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I knew from memory what the word delude meant. Make sure that you answer the even-numbered questions carefully, as your answers will determine whether or not you used the right strategies in this book will very likely raise your GRE score substantially. Then we would use the method above to compare the quantities. Let's see what  $(355 \times 356) - (354 \times 357)$  is. This book was written by Dr. Gary Gruber, the leading authority on the GRE, who knows more than anyone else in the test-prep field exactly what is being tested on the GRE. Represent  $355 \times 356$  and  $354 \times 357$  by symbols. Given: 2x + y = 6x + 2y = 9 Solution: Add the given equations: We get 3x + 3y = 15 Divide both sides of this equation by 3. It is said that no one in the nation is better at assessing the thinking patterns behind the way a person answers questions and providing the mechanisms to improve faulty thinking. These Critical-Thinking Skills—5 General Strategies, 25 Quantitative Reasoning Strategies, and 17 Verbal Reasoning Strategies—course right through this book. In spite of the  $\_$  of her presentation, many people were  $\_$ with the speaker's concepts and ideas. There are two types of GRE examinations: The GRE® General Test (formerly the GRE® revised General Test) and the subject-based GRE tests. Look through the material in Part 8 —Analytical Writing Section starting on page 465. none of these 21. I approximated and found the closest match in the will Appear on the GRE Verbal Reasoning There will be two sections for the Verbal Reasoning part—25 questions in each section. THERMAL: improving possible beginning reduced frigid 24. Hot Prefixes and Roots (Appendix A, page 701) If you have time, it is important for you to study this word-building instructional material. I found a word opposite in meaning to the word recede, without looking at the choices. PROFICIENT: antiseptic unwilling incompetent antagonistic awkward 16. Questions in this section are included for the purpose of Educational Testing Service (ETS) research and will not count toward your score. The key Reading Comprehension Strategy is to know the four general types of questions that are asked for reading—main idea, inference, specific details, and tone or mood. Note: Only the oddnumbered questions are GRE-type questions that would appear on the actual exam. After checking your answers in the table at the end of the test, you will have a profile of your performance. The Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning and Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning Reasoning Reasoning Reasoning Reasoning Reasoning Reasoning Reason skills, study the Mini Math Refresher. FORTITUDE: timidity conservatism placidity laxness ambition 30. TENACIOUS: changing stupid unconscious poor antagonistic 14. However, the first set of questions within an item type in a section is easier, so spend less than a minute on the first set of questions and perhaps more than a minute on the last set. DETRIMENT: recurrence disclosure resemblance enhancement postponement 32. For paper-delivered tests, you will be provided with an ETS calculator. Learn the Strategies to Get More Points The Strategy Section (beginning on page 65) will sharpen your reasoning ability so that you can increase your score dramatically on each part of the GRE. I tried all the choices in the blank and selected the best ones. Make sure you are completely familiar with the structure of the test (pages xiii-xxvii), the basic math skills needed (pages 169-178), and the basic verbal skills, such as prefixes and roots (pages 323-328 and Appendix A, pages 701-706). ■T ext Completion questions can contain up to three blanks. I have researched and developed more than 50 prefixes and roots (included in Appendix A to this book) that let you make use of this context strategy. Intelligence, simply defined, is the ability to reason things out. Then 355 = x + 1; 356 = x + 2; 357 = x + 3. You should bring: Valid and acceptable identification (your identity may be checked using biometric voice and photo identification, fingerprinting/thumbprinting, videotaping, and/or signature comparison) 

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3 or 4 #2 pencils (paper-delivered tests only) Can I Use a Calculator on the Math Portion of the Test? I tried to find my own word that would fit the blank before looking at the choices. Computer-Delivered GRE General Test is available at more than 1,000 test centers in more than 1,000 test cen rectangle whose absolute difference in sides |d - c| is least has the greatest area. Are Some Questions Worth More Points? A scaled score of 150 in each part is considered average. This will significantly build your vocabulary. In the even-numbered questions (2, 4, 6, 8, etc.), you will be asked how you solved the preceding odd-numbered question. So this means that  $355 \times 356$  is greater than  $354 \times 357$ . There will be questions where you have to select more than one answer choice or passages where you will have to find a sentence within the reading passage to answer the question. Let x = 354. Each section will contain a total of 12-13 Reading Comprehension questions. If you chose B, you probably approximated 98 by 100 and got 1,700. In the second section, you will be given an argument in passage form and will be asked how you would evaluate the argument and explain how additional evidence would weaken or strengthen the argument. His goal and mission is to get people's potential realized and the nation impassioned with learning and problem solving, so that they don't merely try to get a fast, uncritical answer, but actually enjoy and look forward to solving problems and learning. For example, they would multiply  $5 \times 6 = 30$  from  $355 \times 356$ , then multiply  $4 \times 7 = 28$  from  $354 \times 357$ , and then say that  $355 \times 356$  is greater than  $354 \times 357$  because  $5 \times 6 > 4 \times 7$ . What Should I Bring to the Exam on the Test Date? Do sections 1-4. none of these 31. How Is the same as (a + 1)(b - 1) - ab, which is in turn b - a - 1. The Explanatory Answers for the 3 Practice Tests in the book direct you to those strategies that may be used to answer specific types of GRE questions. You are then left comparing with 7, so the first quantity, , is greater. For each section, there will be 12-13 Text Completion and Sentence equivalence questions (sentence completions) where you will have to fill in blanks to make a meaningful sentence or passage. You will need to choose the best word or combination of words to make the sentence make sense, based on the clues built into the text in the rest of the sentence. I tried to find my own words to fit the blank. I knew what the prefix pro - meant and used it to figure out the capitalized word, but I didn't use any root of proficient. 9. The night before the exam, I would just refresh my knowledge of the structure of the test, some strategies, and some basic skills (Verbal or Math). I knew the meaning of the word tenacious . The tasks are specific and responses are measured to ensure that you can integrate your critical thinking and analytical writing by fully addressing the tasks with which you are presented. none of these 27. I knew a word or part of a word that sounded the same as circumspect or had a close association with the word circumspect and/or roots to get the meaning of the word recede . In short, you can learn how to solve a specific problem and thus find how to answer that specific or you can learn a powerful logical-thinking strategy that will enable you to answer hundreds of problems. Example: Question: Without using a calculator, which is greater: 355 × 356 or 354 × 357? Choose the word or phrase that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters. I looked for a word that meant the opposite of being torn down. none of these 3. You will be provided with a calculator that you can use, if you wish, to answer the questions. The Quantitative Reasoning section will include arithmetic, geometry, algebra I, and some advanced math covering topics in algebra II, statistics, probability, and data analysis. Case 6: Scientific, Creative, and Observational Generalization Method (a highly creative method and the most scientific method, as it spots a critical and curious aspect of the sums being equal and provides for a generalization to other problems of that nature): Represent 354 = a, 357 = b, 355 = c, and 356 = d We have now that (1) a + b = c + d (2) |b - a| > |d - c| We want to prove: ab < dc Proof: Square inequality (2):  $(b-a)^2 > (d-c)^2$  Therefore: (3)  $b^2 - 2ab + a^2 > d^2 - 2dc + c^2$  Multiply (3) by -1, and this reverses the inequality sign:  $-(b^2 - 2ab + a^2) < -(d^2 - 2dc + c^2)$  or (4)  $-b^2 + 2ab - a^2 < -d^2 + 2dc - c^2$  Now square (1): (a + b) = (c + d) and we get: (5)  $a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = c^2 + 2dc + d^2$  Add inequality (5) and we get 4ab < 4dc Divide by 4 and we get: ab < dc The generalization is that for any positive numbers a, b, c, d, when |b-a| > |d-c| and a+b=c+d, then ab < dc. The Analytical Writing section is reported on 0-6 score scale, in half-point increments. As mentioned above, the computer-delivered test is available continuously while the paper-delivered test is available only where the computer-delivered test is not provided, three times per year in specific months. Then I tried both words from the remaining choices to further eliminate choices. Extract or observe something curious. build repair review import consolidate 2. Critical-Thinking way: 1. Study the Latin and Greek Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes We have developed a list that contains roots, prefixes, and suffixes that give you the meanings of more than 150,000 words. Quantitative Reasoning There will be two sections in each section. none of these 7. (A) 3 (B) 4 (C) 5 (D) 6 (E) 7 Solution: Subtract equations and get x - y = 4. built forgotten destroyed praised repaired 6. Therefore, most North American students will take the exam on computer. The most effective way of solving a problem and then use one or more of the specific strategies or Critical-Thinking Skills (together with basic skills or information you already know) to get to the next step in the problem. For example, the student may have used a rote and unimaginative method. Learn The Gruber Prefix-Root-Suffix List beginning on page 323. I did not try first to get my own word that was opposite to the meaning of recede, as in Choice A. You may, however, find that the more difficult questions toward the end are actually easy for you because you have learned the strategies in this book. So, while his method immediately improves your performance on the GRE, it also provides you with the confidence to tackle problems in all areas of study for the rest of your life. You will know exactly what strategies you must master and where you may learn them. Answer all questions following a passage on the basis of what is stated or implied in that passage. Take the Strategy Diagnostic Test for the GRE on page 1 and follow the directions for diagnosis starting on page 19. Visit www.ets.org to locate an updated list of countries and territories where paper-delivered exams are provided. The directions at the beginning of each Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning section specify the total number of questions in the section and the time allowed for the section. I realized that the word moreover indicated support, so I looked for two choices that would represent a support of what was in the first part of the sentence. How Does the Gruber Preparation Method Differ from Other Programs and GRE Books? none of these Select two answer choices that fit the sentence and give the sentence the same meaning. How Much Time Should I Spend on Each Question? I tried to see what words I could come up with for the blanks before looking at the choices. It seems that one should judge the student by the way he or she answers the question. For Math-Area Basic Skills Help 11. Case 3: The Pattern Seeker's Method (the most mathematically creative method—an approach in which the student looks for a pattern or sequence in the numbers and then is astute enough to represent the pattern or sequence in more general algebraic language to see the pattern or sequence more clearly): Look for a pattern. Given: n + p + v = 50 n + p - v = 20 Solution: Just subtract the equations above. 4. So  $355 \times 356 = (a + 1)(b - 1)$  and  $354 \times 357 = ab$ . none of these 9. Building Your Vocabulary Can Make a Big Difference on Your Test Although antonyms no longer appear on the GRE, vocabulary will still be tested in all sections of the Verbal Reasoning part of the exam—the Reading Comprehension, Text Completion, and Sentence Equivalence tests. Quantitative Comparison Questions: Choose Choice A if Quantity A is greater than Quantity B. It tells you what basic math skills you need to know, what vocabulary practice you need, and the most important strategies to focus on, from the 42 in this book. none of these 25. Choose Choice C if Quantity A is equal to Quantity B. I chose a word from the choices that sounded good but I am not really sure if it is correct. Don't overdo it; do just enough so that it's somewhat continuous—this will also relieve some anxiety so that you won't feel you are forgetting things before the exam. The computer selects the second part of your exam based on your performance on the first. The research section will always appear at the end of the test. Notice that the Critical-Thinking approach gives you a fail-safe and exact path to the solution without requiring you to try to solve the problem superficially or merely guess at it. Paper-Delivered General Test The paper-delivered test is offered in areas of the world where computerdelivered testing is unavailable. none of these 15. The Analytical Writing section includes tasks that require more focused responses. Case 2: The Observer's Rote Approach (an approach that makes use of a mathematical strategy that can be memorized and tried for various problems): The student does the following: He or she divides both quantities by 354. Case 7: Geometric and Visual Approach \* (the approach used by visual people or people who have a curious geometric bent and possess out-of-the-box insights): Where a = 354, b = 357, c = 355, and d = 356, we have two rectangles where the first one's length is d and width is c, and the second one's length is b (dotted line) and width is a. Gruber's unique methods have been and are being used by the nation's learning centers, by international publications, textbooks, and teaching aids, by school districts throughout the country, in homes and work-places across the nation, and by a host of other entities. RECEDE: accede settle surrender advance reform 22. If you chose E, you did not use any of the methods above but used your own different method. It's 3 Days Until the GRE-What Can I Do to Prepare? 6. Are the Practice Tests in This Book Like an Actual GRE? Gruber's GRE books are used by the nation's school districts more than any other books. Being not to be interrupted. Yes! There is no penalty for a wrong answer, so if you have to guess, do! However, in this book, I'll show you ways to make a very good guess if you can't answer the problem. (A) 3 (B) 6 (C) 8 (D) 16 (E) 55 Solution: Subtract equation y - x = 5 from 2y + z = 11. The Gruber strategies have been shown to make test takers more comfortable with problem solving and to make the process enjoyable. In more than thirty years of experience writing preparation books for the GRE, Dr. Gruber has developed and honed the Critical-Thinking Skills and Strategies that are based on all standardized tests' construction. Note: You could have also represented 355 by x. I realized, from the word Being and from the phrase after the comma, that there was a connection between the two parts of the sentence. I looked for the material in this book—that is, by taking the tests, learning the specific strategies, and refreshing your basic skills as described above—you should increase your GRE score substantially. Thus, I selected a choice that was opposite in flavor (positive or negative). none of these Reading Comprehension Each of the following passages is followed by questions based on its content. I knew what the capitalized word meant. SECTION 1: VERBAL REASONING Sentence Equivalence and Text Completion This section contains questions that require sentence completions by filling in blanks. You will need to know basic math concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and data analysis. The test contains six sections: 

An Analytical Writing section with two tasks, which always comes first in the test Two Verbal Reasoning sections Two Quantitative Reasoning sections One unscored section, typically a Verbal Reasoning or Quantitative Reasoning section, that may appear at any point in the test; questions in this section are being tried either for possible use in future tests or to ensure that scores on new editions of the test are comparable to scores on earlier editions When you take the computer-delivered test, you can: Edit or change your answers within a section Muse an onscreen calculator for the Quantitative Reasoning section Muse an onscreen calculator for the Quantitative Reasoning section within a sect I knew a word or part of a word that sounded the same as lucid or had a close association with the word lucid . Some questions will ask you to determine what will weaken or support material in the passage. Dr. Gruber is recognized nationally as the leading expert on standardized tests. I knew a word or part of a word that sounded the same as sloth or had a close association with the word sloth. He or she then divides these quantities by 356 and gets compared with. Four or 5 of these will contain single blanks where you will have to choose 2 correct choices from 6 answers. It was the 5first day of the new year, 1946, eight and a I knew a word or part of a word that sounded the same as fortitude or had a close association with the word fortitude. That works if the sum of units digits of the first quantity is the same as or greater than the sum of units digits of the second quantity. How Should I Pace Myself on the Exam? Watch TV? The total time is 3 hours and 45 minutes for the computer-delivered test (3 hours and 30 minutes for the paper-delivered test). This book includes four vital sections to build your vocabulary: 1. 5. Check your answers with the explanatory answers starting on page 555, and look again at the strategies and basic skills that apply to the questions you missed. Introduction IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS BOOK AND ITS AUTHOR This book is the most up-todate and complete guide to the current GRE. That gives you an average of 1.4 minutes per question in this example. Many questions on the test, especially at the end of a section, can be challenging. The Explanatory Answers to Questions Are Keyed to Specific Strategies and Basic Skills The Explanatory Answers in this book are far from skimpy unlike those of other GRE books. I also noticed that the word improve indicates that we could reduce the crime rate. PART1 Strategies You Don't Know The purpose of this test is to find out how you approach GRE problems of different types and to reveal your understanding and command of the various strategies and Critical-Thinking Skills. I tried each of the choices in the blank. (Answer is B) Here's an example from a recent GRE. none of these 23. For complete strategy development, it is a good idea to study all the strategies beginning on page 65 (in the Strategy Section), and learn how to do all the problems within each strategy. While the Analytical Writing sections will always be first, the Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and unidentified/unscored section as if it counts toward your score. A 4-HOUR STUDY PROGRAM FOR THE GRE For those who have only a few hours to spend in GRE preparation, I have worked out a minimum study program to get you by. So we get: cd = ab - (b - d)a + (c - a)d. For the computer-delivered tests (i.e., most exams), you will be allowed to use an on-screen calculator during the Quantitative Reasoning sections. What Verbal Background Must I Have? Example: 1. Now he or she realizes that He or she then reasons that since the left side, is greater than the right side, the left side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side of the original quantities, 355 × 356, is greater than the right side o Here's a simple example of how these Critical-Thinking Skills can be used in a math problem: Which is greater, Long and tedious way: You don't have to calculate; you just have to compare, so you need a strategy for comparing two quantities. First of all, I believe that intelligence can be taught. I tried the first word from each choice in the first blank of the sentence to eliminate choices. Learn the 5 General Strategies for test taking on pages 69 - 71. Richard Wagner was frequently intolerant; moreover, his strange behavior caused most of his acquaintances to word(s) to fill in the blank(s) and then fill in the appropriate answer bubble(s). The remaining 16 questions in each section will consist of multiple-choice questions (without choices) where you'll have to grid in your answer numerically. Divide by the number of questions—for example, 25. 3. This next step will passage, you can assume that the word delude is negative and probably means taking away from something or distracting, since the prefix de-means away from and thus has a negative connotation. The Verbal Reasoning section features a deeper assessment of Reading Comprehension skills. By none of the above methods. Since d > a and c > a, cd > ab. Then I eliminated the choices whose first words didn't make sense in the sentence. Important Test Dates for the latest test dates, go to . With the reading passages, you should give yourself only about 30 seconds per question and spend the extra time on the reading passages. 10. Most testing in North America, with the exception of some territories and provinces such as American Samoa, is computer-delivered. I tried the first word from each of the choices in the first blank in the sentence to see which made the most sense. How Long Will the Test Last? For Writing Help 12. Finally 13. (A) 4 (B) 5 (C) 6 (D) 7 (E) 8 Solution: Add equations and get 2x + 2y + 2z = I have developed based on research of hundreds of actual GREs. A Table of What Is on the Paper-Delivered GRE General Test Should I Be Familiar with the Directions to the Various Items on the GRE General Test Total testing time for the Computer-Delivered GRE General Test is 3 hours and 45 minutes, including the unscored section. We get 2y - y + z - (-x) = 11 - 5. I knew a word or part of a word that sounded the same as potent or had a close association with the word potent. Choose D if a definite comparison cannot be made (that is, if only one choice—A, B, or C is not always correct). Take the remaining two GRE Practice Tests beginning on page 577, score yourself, and compare your answers with the explanatory answers. Observe: Each expression contains and 2. Calculate the time allowed for the particular section—for example, 35 minutes. I multiplied  $17 \times 98$  and added that to  $17 \times 2$ . The strategies in Part 4 of this book are usable for more than 90 percent of the questions You Need to Know How to Solve beginning on page 37 and follow the directions for diagnosis. We get 4x - 4y = 6 Factor now. We get n - n + p - p + v - (-v) = 630 2v = 30 v = 15 Quantities are equal, so Choice C is correct. Note: The paper-delivered GRE General Test is not offered in parts of the world where computer on the GRE. However, if you don't immediately see a faster way to solve the problem without a calculator, it is recommended that you use the calculator provided. General Study General approach for solving other questions. In fact, the procedures to answer the GRE questions rely more heavily on the Gruber Critical-Thinking Strategies you need to use to maximize your GRE score. I knew what the root ten meant and looked for the opposite of that root. Study 100 words per day from The Gruber GRE 3,400-Word List beginning on page 336. The easy questions usually appear at the beginning of the section, the questions of medium difficulty in the middle, and the hard ones toward the end. Reading Study the following Verbal Reasoning Strategies (first three questions for each strategy): Sentence Completion Strategies 1, 2, and 3, pages 133 - 137 Vocabulary Strategies 1, 2, and 3, pages 163 - 167 Reading Comprehension Strategies 1, 2, and 10, pages 148 - 152 and 160 - 162 Study the Most Important/Frequently Used GRE Words and Their Opposites, starting on page 331. In most regions of the world, the computer-delivered test is available on a continuous basis throughout the year. Then I matched that word with the correct choice. Choose Choice B if Quantity B. \*Note: See Math Strategy #13 on page 101. It has been said that test taking through his methodology becomes enjoyable rather than painful. Use specific strategies together with basic skills And remember: Each additional correct answer adds approximately 1 points to your score (or adds approximately 1 point scale). Case 5: The Observer's Common Relation Approach that people use when they want to connect two items are related): 355 × 356 is greater than 354  $\times$  356 by 356. I knew from memory what the word proficient meant. If y - x = 5 and 2 y + z = 11, find the value of x + y + z . LUCID: underlying complex luxurious tight general 36. Each exam is patterned after the GRE, and all the strategies and techniques deal with the GRE. It was one o'clock, he said. The material in the section is keyed to the Complete Math Refresher section for more thorough instruction. Case 1: Rote Memory Approach (a completely mechanical approach that does not take into account the possibility of a faster method based on patterns or connections of the numbers in the question): The student multiplies 355 × 356, gets 126,380, and then multiplies 354 × 357 and gets 126,378. In Quantitative Reasoning, it's the translations strategy—words into numbers, drawing of lines, etc. 7x + 3y = 6 If x and y satisfy the system of equations above, what is the value of x - y? Rote memorization methods do not enable you to answer a variety of questions that appear in the GRE exam. So I would answer the questions as they are presented to you, and if you find you are spending more than 30 seconds on a question and not getting anywhere, go to the next question. Knowing how these guidelines work should demystify the test-making process and explain why the strategies in this book are so critical to getting a high score. She walked along the river until a policeman stopped her. —OR— You could have written 354 as a and 357 as b. In the first section, you will be given a statement or passage and have to take a position on whether you agree or disagree with it and support your position. Quantitative Reasoning (Math) Study the Mini Math Refresher beginning on page 169. MULTILEVEL APPROACHES TO THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS How a student answers a question is more important than the answer given by the student. Where the paper-delivered exam is provided, it is available up to three times a year—October, November, and February. I realized that the words in spite of would create an opposition or contrast between the two parts of the sentence and therefore looked for words in the choices that were opposites. Multiplying the factors, we get  $355 \times 356 = x^2 + 3x$ . none of these 17. The strategies contained in this book are exactly those needed to be used on the GRE. These specific strategies will enable you to process3 think rather than just be concerned with the end result; the latter usually gets you to a fast, rushed, and wrong answer. none of these 33. He has also authored more than 1,000 articles on his work in scholarly journals and nationally syndicated newspapers, has appeared on numerous television and radio shows, and has been interviewed by hundreds of magazines and newspapers. I tried all the choices in the sentence and selected the best one. For the Analytical Writing section, the timing for each task is shown when the task is presented. He has developed major programs for school districts and for city and test scores, increasing motivation, developing a passion for learning and problem solving, and decreasing the student dropout rate. This guide focuses on the General Test. They would be lucky. (A) (B) (C) 1 (D) 4 (E) 6 Solution: Subtract equations. Example: GOOD: sour bad red hot ugly Note: Although antonyms are not part of the GRE, we are still testing vocabulary through antonyms on this particular test, since it is important for you to develop vocabulary strategies for the Sentence Completion (Sentence Equivalence and Test Completion) and the Verbal Reasoning sections of the GRE. Some of these questions will be based on short passages, some on longer ones. He believed that because there is foreign cars. Inherent in the GRE questions are Critical-Thinking Skills, which embrace strategies that enable you to solve a question by the quickest method with the least amount of panic and brain-racking, and describe an elegance and excitement in problem solving. And that's what Critical-Thinking Skills are all about—strategies. Also, more difficult reading questions 37-42 are based on the following passage. Since some of the questions are time. Questions may take more time. Questions 37-42 are based on the following passage. the Exam and How Do I Attack It? For the basic math skills keyed to the questions, study the Complete GRE Math Refresher beginning on page 169. This Strategy Diagnostic Test includes both types of questions. In addition, the math solutions in the book refer directly to the Math Refresher section, particularly useful in case your math skills are rusty. Not the best time to be walking alone by the side of a half-frozen river. If you chose D, you probably didn't know how to solve the problem and just guessed. I tried to figure out, before looking at the choices, what word would fit into the blank. There are two types offers looking at the choices, what word would fit into the blank. There are two types offers looking at the choices, what word would fit into the blank. There are two types offers looking at the choices, what word would fit into the blank. sentence completion questions on the GRE exam: Sentence Equivalence questions require you to complete a sentence by choosing two words that both would correctly fill in the blanks and result in a sentence with the same overall meaning. If you compare the 3 Practice Tests in this book with an actual GRE, you will find the Practice Tests very much like the actual test in regard to format, question types, and level of difficulty. Here's a sample of a set of guidelines presented for making up a GRE-type question in the math area: The test maker is to create a hard problem in the Quantitative Reasoning area, which involves (A) algebra (B) two or more equations (C) two or more ways to solve: one way being standard substitution, the other, faster way using the strategy of merely adding or subtracting equations. I knew a word or part of the test. Relax? These strategies can be used for any Quantitative or Verba Reasoning problem. (Choose two answers.) contradict interrogate shun revere tolerate reject 12. Study the Most Important/Frequently Used GRE Words We have developed a list of the most frequently used words and their opposites related to specific categories for easy memorization. In question 2: If you chose A, you did the problem the long way unless you used a calculator. Note: Many people have thought that by multiplying units digits from one quantity and comparing that with the product of the answer. I knew a prefix or root of the capitalized which gave me a clue to the meaning of the word. After getting a raw score—the number of questions right—this is equated to a scaled score from 130 to 170 in each of the Verbal Reasoning sections. What Are the Most Crucial Strategies you need to know for the GRE test, allowing you to solve hundreds of problems. All specific Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning (Math) Strategies are crucial, including the general test-taking strategies (described starting on page 69): guessing, writing and drawing in your test booklet, and being familiar with question-type directions. 2. Take a few practice tests and refresh your understanding of the strategies used to answer the questions (see page xxvi for the 4-Hour Study Program). To see if you are making use of the strategies you've learned, you should I Answer All Easy Questions First and Save Difficult Ones for Last? What Percentage of GRE Study Time Should I Spend Learning Vocabulary Words? 100 Tests to Strengthen Your Vocabulary 391) 3. You will find that many, many words in the 3,400-Word List will actually show up in the Reading Comprehension, Text Completion, and Sentence Equivalence sections of the Verbal part of your GRE. DIRECTIONS For Taking the Diagnostic Test For each odd-numbered question (1, 3, 5, 7, etc.), choose the best answer. If 2x + y = 8 and x + 2y = 4, find the word delude . I knew a prefix or root of the capitalized word, which gave me a clue to the meaning of the meaning of the word delude . I knew a prefix or root of the capitalized word, which gave me a clue to the meaning of the meaning of the word delude . I knew a prefix or root of the capitalized word, which gave me a clue to the meaning of the meaning of the word delude . I knew a prefix or root of the capitalized word, which gave me a clue to the meaning of the meaning of the word delude . I knew a prefix or root of the capitalized word, which gave me a clue to the meaning of the word delude . I knew a prefix or root of the capitalized word, which gave me a clue to the meaning of the word delude . I knew a prefix or root of the word. Analytical Writing There will be two sections for this part. \* Previous examples given to the test maker for reference: 1. Given: s = a - b + b - c + c - a = 0 So the quantities are equal and thus Choice C is correct. I knew from a part of the capitalized word that the word had a negative or positive association. I first tried combinations of words from the blanks to see which made for the best sentence. none of these Vocabulary Each of the following questions consists of a word in capital letters, followed by five lettered words or phrases. We get x + y = 5 Since x + y = 5, the columns are equal, and so Choice C is correct. a successful a delightful a headstrong an understanding a solitary 8. Dr. Gruber has published more than 7 million copies sold. Note: In the even-numbered guestion, you may have used a different approach from what will be described in the answer to that question. Questions that offer Blank 1, Blank 2, and sometimes Blank 3 questions are Text Completion questions; the rest are Sentence Equivalence questions that offer Blank 2 enthralled bored gratified 10. (Answer is C) 2. I am convinced that you can learn to think logically and figure things out better and faster, particularly in regard to GRE Quantitative and Verbal Reasoning problems. You may also want to study the Hot Prefixes and Roots in Appendix A beginning on page 701. These Critical-Thinking Skills show that conventional drill and practice" is a waste of time unless the practice is based on these generic thinking skills. POTENT: imposing pertinent feeble comparable frantic 20. Take the GRE Practice Test 1 starting on page 514 and score yourself according to the instructions. CIRCUMSPECT: suspicious overbearing listless determined careless 34. The value of 17 × 98 + 17 × 2 = 1,550 1,600 1,700 1,800 1,800 1,800 (The correct answer is Choice C.) 2. I knew what the prefix de - meant and used it to figure out the meaning of the word delude . I guessed. His results have been lauded by people throughout the country from all walks of life. You can learn more about locations where the paper-delivered exam is provided by visiting www.ets.org. (Answer is B) 3. Study these words. We would then get  $355 \times 356 = (x)(x+1)$  and  $354 \times 357 = (x-1)(x+2)$ . (see General Strategy 2, page 69). Now let's look at the actual GRE examples that the test makers made up: Choose Choice A if Quantity B. Blank 1 financial enormous questionable Blank 2 ascension development attenuation 4. It is said that only Dr. Gruber has the expertise and ability to provide you with the tools needed for success on the exam far better than any competitor! Don't trust your future with less than the best material. Be completely honest in your answers to the even-numbered questions, since you do want an accurate assessment in order to be helped. none of these 35. Be aware that every Math question on the GRE can be solved without a calculator; in many questions, it's actually easier not to use one. Each question is worth the same number of points. However, if you use common sense, rely on just a handful of geometrical formulas, and learn the strategies and thinking skills presented in this book, you don't need to take a full course in geometry or memorize all the theorems. What Should I Do to Prepare the Night before the Exam—Cram? Is Guessing Advisable? The Math part will test arithmetic, first- and second-year algebra (algebra I and II), geometry, and data analysis. If you choose one correct and one incorrect word, you will NOT get credit for answering the question correctly. Choose Choice A if Quantity A is greater than Quantity B. Knowing the meanings of the world where computer-delivered testing is not available, the paper delivered test is available up to three times a year in October, November, and February. The Verbal Reasoning sections are reported on a 130-170 score scale, in 1-point increments. Now the area of the first rectangle dc) is equal to the area of the second (ab) minus the area of the rectangular slab, which is (b - d)a, plus the area of the rectangular slab (c - a)d. Optional: Take the 100 Tests to Strengthen Your Vocabulary beginning on page 391. If x + y = 3, y + z = 4, and z + x = 5, find the value of x + y + z. I noticed that until suggested a future result or outcome. +x = 6. Personal calculators are not permitted in the testing room. The test will measure reasoning ability and problem-solving skills. Since b - d = c - a, we get cd = ab - (c - a)a + (c - a)d = ab + (d - a)(c - a). In each section, there will be a total of 9 Quantitative Comparison questions, which ask you to compare two quantities and see if one is greater, if they are equal, or if you cannot make a definite comparison. If you have not taken algebra, you should still be able to answer many of the Math questions using the strategies presented in this book.  $354 \times 357$  is greater than  $354 \times 356$  by 354. If you chose C, you factored out the 17 to get 17(98 + 2) = 17(100) = 1,700. I looked at the choices to see which word was opposite to recede. SLOTHFUL: permanent ambitious average truthful plentiful 26. Use strategy: Since both and are just weighting factors, like the same quantities on both sides of a balance scale, just cancel them from both multiplied quantities above. Then 356 = x + 1; 354 = x - 1; 357 = x + 2. You want to do this to keep the thinking going so that it is continual right up to the exam. The Gruber GRE 3,400-Word List (page 336) 2. He or she then gets compared with Show me the solution to a problem, and I'll solve that problem. He remarkably enables you to look at a problem or question without panic, extract something curious or useful from the problem, and move on to the next step and finally to a solution, without rushing into a wrong answer or getting lured into a wrong the strategies (which the test makers use to develop the questions) will let you sail through the GRE. For example, the math questions created by the test makers are oriented toward allowing you to solve many problems without a calculator. The difference is 355 × 356 - 354 × 357 =  $x^2 + 3x + 2 - x^2 - 3x$ , which is just 2. I factored out the 17 to get 17(98 + 2). Be aware that, as we describe later in this book, you may find it faster sometimes not to use a calculator if you know a relevant Math (Quantitative Reasoning) Strategy. Multiple-choice questions include some that have more than one correct answer so the question may tell you to select more than one correct answer. Then 355 = a + 1 and 356 = b - 1. However, if we want to compare something like  $354 \times 356 = 126,024$  with  $352 \times 359 = 126,368$ , that method would not work. \*This method of solution was developed by and sent to the author from Dr. Eric Cornell, a Nobel laureate in Physics. Then I matched my word with the choices. The other parts of the test will contain some long and shorter reading passages and sentence-completion questions. Study the following Math Strategy 12, page 101 Strategy 12, page 104 Strategy 14, page 104 Strategy 14, page 104 Strategy 15, page 105 Strategy 16, page 107 Strategy 17, page 108 Strategy 18, page 108 Strategy 19, page 17, page 112 Strategy 18, page 115 Strategy A, page 121 Strategy B, page 122 Strategy B, page 123 Strategy D, page 125 If you have time, take Practice Test 1, starting on page 514. For example, PBS (the Public Broadcasting Service) chose Dr. Gruber to train the nation's teachers on how to prepare students for standardized tests through a national satellite teleconference and video. 1. THE INSIDE TRACK ON HOW GRE QUESTIONS ARE DEVELOPED AND HOW THEY VARY FROM TEST TO TEST When GRE questions are developed, they are based on a set of criteria and quidelines. Although you may not get the exact meaning of the word (in this case the meaning is to deceive or mislead), you can see how the word may be used in the context of the sentence or paragraph. Compare these Practice Tests with one of the official tests published by Educational Testing Service (ETS). You may also wish to study the Hot Prefixes and Roots in Appendix A. The Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning parts allow you to preview other questions within the specific section on which you are working, review questions you have already answered, and change your answers. LONGER-RANGE STUDY PROGRAM AND HELPFUL STEPS FOR USING THIS BOOK 1. Until we are able to improve substantially the in our crime rate is remote. The questions are keyed to the Complete GRE Math Refresher, so you can further brush up on your weak areas by referring to those pages that are relevant for any questions you missed. 11. In each section, you will be given one topic and you will have to write about it. To build your word recognition quickly, learn the Hot Prefixes and Roots I have compiled, as well as the 3 Vocabulary Strategies. none of these 5. Case 4: The Astute Observer's Approach (the simplest approach that attempts to figure out a connection between the numbers and uses that connection to figure out the solution):  $355 \times 356 = (354 \times 356) + 356$  and  $354 \times 356 = (354 \times 356) + 356$ not know what tenacious meant but knew a word that sounded like tenacious . Show me a Gruber strategy for solving the problems. So-called quick-fix methods can be detrimental to effective preparation because the GRE people constantly change questions to prevent gimmick approaches. DELUDE: include guide reply upgrade welcome 18. The reading and vocabulary are at the 10th- to 12th-grade level, but strategies presented in this book will help you even if you are at a lower grade level. Take the 101 Most Important Math Questions Test and look at the solutions to the questions. It will include two student-written essays. I tried the word from each choice in the blank and came up with the directions for answering the Reading Comprehension, Text Completion, Sentence Equivalence, and Quantitative Reasoning (especially the Quantitative Comparison) questions. Our detailed answers will direct you to the strategy that will help you to arrive at a correct answer quickly. I tried words from Blank 1 and words from Blank 2 to see which combination made sense in the sentence. WHAT ARE CRITICAL-THINKING SKILLS? 13. Critical-Thinking Skills are generic skills for finding the most creative and effective way of solving a problem or evaluating a situation. I knew a word or part of a word that sounded the same as thermal or had a close association with the word the instead of being torn down. For those problems or questions that you answered incorrectly or were uncertain of, see the explanatory answers, beginning on page 555, and make sure that you learn the strategies keyed to the questions. I have researched hundreds of GRE tests (thousands of GRE questions) and documented 42 Critical-Thinking Strategies (all found in this book) common to every test. Study The Most Important/Frequently Used GRE Words and Their Opposites beginning of the meaning YOU ABOUT HOW TO RAISE YOUR GRE SCORE What Are Critical-Thinking Skills? The even-numbered questions are for self-diagnosis purposes only. Then I matched one of the choices with my word. Then I matched those words with words in the choices with my word. Then I matched one of the choices with my word. Then I matched one of the choices with my word. Then I matched one of the choices with my word. Then I matched one of the choices with my word. pages 169-178 for these rules—make sure you know them). He smiled at her, then offered to walk her home of these 29. Writing Look through the material in Part 8—Analytical Writing Section, starting on page 465. Always refer to the associated strategies and basic skills for questions you answered incorrectly or were not sure how to do. For Vocabulary Building 7. The Gruber Critical-Thinking Strategies are useful for every GRE exam. Finally, I tried both words in the remaining choices to further eliminate incorrect choices. It is given in one booklet, with a total testing time of 3 hours and 30 minutes. The Most Important/Frequently Used GRE Words and Their Opposites (page 331) 4. How did you get your answer? What Math Background Must I Have?

