

FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT NEW GMAT STUDY MATERIALS [FACEBOOK CHAT] April 19, 2012 Transcript

The Official GMAT Exam: Welcome to the OfficialGMAT Facebook chat! This chat is part of our three day mba.com GMAT Exam with Integrated Reasoning virtual event! For more activities, including our daily trivia contest, log onto www.mba.com/virtualevents

Today's chat is hosted by Tiffany, the product manager for GMAT study materials, including the Official Guide to the GMAT Exam, 13th Edition. She will answer all of your questions about the new GMAT prep products!

The Official GMAT Exam: But first, here is the five things you need to know about the new GMAT Study Materials:

1. The Official Guide for GMAT® Review, 13th Edition is now available at www.mba.com/store or your local book seller. It features more than 900 practice questions, including 50 Integrated Reasoning questions, to help you prepare for the exam.
2. If you have the 12th Edition Guide book, and want to study Integrated Reasoning only, you can purchase the IR online section separate from the book, at www.mba.com/store from now through June 5, 2012.
3. GMATPrep®, the free software with new Integrated Reasoning questions, is available now at www.mba.com/gmatprep. It features customized reporting to help track your time management skills and progress by question type and difficulty level.
4. The new version of GMATPrep is now compatible with Mac and Windows.
5. For the first time ever, GMATPrep users can extend their practice by purchasing an additional question pack for \$24.99. GMATPrep Question Pack 1 includes 400 additional questions and can only be used with GMATPrep software.

Questions Begin:

Would the new section on IR be adaptive?

The Official GMAT Exam: No, it isn't.

What is the best way to prepare for the Integrated Reasoning section? Would you recommend using other test prep companies material in addition to the new official guide?

The Official GMAT Exam: The best way to prepare for all sections of the GMAT is to practice, practice, practice! We have several study products that feature IR questions. GMAC is the only source that offers real IR questions.

Also, I believe I read on a test prep company's website that IR has a total of 2.5 minutes per question. Would you recommend keeping to that timeline, or should we try for 2 mins?

The Official GMAT Exam: You have 30 minutes to complete 12 questions, so on average 2.5 minutes per question is accurate.

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I believe there are four types of questions in IR. So, in each type, 3 questions will be asked, making a total of 12 questions. Is this correct?

The Official GMAT Exam: There are four types of IR questions but what you will see in your exam varies by test taker.

Is it worth retaking the test to get an IR score?

The Official GMAT Exam: If schools require IR scores will vary. It is best to contact the schools directly to determine how they will manage IR scores. If you want information on how Wharton and London Business Schools view the IR section, refer to our Twitter chat transcript from Tuesday at mba.com/virtualevents.

I asked a question about the new IR section during last night's Q&A session but it was never answered. Is there an email address that I can forward my question to so it can be answered? Thanks.

The Official GMAT: We are planning to post answers to all questions and answers from the Live Chats yesterday. They should be posted early next week. Keep an eye out for an email announcement.

What other materials (except of OG 13th) do you plan to publish with the IR tasks?

The Official GMAT: You can download a free software program called GMATPrep for more IR practice.
<http://www.mba.com/the-gmat/download-free-test-preparation-software.aspx>.

Hey Guys, I had a few more questions about the new materials. Does the 50 integrated reasoning practice questions contained with the 13th edition of the og have similarities to the real test?

The Official GMAT: Yes, it is similar. They were created by the makers of the exam.

Thank you guys =). So the only difference will be the question may be rephrased with a new table?

The Official GMAT: Yes, the format is the same. The content is different.

How about the 12th OG? i have not updated 13th yet.

User Submitted Answer: The 12th OG is pretty much the same as the 13th just with a 100 or so new questions plus the 50 IR questions. I would say just use the 12th and purchase the 50 IR practice questions from MBA.com/store =)

The Official GMAT: The user is correct. You can find the additional 50 IR practice questions at <http://www.mba.com/store/product-info.aspx?ProductID=5032> for \$10. Note, the 50 IR practice questions are the same as what you will find in the 13th Ed.

Does the updated GMATPrep software contain new/ additional questions in Quant and Verbal sections too?

The Official GMAT: No, it doesn't. But the GMATPrep Question Pack contains 404 new questions. Purchase it at mba.com/store for \$24.99.

Would that be a downloadable software?

The Official GMAT: The Question Pack works only if you have first downloaded free GMATPrep software.

When will the mobile app be available for the 13th ed. of the Official Guide?

The Official GMAT: We're working on it now. It'll be available later this summer.

How many days after giving GMAT will IR scores be handed over to us?

The Official GMAT: You will receive an official score report within 20 days of your exam. An unofficial report with Quant, Verbal and Total scores will still be available on test day.

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How much weightage I should give to IR section while preparing for test?

The Official GMAT: You should treat all sections of the exam the same.

Thanks... as for new study material dose it also tell us how to crack IR questions like princeton review tells us..or its just set question papers?

The Official GMAT: The Official Guide for GMAT Review, 13th Edition offers review material, full quant and verbal review, practice questions, answers and answer explanations.

Does anybody have any study suggestions on how to prepare for the exam? I have The OG 13th, Verbal Quantitative Guides, Kaplan GMAT Premier 2012-2013, GMAT Roadmap, Manhattan GMAT 8 Guides, and 9 retired tests? What would you guys do with all those study materials?

The Official GMAT: We also offer a free software program called GMATPrep (www.mba.com/gmatprep) with 90 practice questions and two full practice exams, and we sell an extension to the software called GMATPrep Question Pack 1, which offers 404 additional practice questions.

What is Question Pack 1? Never heard of it.

The Official GMAT: The Question Pack is a companion to GMATPrep that contains 404 additional questions to use with GMATPrep software. The cost is \$24.99. Get more info here: <http://www.mba.com/store/product-info.aspx?ProductID=5025>.

Gmat officials can you tell how IR is evaluated

The Official GMAT: For IR score scale information, click here: <http://www.mba.com/the-gmat/nex-gen/integrated-reasoning-scoring.aspx>.

New Stuff IR Will Be Introduced Soon !! Is IR Has The Same Concept As Critical Reasoning ?? And, Some Of My Friends Asked About Question Pack ?? I have Heard This 1st Time . . . So !!

The Official GMAT: The IR section will be introduced to the exam on June 5. Practice questions for IR are available now. The GMATPrep Question Pack (\$24.99) is an extension of the GMATPrep free software. Both are available now: <http://www.mba.com/store>.

Does the question pack contain more tests? If no, is there any other provision to get more of GMATPrep tests, apart from 2 given in the free version of the software?

The Official GMAT: The Question Pack contains 404 additional practice questions, not additional exams. There are no additional GMATPrep tests but you can purchase additional retired GMAT questions in test format from GMAT Paper Tests for \$29.99 each. That gets you a set of 3 exams.

IR is scaled in interval of 1 ,to score 1 point the whole question has to be correct as each question has sub question or u have a method how it is scored .Can u explain on this

The Official GMAT: There is no partial credit for IR. For more information on the IR score scale, refer to <http://www.mba.com/the-gmat/nex-gen/integrated-reasoning-scoring.aspx>.

I had one last question for you guys does reviewing the dianostic explanations in the OG to do the problems using a timer a good way to practice?

The Official GMAT: Timing your diagnostic questions is a great way to prepare. Using the answer explanations will help identify what sections of the exam to focus on in your practice.

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Is there a diagnostic test for the IR?

The Official GMAT: There is not.

Is there any aiding material available for IR practice?

The Official GMAT: See previous posts for more information about IR practice.

End of Questions

The Official GMAT Exam: Be sure to take a look at the rest of the GMAT Exam with Integrated Reasoning virtual events. For more activities, including our daily trivia contest, log onto www.mba.com/virtualevents . Today is the last day to win GMAT study prizes and even a GMAT exam voucher.

Thanks for joining our facebook chat today. For participating, use promo code "fbIR" to get a 10% discount on our Premium GMAT Study Collection: <http://www.mba.com/store/product-info.aspx?ProductID=5041> .

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