

Duration

Resource

Purpose

Orientation

Stage

Step

Alongside

Pro Tips

0	Acclimatize	Take a GMAT diagnostic test (with due analysis)	Know the GMAT format, question types, topics, general difficulty	1 day	A reliable full-length test	 Avoid official mocks; save those for later Take an Experts' Global or GMAT Club mock Also take a GRE mock to see which test is better for you 	
1	Understand	Develop concepts - Conceptual videos on all sections & topics + - Concept-wise exercises - Due analysis of mistakes Reattempt the mistakes, after a gap - Revisit difficult concepts	Develop concepts + Focus on accuracy	4 to 6 weeks	A reliable GMAT prep course	 - Take free trials before finalizing a course - At this stage, focus on "accuracy" Don't worry about speed - This is the most important phase in prep Develop a strong foundation - Don't chase 'scores' Chase "concepts" Scores shall follow:) - Avoid gaps in prep! 	- One full-length test per week - Some steps on profile building
2	Practice	Tons of timed practice - Mixed-up exercises - Due analysis of mistakes Reattempt the mistakes, after a gap	Aim for balance between accuracy and speed	3 to 5 weeks	The GMAT prep course you opted for + Official material	- Keep in touch with all topics And question types - Extra, topic-wise exercise on problem areas - Maintain error log Embrace mistakes — They are your best source of improvement	 One full-length test per week Revise concepts you are still struggling with Some steps on profile building
3	Master	Achieve Mastery + Get ready for GMAT!	Consolidation + Closure!	2 to 4 weeks	Official material	- Practice in long sittings GMAT is a ~2.5 hours test - Finalize your section order Mind your routine - Ensure a calm mind and rested body Avoid fatigue Get done with GMAT, at your peak!	- 2+ full-length tests per week - Revise your notes - Revise concepts you are still struggling with - Re-attempt the complete error log!