

Introduction to Sentence Correction on the GMAT

The scoring region!

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- 12-14 Questions.
- Time available per verbal question: ~110 seconds.
 - Target time per SC question: 75 seconds.
- **Eight** main rules/conventions of standard written English tested.
 - Not a hardcore English grammar exam.
 - Quite logical, analytical, intuitive.

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- Virtues of a correct sentence...
 - Correct Formulation
 - Grammatically and structurally sound.
 - Concise Expression
 - Crisp, cogent, and non-awkward.
 - Correct Diction
 - Following conventions of standard written English.
 - Conveying of the intended meaning

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- A mother sentence, partly or completely underlined, is given.
 - The underlined part usually contains one or more flaws.
 - In roughly 20% cases, it doesn't.
- Five answer choices for possibly replacing the underlined part are then provided.
 - The first choice is the same as the underlined part of the mother sentence.

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- Select the most appropriate answer choice.
- It's not about the 'correct answer'.
- It's about the 'best answer'.
 - The best among the good answer choices.
 - The “least bad” among the not-so-good answer choices. 😊

Eight Main Concepts

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- Modifiers
- Subject-verb Agreement
- Pronouns
- Parallelism
- Comparison
- Tenses
- Redundancy
- Idioms

Strategy for Attempting Sentence Correction Questions

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- Step 1: Start reading the mother sentence.
- Step 2: When the underlined part starts, come down to answer choices.
- Step 3: Continue reading the answer choices horizontally.
 - While you compare the answer choices vertically.
- Step 4: Eliminate choices.
 - Significant differences among answer choices may be an opportunity to eliminate a few of the choices.
 - When you eliminate four answer choices, you have the best answer.
- Step 5: Read the complete sentence.
 - Mark, confirm the answer choice.

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thank you



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