



GMAT Preparation Testimonials – 5 Personas

Thomas: *“As soon as I realized that studying for the GMAT was one of the most boring things in the world, I decided to focus deeply and spend as little time as possible on it. For two months I worked on all the material I found related to the test and, when I could no longer stand it, I scheduled the test. I was lucky to have a 760 in my first attempt and I did not have to go back to that silly test.”*

William: *“Megaron, my preparation for the GMAT was quite ‘intensive’, as I studied for only 2 months (July - August). I had a 740 on the test (Q50-V40). I think the secret of a good GMAT is focus.”*

Daniel: *“Megaron, for me, the GMAT is not a fair test. I took it three times and I did not obtain a spectacular result in any of them. Also, I canceled the test in the second attempt, action I regretted later. My first preparation lasted one month. I began it in May and took the first test in June: 660. Not satisfied, I studied another week and retook the test. I canceled it (I gave up seeing the score at the end of the test). Professionally, I was going through a complicated situation. I decided to start my essays and not to think about the GMAT for some time. In September, I took a week off work and took the test again. I did not control the timing: 680 this time. You told me not to waste any more time with the GMAT and instead focus on my essays. It was the best advice I have ever received.”*

Laura: *“Megaron, I had a 710 (47Q-39V). I studied four months, but focused in the last two. I am not a highly disciplined person and it is not easy to find time to study. In that sense, taking lessons with professionals specialized in Quantitative and in Verbal was essential. I took the GMAT twice: in the first, my score was 50 points below what I was simulating. In the second, the score was higher than what I expected. Honestly, I don’t think the GMAT is the most important item in your application. No doubt that a good score counts, but any score between 650 and 690 will not promptly eliminate an applicant.”*

Victor: *“Megaron, you probably remember: I had a 690 (Q49-V34) in my second attempt. This information often surprises people. My goal was to achieve a 700+ score, since Stanford was my first option. The “rule” I heard from many was that an exceptional GMAT score was a necessary condition for admission. Some people even tried to convince me to give up the application, for 690 looked like a low score. I think this GMAT stress is the typical “cause-consequence” case that is often misunderstood. People are not admitted to Stanford because they have a great GMAT score; rather, it is the opposite: a very high score on the test is the consequence of a highly selective process in which very strong applicants succeed. Well, as my academic performance (college) was excellent, it might have compensated my below 700 GMAT score. Honestly, people should not be so strict about the GMAT. I have no doubt that the experience and the personal life stories transmitted in the essays, résumés and recommendation letters are more important and decisive than the GMAT in the application process.”*