

GRE® General Test QuickNotes

Strategies for Test-Taking Success

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PREP TIPS

When you're gearing up to take the GRE General Test, it's natural to be a little nervous. But, you can do it! Really, it's just a matter of knowing how to prepare. Here are some important pointers to help you get ready.



1. Get familiar with the test. Download the FREE GRE *Powerprep*® software now to become familiar with how the test works, the test instructions, and the directions for each question type so you're prepared on test day — and make the best use of your time when you're taking the test.

2. Prep for each section. Each section tests different skills, including writing complex ideas, reading comprehension, and solving mathematical problems. Get sample questions and test-taking strategies for each section by downloading the FREE GRE *Powerprep* software — the sooner, the better — to help you get ready for test day.

3. Get schooled in the rules. The computer-based GRE General Test is different than most tests. You need to answer questions in the order you receive them. You can't skip and go back. And once you exit a section, you can't return to it. Use the GRE *Powerprep* software to become more familiar with this type of test.

4. Practice. Practice. Practice! Work on plenty of practice test questions under timed conditions — they can be found in the *Powerprep* software and downloaded off the GRE website.

5. Warm up on test day. You're permitted to take an untimed computer tutorial before the actual test begins. Take it! It will help you relax and get comfortable with the test structure and computer.



6. Budget your time. Before each section you'll be given the total number of questions and the total time you have. Just calculate the average time you'll need for each question and use this information as a guide as you proceed through the test.

7. Read each question carefully. Sounds obvious, but it's a common mistake. Take time to read each question carefully so you know exactly what's being asked. You don't want to give the right answer to the wrong question!



8. Don't know? Don't Panic! Avoid wasting a lot of time on any one question. If you don't know the answer, eliminate as many answer choices as possible and select the best answer. Then move on.



9. Do your best to finish. Most test takers get higher scores if they finish all of the questions in the allotted time. But don't take wild guesses at the last minute — budget your time and pace yourself so you can consider each test question carefully.

10. Try, try, try, try, try again! If you didn't do your best or didn't finish, don't worry. You can take the GRE Test again — once per month, up to five times a year.

Good luck!

(If you're well prepared, you won't need it!)

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