 84, 104, 116, 129, 137, 148, 161
- Data Sufficiency: 1, 14, 34, 41, 66, 74, 101, 103, 112, 118

### Counting Module

In this module, you will learn the core content and GMAT-specific strategies related to:

- The Fundamental Counting Principle
- Factorial notation
- Handling restrictions
- “At least” and “at most” questions
- The MISSISSIPPI rule
- Combination questions
- Permutation-type questions

Go to the Counting Module and watch all of the videos

Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:

- Problem Solving: 116, 121, 135, 191, 229

(Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:

- Problem Solving: 132, 151

### **Probability Module**

In this module, you will learn the core content and GMAT-specific strategies related to:

- Finding probabilities by counting
- Complements
- “At least” and “at most” questions
- “Or” probabilities
- “And” probabilities
- Mutually exclusive events
- Independent events

- Go to the Probability Module and watch all of the videos
- Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 12, 67, 105, 158, 174, 214
  - Data Sufficiency: 3, 107
- (Additional practice - optional) Answer the following questions in the *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*:
  - Problem Solving: 79, 160
  - Data Sufficiency: 122

Congratulations, you’re now ready to progress to Part II of the Learning Guide!

## Learning Guide – Part II

### Part II - GMAT Verbal and AWA

In Part I of the Learning Guide, you familiarized yourself with the GMAT, established your baseline score, and covered all of the Math content tested on the GMAT.

In Part II, you will:

- Learn the content for the Verbal section of the GMAT (Reading Comprehension, Critical Reasoning and Sentence Correction)
- Learn how to write great essays in the Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA) section
- Further develop the proper mindset for increasing your performance on the GMAT

Let's begin. . .

#### **Reading Comprehension Module**

In this module, you will learn strategies for effectively answering Reading Comprehension (RC) questions.

- In the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*, read pages 352-357 (overview of RC questions)
- Go to the Reading Comprehension module and watch all of the videos
- In the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*, answer questions #1 to 49 (pages 358 to 379)



As you work through the Reading Comprehension questions in the Official Guide, you will notice that the number of questions per passage varies from 3 to 9. The reason for this is that the test-makers create several questions (of varying difficulty) for each passage. If you are working on your timing, just keep track of the time it takes you to complete the standard number of questions for long and short passages (3 questions for short passages and 4 questions for long passages).

- In the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*, answer questions #50 to 96 (pages 380 to 393)
- In the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*, answer questions #97 to 139 (pages 394 to 407)

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### Critical Reasoning Module

In this module, you will learn how to identify various types of Critical Reasoning (CR) questions, and you will learn strategies for solving each type.

- In the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*, read pages 483 to 485 (overview of CR questions)
- Go to the Critical Reasoning module and watch all of the videos
- Download the list of categorized questions on the Critical Reasoning module page
- Using the list of categorized questions, answer the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*, in the recommended order (for more information, watch the video *Official GMAT Questions*)



**Don't forget to** use the GMAT Prep Now Improvement Chart to record your answers to the *Official Guide (12th edition)* questions.

### Sentence Correction Module

In this module, you will learn the grammatical principles required to effectively answer Sentence Correction (SC) questions on the GMAT.

Note: Since Sentence Correction questions typically test more than one grammatical concept at a time, you will learn all of the concepts before tackling questions from the *Official Guide*.

- In the *Official Guide (12th edition)*, read pages 651-657 (overview of SC questions and basic rules of grammar)
- Go to the Sentence Correction module and watch all of the videos
- Download the GMAT Idiom list on the Sentence Correction module page

In the *Official Guide (12th edition)*:

- Answer Sentence Correction questions #1 to 50 (pages 658 to 666)



**Don't forget to** use the GMAT Prep Now Improvement Chart to record your answers to the *Official Guide (12th edition)* questions.

In the *Official Guide (12th edition)*:

- Answer Sentence Correction questions #51 to 100 (pages 666 to 675)
- Answer Sentence Correction questions #101 to 140 (pages 676 to 683)



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### **Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA) Module**

In this module, you will learn how to write well-developed essays that yield high scores.

- In the *Official Guide (12th Edition)*, read pages 758-768 (overview of AWA questions and essay samples)
- Go to the Analytical Writing Assessment Module and watch all of the videos
- Download the [Official AWA Issue Questions](#) from the MBA.com website
- Take issue topics and practice finding 3 or 4 points for each side of each issue
- Download the [Official AWA Argument Questions](#) from the MBA.com website
- Take argument topics and practice finding 4 or 5 flaws in each argument
- Write essays and submit them to the [Beat The GMAT's AWA forum](#)
- (Optional) Use GMAC's for-pay [GMAT Write](#) service to have your essays scored by GMAC's official essay-scoring engine

Congratulations, you're now ready to progress to Part III of the Learning Guide!

## Learning Guide – Part III

### Part III – Practice Tests and Strengthening Weaknesses

In Parts I and II of the Learning Guide, you covered all of the content tested on the GMAT. Now it's time to identify areas of weakness and start building the stamina required for this 3.5-hour test.

In Part III, you will:

- Take regular practice tests to gauge your progress
- Work on your timing and endurance
- Identify and strengthen areas of weakness
- Continue developing the proper mindset for maximizing your score

Let's begin Part III.

#### Determining the Distance to your Target Score

At this point, you may already have the skills necessary to reach your target score. Let's find out.

- Take GMATPrep test #2 (complete the Analytical Writing Assessment section this time)
- Enter the results of GMATPrep practice test #2 in your Improvement Chart.

So, did you reach or exceed your target score?

If so, then you're almost ready to take the official GMAT. Before you schedule your test, however, you should take some more practice tests on the GMATPrep software. Your goal should be to exceed your target score **on at least 2 of the remaining practice tests**, since you want to be certain that you will reach your target score on test day.

If you have not yet reached your target score, you will need to identify and strengthen areas of weakness.

### Strengthening Areas of Weakness

From this point on, your learning activities will be guided by your areas of weakness. Below, you will find a variety of suggested activities to strengthen any weaknesses.

#### **Learning from your Improvement Chart**

Review your personal Improvement Chart to identify areas of weakness (e.g., Geometry, Sentence Correction etc.)

For each area of weakness:

- Review the videos related to that topic
- Re-answer the *Official Guide (12th edition)* questions related to that topic (be sure to carefully review the full solutions to the questions you answered incorrectly)
- Ask, review and answer questions on GMAT discussion forums such as [Beat The GMAT](#)

#### **Additional Resources**

If you need additional materials to help you prepare, consider the following options.

##### Quantitative

- The *Official Guide for Quantitative Review (2nd Edition)*
- [GMAT Focus](#) (a GMAC tool for evaluating your quantitative proficiency)
- Official [GMAT paper tests](#)

##### Verbal

- The *Official Guide for Verbal Review (2nd Edition)*
- Official [GMAT paper tests](#)

##### Practice Tests

You can take each GMATPrep practice test up to 3 times. Just remember that, when you see a repeated question, **wait about 2 minutes** before answering it. Otherwise your score will be inflated.

If have already taken the GMATPrep practice tests several times, the following resources will help you build stamina and work on your timing:

- Free [Manhattan Practice GMAT CAT](#)
- Free [Veritas Practice CAT](#)
- Free [Princeton Review Practice CAT](#)
- Free [Knewton Practice CAT](#)

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### Reaching your Target Score

- Keep taking practice tests until you reach your target score on at least two attempts
- Schedule your test
- Get inspired by reading success stories in the [I Just Beat The GMAT forum](#)

### Avoiding Surprises on Test Day

- Before your test, travel to the test center to ensure that you know how to get there
- Take a video tour of a [GMAT Testing Center](#)
- Review the [Test Center Regulations](#)

### Test Day!

- March into the test center and do your very best

### Keeping in Touch

- Send us an [email](#) and tell us how you did. We'd love to hear from you!