# PRINCETON BOUND SOMYA'S 45 DAY STUDY GUIDE TO A 333 M GRE

# PROFILE.

Name: Somya Bajaj GRE Score: 333 Days of Prep: 45 Previous GRE Score: 310

#### Objectives:

- Targeting Ivy League Universities
- Have to score above 325 in GRE

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#### Challenges

- Working Professional
- Beating Exam Stress
- Overcoming silly mistakes, particularly in long questions

#### Lessons

- Speed, Time & Distance
  - Coordinate Geometry

# BRIEF OVERVIEW OF SOLVA'S 45-DAY STUDY PLAN

# WEEK 1 THE BEGINNING

OCT	01
Satu	rday

- RC Learn Session Introduction to Analytical Reading
- Mixtures, Profit & Loss
- OCT 02 Sunday
- RC Learn Session Understanding passage structure
- Age Problems, Speed
- OCT 03 Monday
- **RC Learn Session Identifying main idea**
- Venn Diagram

OCT 04

- RC Learn Session Understanding purpose of RC passage
- Tuesday
- Fractions, Decimals & Percentages

OCT 05 Wednesday

**Essential RC Practice 1 & 2** 

**UUI UU** Thursday Practice Day

OCT 07 Friday

- **Essential RC Practice 3 & 4**
- **Ratio & Proportion, Sequences**

**Advanced RC Practice 1** 

OCT 08

**Basic Geometry & Triangles** 

Saturday

- **Advanced RC Practice 2 & 3**
- **Circles & Polygons**

After a clear understanding of Somya's strengths & weaknesses based on her diagnostic test, her SFAs got her started on the most difficult topics for her such as Geometry, Circles, Speed & RC, so that she can first conquer her weaker areas. This helped her to proceed with renewed confidence to her stronger areas.

Somya Says: "I always practiced for 3 hours everyday since GRE is also approx. a 3 hour test. I'm a morning person so I finished my GRE prep for the day before work between 5:00 to 8:00 in the morning."

# WEEK 2 THE WARM UP

OCT	09
Sun	lday

- Wordlist 21 to 25- 500 Must Know GRE Words
- Advanced RC Practice 4 & 5
- Coordinate Geometry 1 & 2

#### OCT 10 Monday

- Wordlist 21 to 25-500 Must Know GRE Words
- TC Learn Session Identifying Context Clues
- Shaded Area, Solid Geometry

#### OCT 11 Tuesday

- Wordlist 21 to 25-500 Must Know GRE Words
- Essential TC Practice 1
- Data Interpretation, Permutations & Combinations

#### OCT 12 Wednesday

- Wordlist 21 to 25-500 Must Know GRE Words
- Essential TC Practice 2 & 3
- Algebraic Expressions, Probabilities

#### OCT 13 Thursday

- Wordlist 21 to 25-500 Must Know GRE Words
- Essential TC Practice 3 & 4
- Practice Day

OCT 14
Friday

- Wordlist 21 to 25- 500 Must Know GRE Words
- Advanced TC Practice 1 & 2
- Functions, Linear & Quadratic Equations

OCT 15 Saturday

- Wordlist 21 to 25- 500 Must Know GRE Words
- Advanced TC Practice 3 & 4
- Linear Inequalities, Advanced Practice Bank: Fractions,
   Decimals & Percentages, Classification of Numbers

Since Somya was a working professional, she was able to spare more time for prep during the weekends. Therefore, her workload on the weekends was significantly higher than the other days.

Somya Says: "I ensured that I alternated between my Quant & Verbal practice on any given day so that I get a feel of the actual GRE while preparing itself."

# WEEK 2 THE GRIND

OCT	16
Sun	day

- Wordlist 26 to 30 500 Essential GRE Words
- SE Learn Session Technique of Elimination
- Advanced Practice Bank: Ratio & Proportion, Sequences

### OCT 17 Monday

- Wordlist 26 to 30 500 Essential GRE Words
- Essential SE Practice 1 & 2
- Advanced Practice Bank: Basic Geometry & Triangles

### OCT 18 Tuesday

- Wordlist 26 to 30 500 Essential GRE Words
- Essential SE Practice 3 & 4
- Advanced Practice Bank: Circles & Polygons

#### OCT 19 Wednesday

- Wordlist 26 to 30 500 Essential GRE Words
- Advanced SE Practice 1
- Advanced Practice Bank: Coordinate Geometry 1 & 2, Shaded Areas

#### OCT 20 Thursday

- Wordlist 26 to 30 500 Essential GRE Words
- Advanced SE Practice 2 & 3
- Advanced Practice Bank: Algebraic Expressions,
   Functions, Linear & Quadratic Equations, Solid Geometry

### OCT 21 Friday

- Wordlist 26 to 30 500 Essential GRE Words
- Advanced SE Practice 4 & 5
- Advanced Practice Bank: Profit & Loss

#### OCT 22 Saturday

- Wordlist 26 to 30 500 Essential GRE Words
- Analytical Writing 1 & 2
- Linear Inequalities, Advanced Practice Bank: Fractions,
   Decimals & Percentages, Classification of Numbers

At the beginning of the third week, Somya was ready to start her revision for the topics she studied in the first week. Only this time, it was advanced with difficulty levels commonly ranging between 4 & 5 (on a scale of 1 to 5)

Somya Says: "I was cautious of over practicing. By the time I got back from work, the modules I had completed would have been reviewed by the SFAs. Unless there was extra practice or mistakes in my performance, I wouldn't practice in the night.."

# WEEK 2 THE REVISION

OCT	23
Sun	day

- Wordlist 16
- New Verbal GRE Style Test 1 & 2
- Advanced Practice Bank: Permutations & Combinations, Probability, Statistics

OCT 24
Monday

- Wordlist 16
- New Verbal GRE Style Test 3
- Revision: Algebra & Geometry

OCT 25 Tuesday

- Wordlist 16
- New Verbal GRE Style Test 4
- Revision: Data Analysis, Arithmetic

OCT 26 Wednesday

- Wordlist 16
- Practice Day
- Quant GRE Style Test 1

OCT 27
Thursday

- Wordlist 16
- Practice Day
- Quant GRE Style Test 1

OCT 28
Friday

- Wordlist 16
- Argument 1, New Verbal GRE Style Test 5
- Quant GRE Style Test 3

OCT 29 Saturday

- Wordlist 16
- Argument 2 & 3
- Practice Day

Having completed her basic GREprep,
Somya was ready for the sectional Verbal
& Quant Tests to evaluate her mastery over
the individual sections first, before
proceeding with the Full Length GRE Style
Tests.

Somya Says: "After finishing a sectional test, I would look at the success rate predictor that predicts what score I could achieve based on my current performance. Since I was aiming for a Quant score of 170, seeing scores like 130 would freak me out & push me to do better."

# WEEK 5 & 6 THE LAST LAP

OCT	30
Sun	day

- Practice Day
- New Quant GRE Style Test 4

### OCT 31 Monday

- Full Length Adaptive Test 1
- New Verbal GRE Style Test 6
- New Quant GRE Style Test 5

#### NOV 01 Tuesday

- Practice Day
- New Quant GRE Style Test 6

#### NOV 02 Wednesday

- Full Length Adaptive Test 2
- Practice Day
- Quant GRE Style Test 1

#### NOV 03 Thursday

- Practice Day
- Revision: DI

## NOV 04 Friday

- Practice Day
- Revision: Applied Math

#### NOV 05 Saturday

- Full Length Adaptive Test 3
- Practice Day

### GREedge Pro Tip:

In the last two weeks leading upto your GRE date, ensure that you take Full Legnth GRE Style Tests everyday at the same time as that of your actual GRE. This will **set your biological clock** and help you get into the groove immediately on your exam day.

# SOMYA'S QUICK TIPS FOR A 333 IN GRE

"Even though I took exactly 45 days, I couldn't afford to miss even a single day of preparation. Ideally, unless you have prior exposure to GRE, ensure you have two months to prepare for GRE. The additional 2 weeks will give you enough time to revise and be confident if you're giving GRE for the first time."

"Learning GRE words at one go was tough for me. So I would split it and learn during my morning commute to work, during lunch as well as during my evening commute back."

"Initially, when I prepared with books & materials, I had a lot to carry around with me through the day and during my actual GRE, I was getting extremely stressed.

I used to spend 10 seconds just to calm myself and then read the question. So, studying & practicing online is a definite advantage that you mustn't underestimate."

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