





# Prepare for the GMAT® exam



Build your 8-week GMAT study timeline

|               | Objectives<br>        | Tasks<br>  | Materials<br>                                  | Tips<br>  |
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| <b>WEEK 1</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Become familiar with the GMAT exam</a></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn about the GMAT Exam in the GMAT Official Guide and mba.com</li> <li>• <a href="#">Go to mba.com and download the free GMATPrep® software. Take one of the two free practice tests to set a baseline</a></li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">GMAT Official Guide</a></li> <li>• GMAT Official Practice Test #1</li> </ul> | <p>Don't worry about your score on the first practice test! The goal is to become familiar with the exam and set a baseline for measuring your progress.</p>                           |
| <b>WEEK 2</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice and refine your study plan</li> </ul>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer the first 1/3 of practice questions in each section of the Official Guide</li> <li>• Identify strengths and weaknesses and create a detailed two-week study plan</li> <li>• Continually review answer explanations and refine your approach to questions</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMAT Official Guide</li> </ul>   | <p>Questions in each section of the GMAT Official Guide are ordered based on level of difficulty from easy to hard.</p>  |
| <b>WEEK 3</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess progress</li> </ul>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create practice sets based on question type and difficulty at <a href="#">gmat.wiley.com</a></li> <li>• Take the second of two practice tests on the GMATPrep software at the end of week</li> <li>• Review the test results in full and adjust the 2-week study plan accordingly</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMAT Official Guide</li> <li>• GMATPrep® free practice test</li> </ul>                   | <p>When taking a practice test, try to simulate a real test experience and minimize the number of distractions that could disrupt your concentration.</p>                              |
| <b>WEEK 4</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on time management</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a timer and practice answering questions under time pressure</li> <li>• Create timed practice sets with the online version of the GMAT Official Guide</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMAT Official Guide</li> </ul>   | <p>Time management is very important on the GMAT exam. Develop a sense of when to work through a question and when to make an educated guess and move on.</p>                          |
| <b>WEEK 5</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess progress</li> </ul>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue using timed practice tests and focus on specific areas</li> <li>• Take the first of two practice tests off GMATPrep® Exam Pack 1 at the end of the week</li> <li>• Review the test in full and adjust the 2-week study plan accordingly</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMAT Official Guide</li> <li>• <a href="#">GMATPrep® Exam Pack 1</a></li> </ul>          | <p>The online version of the GMAT Official Guide contains 58 IR questions that are not available in the book.</p>  |
| <b>WEEK 6</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build confidence</li> </ul>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review questions you got wrong on practice tests</li> <li>• Use GMAT Focus® and IR Prep Tools for more targeted practice in quantitative and integrated reasoning</li> <li>• Use GMAT Official Practice Questions for more targeted practice</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMAT Official Guide</li> <li>• <a href="#">GMAT Focus and IR Prep Tools</a></li> </ul>   | <p>We suggest spending as much time reviewing questions as answering them.</p>   |
| <b>WEEK 7</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess readiness</li> </ul>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take the second of two practice tests off GMATPrep Exam Pack 1 at the end of the week</li> <li>• Pay attention to pacing throughout the practice test</li> <li>• Review the test in full to assess progress and readiness for Test Day</li> <li>• Review the GMAT Handbook on <a href="#">mba.com</a> for what to bring to the test center and what to expect</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMATPrep® Exam Pack 1</li> </ul>   | <p>Note that because the GMAT exam is a computer-adaptive test, the questions will get harder as you answer them correctly, so it will feel more difficult as the exam progresses.</p> |
| <b>WEEK 8</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare for test day</li> </ul>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review challenging questions and go over answer explanations</li> <li>• Develop a time management strategy based on your strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• Think through logistics for Test Day and be sure to rest up!</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMAT Official Guide</li> </ul>   | <p>Don't try to cram too much in the last week; focus on building confidence and keeping your mind fresh.</p>  |



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