**Working professional’s guide to GMAT**

The minimum time required to prepare for GMAT would be around 3 months for any working professional. This is of course, if you are able to make good use of your time and efficiently manage it. The optimising would be hard but is the only way to get results.

*The Exam*

Well, stating the obvious here, knowing the exam pattern and style of questioning is key. I mean REALLY knowing it. You should be comfortable taking tests and being through with all procedures and formalities. A **good GMAT coaching in Chennai** can ensure you are well equipped in this regard.   
Also knowing that GMAT is, after all, a standardised test, the overall structure of the paper can never surprise you. The duration of the exam, the number of questions asked in each section and even the duration of each section of the exam is like a cookie cutter. Designed in only one way.  
Familiarising yourself with this standard is the first step in beating the exam. Remember that you have to beat the exam. Just understanding concepts isn’t enough. Understanding the paper is of grave importance as well.

*Mock tests*

Mock tests before preparation should be done, only if you have met some criteria. Otherwise, you would be just wasting your time.

* About two years should be the maximum gap after your graduation. Any more and you would be just wasting efforts. Your skills would have dulled down since then, most likely.
* The period mentioned above can be extended, depending on how the amount of exposure you have been to, to academics in your line of work. This could be through either the work itself, directly, or through some extra online courses in your free time.
* If you have seen yourself preparing for MAT or CAT or some other standardised tests. These would have opened you up again for the testing atmosphere.0

In case you don’t fall under any of these, it would be best to take mock tests after preparing a bit. This is simply because you shouldn’t be demotivated y poor results even before preparing!

*The Study Material*

Referring to the correct study material can mean you either just slip into your dream college or slip out of it. The choice of material must be paramount because this is what you would be dwelling on for your entire preparation time. They should be designed such that the concepts are sunk into you deeply and that they stay that way for a long time. Preferably until after your tests. Finding a **GMAT preparation institute in Chennai** would let you place your trust in them to provide for the best material and resources to learn from. They would have been doing this for years together and so would be well aware of how material should be crafted to yield results.

*Scheduling*

Let’s face it. You are not the Joker from the Nolan trilogy. You have to have a plan to get things done. Figuring out how your time is spent on what ensures you don’t waste a lot. Everyone will waste some time; the successful ones are those that did it the least.