**Premise**

This is just a guideline for all of you who are planning to sit for the GRE. This is not an exhaustive guideline. This may work for someone, may not for others. Also, I refrain from setting a timeline for GRE preparation. It is dependent on effort, concentration, and target.

The GRE is a different ball game. Even if you are aiming at a moderate score, I would urge you to give a full wholehearted effort, given the difficulty level of the quant section has shot up recently.

**Sources:**

Magoosh is preferable. Given the recent trend in quant, I will prefer Magoosh. Lessons from both the verbal and math sections are helpful; the practices also.

KMF is highly recommended. This is the only practice site that provides you with mold sets. You can practice questions in the same way they are grouped in the real GRE i.e. all types of questions in a set or module in the exact proportion.

Gregmat is another good source, for both verbal and quant. Take a look at his problem-solving strategies, which may help you immensely.

**Contents**

Quant section will have a mixture of different level questions

I faced an unusually large number of questions from statistics and geometry. Magoosh videos explain these topics very well as well as other topics.

Magoosh’s practice section is the closest match with the real questions.

Note the type/topic of questions you fail to answer correctly. Go through the relevant lessons again.

**Step 1**

Go for easy ones. Do not lose points on those. Mostly algebra, geometry, simple counting, word problems, etc.

Strategy: Practice and practice. Students make silly mistakes here.

1. Read question thoroughly
2. Identify the given info (Integer, consecutive, odd, even, etc)
3. Input random number and compute
4. Do not forget negatives (If applicable)
5. Apply decimals (0-1), if applicable

Your first target should be securing easy marks. Prepare accordingly. Do not get distracted by the tough ones. We’ll get to those later.

**Step 2**

Those mid-level questions need a bit of attention. Some of you might need to go back to the formula sheet or book to revise (which is the way to go).

These are the questions that set your score. You cannot miss these either if you want an above-average score.

So, how to identify these questions?

This may differ from person to person.

You may consider those mid-level question which

* Makes you study the concept again
* Need two levels of calculation
* Have a twist

The strategy is self-explanatory. Go back to the books, clear the concept, and come back. Do not skip.

**Step 3**

Now the toughest ones. You may experience, high-level geometry, statistic, counting here. These will kill your time unless you know the trick to solve. If you cannot find the trick, it is better to skip these and come back later.

While practicing, take your time to understand the solution. Never try to memorize those. Try to solve similar kinds of problems on your own.

**Timeline**

**There is no universal timeline for preparation. But you can make a plan according to your base.**

Phase 1: Understand your strength and weakness.

Phase 2: Practise and Practise (Nearing the end of this phase, some of you will start facing problems, silly mistakes, or conceptual gap)

Phase 3: Regroup, review those mistakes. Understand every single mistake you made. Ask “Why did I put this as an answer? Why is it wrong? How is my thought process wrong? What should be changed?”

Phase 4: Get back

Phase 5: Final Prep and mock test

**Counting**

So many different types of questions. Try to apply what we learned in class.

**Algebra**

* Focus on inequality
* Input numbers as a dummy
* Consider negative case
* Consider decimal case
* Series

**Number theory**

* Factorization
* Prime power factorization
* Last digit
* GCD and LCM
* Number of factors
* Odd and even

**Geometry**

* Polygon
* Circle area and circumference
* Properties of angle in a circle
* Similar triangle

**Statistics**

* Mean
* Median
* Mode
* Range
* Standard Deviation (CHoosign the highest, lowest SD)

**Exam Preparation**

Mock exams are necessary.

Powerprep 2 seemed obsolete to me, especially in the quant section. Still, this is a must, but do not rely too much on it.

Crunchprep offers a free mock test, which seems much more similar to the real GRE questions. Use it in the place of PP2.

**KMF account opening**

1. Open a WeChat account. You would be needing a WeChat user to verify you who hasn’t verified anyone else in the past one month.
2. Go to. Opt for Login with the WeChat option. You’d need to scan the code in your WeChat app.
3. Then your account will be verified. But when you try to log in you'll be redirected to another verification. You’ll be required to provide an overseas number and OTP to verify.
4. Go to. Go for. Refresh. Provide the number on the verification page. The OTP will be viewed on the page. Apply that. Your account will be verified.