

- A. To prepare for a competitive exam, the first and foremost thing is **determination**. It is like "If I want to do it, I will do it, No matter how". An Exam is just like a battle, give your everything to it, but stay calm as well.
- B. Fix **small targets** like I will complete this and this topic in this week. This is the time for concept building. Learn more and more concepts and learn them by heart.
- C. You need to plan actually **every day** according to the level of preparation you have done. You need to look out on every aspect of each subject and have to decide how much time to give to each topic.
- D. Every day when you wake up, make a list of topics you will **cover by the night**. Strive to achieve the target. and if you fail, have a new start next morning. This is all about how much fight you can put.
- E. **Sleeping** is also important. It freshens you up. Sleep of at-least 6 hrs is very vital. Do not sleep too much also as makes you dull and inactive.
- F. In the schedule you need to take some **short brakes** of about 10-15 minutes after every 2-3 hrs of study.
- G. Do not get disheartened if you are not able to keep up to your plans, make another plan and **keep trying**. Keep your spirit high.
- H. As far as concentration, you can also try **meditating**. It helps in relaxing your brain and concentrating.
- I. If you take adequate sleep with proper diet and devote the rest of the time in properly planned study with breaks in about every 2-3 hrs of regular study you can surely get through this phase.

❖ It's true that this is a crucial time for you and any efforts without **proper direction** won't bring about the desired results. What I would suggest you to do is, make a list of all those chapters that you have completed thoroughly and that you are comfortable with. Then identify your weak areas and try to cover them as soon as possible.

- Once you overcome those areas, this would give you a mental boost and you shall gain momentum and complete rest of the things even faster.
- Try to finish your studies once at least by November end or mid-December. Then start giving test papers.
- Plus start solving GATE Questions of previous years, as they help a lot.
- This is a schedule viewing the long term plans.

As far as daily efforts are concerned, you are yourselves responsible for making a timetable and following it. This is because only you know your daily schedule and the time slots that you can devote for studying. Hence try to optimize those.....Keep your spirits high.

- ❖ First of all take the GATE brochure where you will have the syllabus for GATE and read every topic and ask your inside voice that "CAN YOU DO THIS?? DO YOU KNOW THIS??" by the voice comes from inside you can categorize the every subtopic into GOOD , AVERAGE & LOW.
- Now prepare your schedule in such way that you will give time to solve problems from topics which are rated as GOOD & AVERAGE and give relatively more time for reading concepts as well as problems of topics which rated as LOW.
- So at that time you write as many model exams as possible and AFTER WRITING THE EXAMS YOU NEED TO ANALYSE THE PAPER. This will helps you a lot to identify where you make the common mistakes. It will be more productive if you concentrate on the topics in which you are good at during this time after model exams.
- you can prepare the schedule yourself in a better way than anyone else because you know your strong and weak points. but you need to prepare your schedule in such a way that where you can become atleast AVERAGE level in the topics PRESENTLY RATED AS LOW.
- And also do the previous year GATE papers. there will be some topics where topics are easy and surely good number questions are expected(like KMap concept in Digital).so don't leave them. never leave them. you can easily get what the topics are those if you observe the previous year papers. hope this will be useful for you.