

Welcome to Quant chat with Bunuel @9AM PST		
		Topic set by souvik101990 on Wed Jan 30 2013 21:44:45 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
22:29	Bunuel	Ready to go!
22:30	NickServ	Password accepted - you are now recognized.
22:30	ank041	👍
22:30	souvik101990	yayy... I ll go first.. Based on the new what-if scenarios... if you had to sum it all up together.. what would your strategy be on the test day for quant?
22:31	Bunuel	Hard to say, it depends how prepared you are and whether you have timing issues
22:32	Bunuel	But generally I'd try to concentrate a little bit more on the first questions.
22:32	souvik101990	Yeah
22:32	souvik101990	...
22:32	Bunuel	I'd spend extra ~20 seconds on each of them
22:33	Bunuel	So, it would be ~3 minutes more on the first 10 questions
22:33	souvik101990	Yeah i think thats fair to say
22:33	Nus800	you mean its really imprtant to get the first 10 questions right?
22:33	souvik101990	I would also spend some time and be cautious in the intial phase
22:34	yezz	can we say the first 15 to 20 to give a margin for experimental questions just in case they were clustered in the begining ?
22:34	Bunuel	Well, we'd like to stress that we have a strong reason to believe that even though GMAT Prep is the closest algorithm to the GMAT, it is most likely not identical.
22:34	souvik101990	GMATPrep has no experimental questions right!
22:35	rajathpanta	so that analysis is limited to only

		gmat prep? and the same analogy might not be applicable to actual GMAT right
22:35	rajathpanta	??
22:35	Nus800	yes i found the questions in real gmat quite different
22:35	MacFauz	On from me please... If I'm on Q30 and I find that I have only about 10 mins to go.. Is it better that I work on Q30 - Q34 and guess the remaining or that I work on alternate ones and guess alternate ones?
22:35	rajiv1984	When souvik says based on the new what-if scenarios? what are these?
22:35	Bunuel	Yes, we cannot say that these scenarios would give the same results on the actual exam
22:35	Bunuel	http://gmatclub.com/forum/gmat-prep-software-analysis-and-what-if-scenarios-146146.html
22:36	souvik101990	http://gmatclub.com/forum/gmat-prep-software-analysis-and-what-if-scenarios-146146.html
22:36	Bunuel	rajiv1984 check the link above
22:37	Bunuel	MacFauz any exact answer to that question would be speculation from my side
22:37	rajathpanta	I wanted to know how best to make use of the error log and do the weakness analysis..if you can explain with a scenario... I have made it as a topic wise error log
22:37	Bunuel	but I'd try first to answer all 7 remaining questions
22:38	Bunuel	next I'd try to concentrate on alternates
22:40	MacFauz	hmmmm
22:40	Nus800	Bunuel i've been doing quant from gmat club..i got a 44 in actual exam..i find 700-800 level questions pretty tough do you think i should focus on 600-700 level instead

22:40	Nus800	and what topics are most important?
22:41	yezz	Bunuel can we say it s safest to give our best to the first 27 questions and guess everyother one in the remaining 10?
22:41	ank041	bunnel any suggestion for Combinatorics questions
22:42	ank041	i really am clueless for dis
22:42	rajathpanta	@yezz i dont think it will be similar in real exam... what if scenarios are only for gmat prep
22:43	aim730	Hi all
22:43	Bunuel	@Nus800: most questions are from number properties, arithmetic, word problems, so I'd suggest to be very familiar with the basics realted to them
22:44	aim730	@Bunuel these days question on co ordinate geometry are also increasing could you share with us your view point on the same ??
22:44	ank041	what abt inequality,mod and stats
22:45	Nus800	yeah i saw quite a few cordinate geom questions in d xam..many of which wer similar 2 d ones in gmatclub
22:46	Bunuel	@ank: check our math book for theory and questions banks to practice: http://gmatclub.com/forum/gmat-math-book-87417.html
22:46	Bunuel	http://gmatclub.com/forum/viewforumtags.php
22:46	yezz	@rajathpanta, yeh i agree , however i believe it is made to learn or estimate how the real one works. if we assumed that the only difference is the experimental questions distribution in real exam (i think this is a realistic assumptions)
22:46	rajathpanta	@bunuel I found gmat club tests are tougher compared to gmat prep... and I scored a little lesser

		too... how should I use the gmat club tests
22:47	Bunuel	Yes, they are harder
22:47	Bunuel	So, I'd suggest to go through them AFTER GMAT Prep cats
22:48	yezz	@Bunuel, am not getting any answers
22:48	rajathpanta	ok sure.... thanks
22:49	Bunuel	Some of the questions from our tests have little chances to appear on the real test BUT they are very good to practice
22:49	rajathpanta	correct I found that just the rote memorization of a concept doesnt help
22:49	Bunuel	@yezz: what was the questions?
22:50	rajathpanta	I had to be insightful
22:50	yezz	ok thanks a lot guys for this initiative and good luck to all with the real thing. @Bunuel , many thanks for your brilliant answers, take it easy. cheers guys
22:50	Bunuel	Sorry, the questions come faster than I can answer
22:50	yezz	no probs man , take it easy
22:51	Bunuel	@yezz: your strategy seems fine for me: concentrate on the first 27 and then guess every other question
22:51	ank041	Thanx bunnel....really dat book was reallly helpful to cleas ma conceptual doubts
22:52	Bunuel	But it's important to answer ALL the questions, there are penalties if we asnwer only say 35 out of 37
22:52	Bunuel	@ank041: if any questions on theory you can post in respective topics from the math book
22:53	rajathpanta	@bunuel can you also give some insights on error log... I know the basics.. just want to understand how best to use it
22:53	ank041	Ya sure..
22:53	Bunuel	Let me check

22:53	ank041	Just started quants...
22:53	ank041	few days ago
22:53	ank041	Verbal wa really tough bt i loved dat..
22:53	ank041	thanx to ma coachin teacher
22:54	thevenus	why can't i access http://gmatclub.com/forum/the-official-guide-for-gmat-review-13th-edition-quant-134495.html
22:54	Bunuel	error logs and suggestions how to use are here: http://gmatclub.com/forum/gmat-error-log-86232.html
22:54	mib_ptqg1e	Do you have suggestions for how to stay motivated and keep studying even after a bad score?
22:55	Bunuel	@thevenus: check here: http://gmatclub.com/forum/the-official-guide-quantitative-question-directory-143450.html
22:55	Bunuel	all OG13 questions with solutions
22:56	rajathpanta	@mib_ptqg1e I think my mba experience is full of such inspirational stories
22:56	Bunuel	@mib_ptqg1e: there are lot of stories how people improved their scores from 25-30 to 50
22:57	rajathpanta	http://gmatclub.com/forum/share-gmat-experience-8/?fl=menu
22:57	Bunuel	So. I wouldn't be discouraged from 2-3 low scores in cats
22:57	Nus800	Bunuel i was scoring around 48 in gmat prep bt just scored a 44 in actual exam.. I think this is common or its just me 😞 ?
22:58	Bunuel	You can check them here: http://gmatclub.com/forum/share-gmat-experience-8/?fl=menu
22:58	Bunuel	I'd say some variations from in the scores are quite common
22:59	thevenus	thank you so much BUNUEL , you are a bond ! 😊
23:01	Nus800	Bunuel isn't OG too easy compared to actual gmat..?

23:02	Bunuel	Yes, the questions from OG are easier than on the exam
23:02	Bunuel	But not TOO easy
23:02	rajathpanta	I believe the later questions... say after 100+ in PS and DS are a little tricky... initial questions are easy
23:03	Bunuel	The questions in OG give the patterns of the questions you'll encounter on the exam
23:04	Bunuel	but the actual questions on the exam are harder
23:05	rajathpanta	but GMAT prep or say MGMAT tests closely reflect the actual GMAT right
23:05	rajathpanta	??
23:05	Bunuel	Yes. They give best possible approximation
23:06	Nus800	ok Bunuel i've taken the gmat prep tests quite a lot of times
23:06	Nus800	now i dont really kno how to get an idiea of my current gmat performance as i've exhausted all resources
23:06	sammy04	hey bunuel has the quant become harder off late
23:07	sammy04	on the real test
23:07	sammy04	i am not a quant person quant is giving me a hard time
23:07	Bunuel	@Nus: try other tests http://gmatclub.com/forum/all-gmat-cat-practice-tests-links-prices-reviews-77460.html#p583005
23:08	Bunuel	@sammy04: yes, there are indications that the test is getting a bit harder in every 2-3 years
23:08	Nus800	i've taken most of these other tests as well
23:08	sammy04	my score has been stagnant in the mid 30's in quant
23:09	Bunuel	@sammy: this might help http://gmatclub.com/forum/new-to-the-math-forum-please-read-this-first-140445.html
23:10	Bunuel	We have some more time: any

		other questions?
23:10	sammy04	thanks
23:11	Nus800	Bunuel when i am doing 800 level quant from gmatclub i take more than 5 minutes on each question and most of the time i hve 2 look at your solutions and spen more time..do you think it is worth the time?
23:12	Bunuel	I'd say yes. They are good for practice. But overall it depends on how much time do you have
23:13	Bunuel	They are tough and are for those who aim at Q49 or higher
23:14	Nus800	yes
23:15	Nus800	what resources do you suggest for quant apart from gmat club, mgmat and og?
23:16	ankitlath2007	feel free to ask any doubt.....
23:17	Bunuel	Check here: Best GMAT Math Prep Books (Reviews & Recommendations) http://gmatclub.com/forum/best-gmat-math-prep-books-reviews-recommendations-77291.html
23:18	thevenus	i fear combinatorics ! would that affect much if i don't prepare much of it? if I am unlucky and get a lot of questions from that topic?
23:19	Bunuel	You won't get more than 2 questions combined from probability/combinations
23:20	Bunuel	also most combinations questions are quite straightforward
23:20	Bunuel	50% of ALL probability/combinations questions posted on the forum has little or no chances to appear on the exam
23:21	Nus800	bunuel i dont hav ny prob in any specific area but i tend to find it difficult to solve probs within 2mins under pressure and dats wat affects my performance..what do u suggest i ought to do?
23:22	thevenus	🙏 wow, i m saved, thank u so

		much bunuel , i was going thru our forum's combinatorics problems and they scared me big time.
23:23	Bunuel	For example, check this question: http://gmatclub.com/forum/baker-s-dozen-128782-20.html#p1057507
23:23	thevenus	Bunuel, i would like to hear some words of wisdom for DS ! it's getting trickier every passing year 😊
23:23	Bunuel	I really doubt that there will be a question on combinatorics that is harder than this
23:25	Bunuel	For DS strategies check here: http://gmatclub.com/forum/any-ds-strategies-need-help-141538.html#p1137287
23:25	Bunuel	We are currently working on the topic that covers common DS traps
23:26	Bunuel	5 more minutes!
23:27	jeremystaub28	How many mistakes can you allow yourself to get (rough estimate) in order to score something around Q49?
23:27	thevenus	i read your thread on "importance of first few questions " and the combinations u have taken, so you must stress to solved the first 17 questions correctly?
23:28	Bunuel	~10 wrong answers can still result in Q49, I think
23:29	Bunuel	@thevenus; in GMAT Prep we got that first questions are more important than the last.
23:30	Bunuel	So, I'd concentrate more on the first 10 questions and spend a little bit more time on them
23:30	thevenus	ok Bunuel , thanks a lot for this wonderful initiative,God bless you , Good day 😊
23:30	Bunuel	Any other question?
23:31	Bunuel	If any, please post here: http://gmatclub.com/forum/gmat-quantitative-section-7/
23:31	MacFauz	Thanks for your time Bunuel

23:31	Nus800	thx alot bunuel
23:32	Bunuel	Thank you guys!!!
23:32	Bunuel	We'll notify on the forum about our next chat!
23:32	Bunuel	Have a nice day! Bye!
23:33	Guest8281	Thank you!
23:33	jeremystaub28	thank you!
23:33	Nus800	can some1 plz provide the link for the wat-if scenarios file plz?
23:34	MacFauz	http://gmatclub.com/forum/gmat-prep-software-analysis-and-what-if-scenarios-146146.html
23:34	Nus800	thx MacFauz
23:34	Nus800	nice chattin...all d best guyz...take care
23:35	MacFauz	no prob