



Five Critical Mistakes that Test Takers Make on the GMAT and GRE

If you're taking the GMAT or GRE, there are five critical mistakes that you're going to make that will make the difference between you getting a fantastic score and you getting a lousy score. If you want to make sure you get a fantastic score, make sure to avoid these mistakes.



1. Not building your stamina

At four hours on the GMAT and three on the GRE, the test challenges your stamina as much as anything else. If you can't maintain test-level concentration for the entire exam, you'll start making all kinds of mistakes and getting the answers wrong.

2. Not practicing the essays

Both tests begin with two essays. Sure you can handle the math and verbal parts, but can you do so after an hour of grappling with essays? You need to get through this hour without burning too much energy, so you have the strength to take on the rest of the test. Practicing the essays is an important extension of building your stamina.

3. Not using actual GMAT or GRE practice tests

Fake practice tests tend to get the scope of the material wrong. For example, one fake practice test asks for the volume of a cone ... but the real GMAT or GRE wouldn't ask that. Also, the fake test's computer-based scoring system can be inaccurate, providing a false sense of your abilities. Actual GMAT and GRE practice tests are available for free download, and they're exactly like the real thing. Why use anything else?

4. Not practicing under pressure

Working test questions in a classroom or at home is not the same as working them on test day, with the high stakes and a timer. You can't simulate the high stakes, but you can use a timer to create pressure – then you'll see what types of mistakes you make while rushing, and you'll fix them.

5. Not finishing the test

The single most devastating way to affect your score is to let the clock run out before answering all the questions. You're not penalized for guessing, so when the clock runs low, just click to the last question and work that with the remaining minute.

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