DEFINE YOUR GMAT STRATEGY

& YOUR OWN STUDY Plan

Scope of this Session

STRATEGY SESSION #1

1. GMAT Scoring
2. How to define your target split
3. High level 60 day plan (2 stage plan
4. Focus on **STAGE 1**
   - The sequence in which to study
   - How to tackle quant
5. How to study
   - Focus on core skills

STRATEGY SESSION #2

Same Study plan – Focus on **STAGE 2 – Refinement**

1. How to get ready for mocks
   - What to study
   - Prior preparation for mocks
   - Etc.
2. How to review your mocks
3. How to create a 30 day refinement plan (up to 5 mocks)
4. Key metrics that you need to track throughout the process
   - Takt Time
   - Total Productive Time
   - Accuracy

Agenda of the Session

Get Ready for Mocks

1. Mentally Prepared
2. Metrics

Evaluate Mocks

1. Understand Str/Wk.
2. Set goals

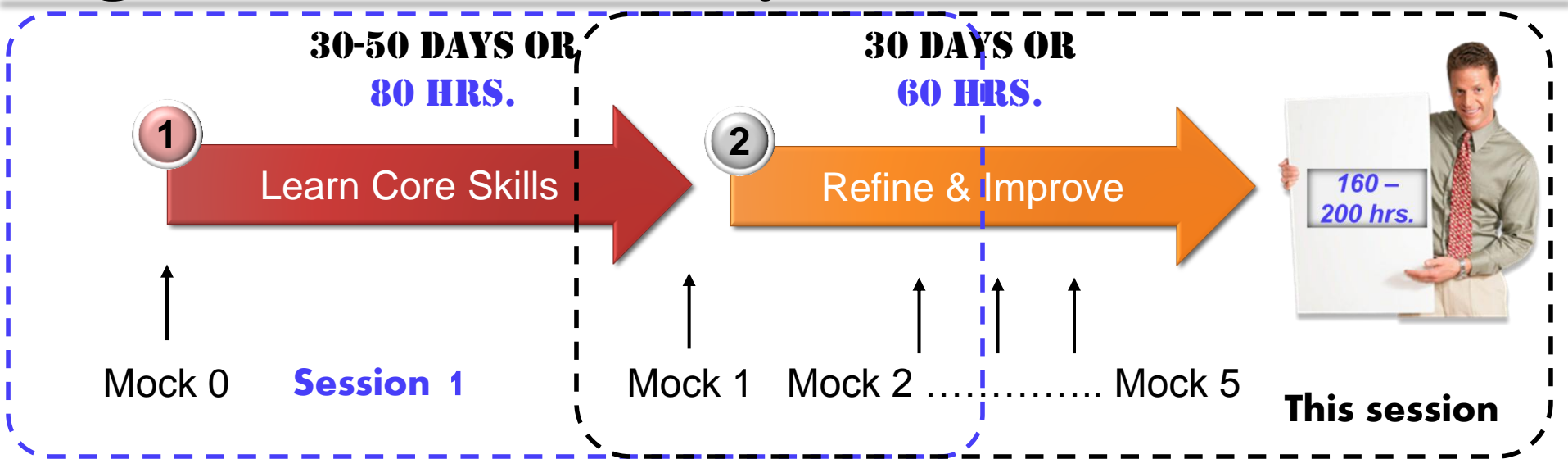## Last 30 day Plan

1. Allocate time
2. Take Vacation

Get you ready for the GMAT 30 days before the exam.

Upcoming Free Sessions in July

Session Name	Date/Time
Tactical Strategies to Ace the GMAT	July 7
CR1 - Prethinking for CR Assumptions	July 15
SC1 - Importance of Meaning	July 21
GMAT Strategy Session #1	July 28

Entry limited by the # of participants we can accommodate in our meeting room

High level 2 Phase Study Plan

30-50 DAYS OR 80 HRS.

30 DAYS OR 60 HRS.

1 → Learn Core Skills

2 → Refine & Improve

160 – 200 hrs.

Mock 0   **Session 1**

Mock 1   Mock 2 …………… Mock 5

This session
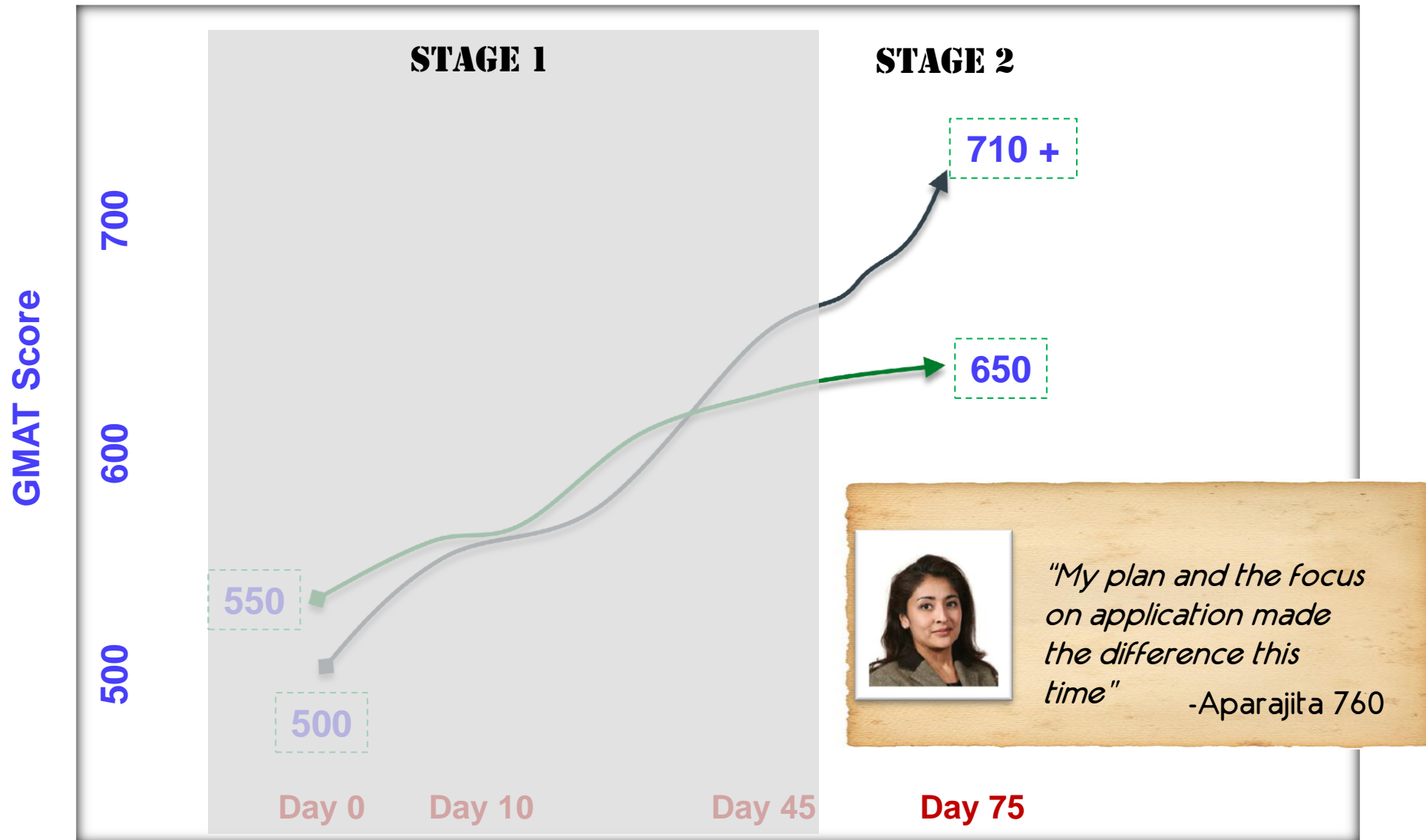
⇨ Assumptions: 20 hrs per week; 4 weeks per month (2 days off)
⇨ Access to OG and other relevant material

TAKE AWAY

✓ **Most non-natives require 200+ hrs of effort to achieve their dream score**
✓ **There are people who have done this in 45 days with diligent effort**

This stage could have a 70 point impact on your score

STAGE 1

STAGE 2

710 +

650

GMAT Score

700

600

500

550

500

"My plan and the focus on application made the difference this time"
                    -Aparajita 760

Day 0   Day 10   Day 45   Day 75

Prep duration
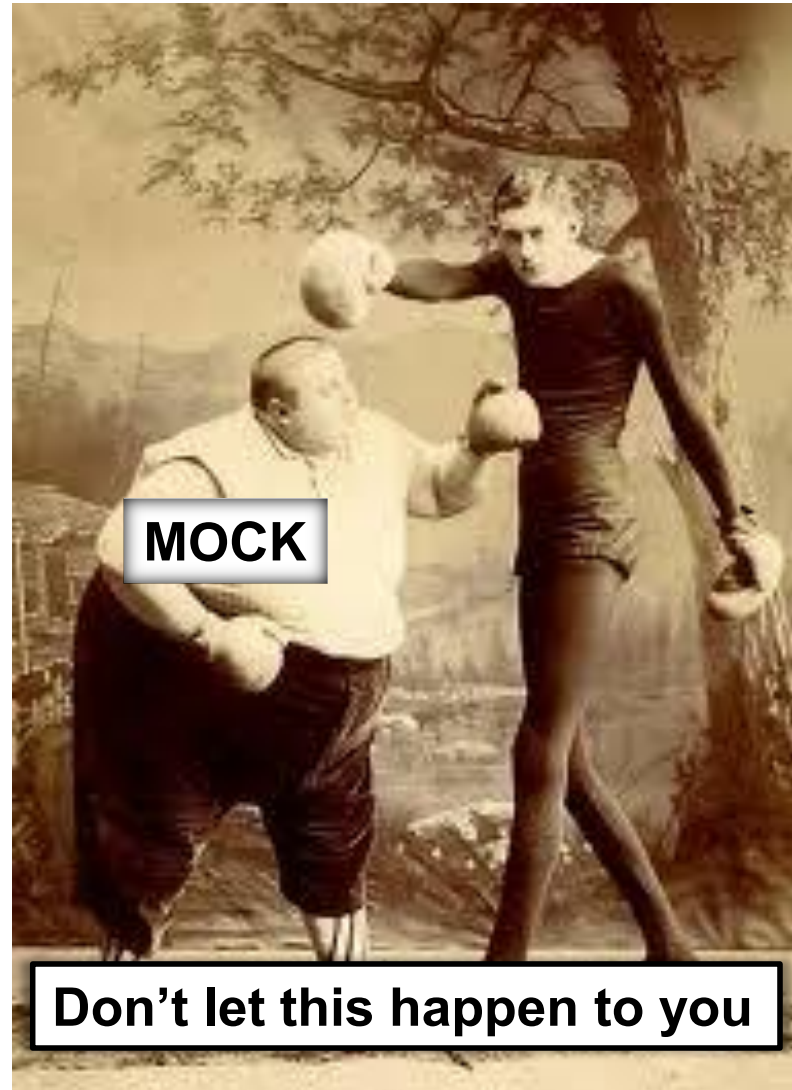
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Who are you?

1. E-GMAT Customer
2. Someone who is evaluating e-GMAT offerings
3. Neither

Part 1 – Getting Ready for Mocks

Get Ready for Mocks

1. Mentally Prepared
2. Metrics

MOCK

Don't let this happen to you

What is the Purpose of Mocks

Test of Ability

1. Your accuracy in various sections
2. Can you solve problems of different kinds "together"
3. Your strengths and weaknesses

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Timing

How long do you take to solve problems?

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Endurance

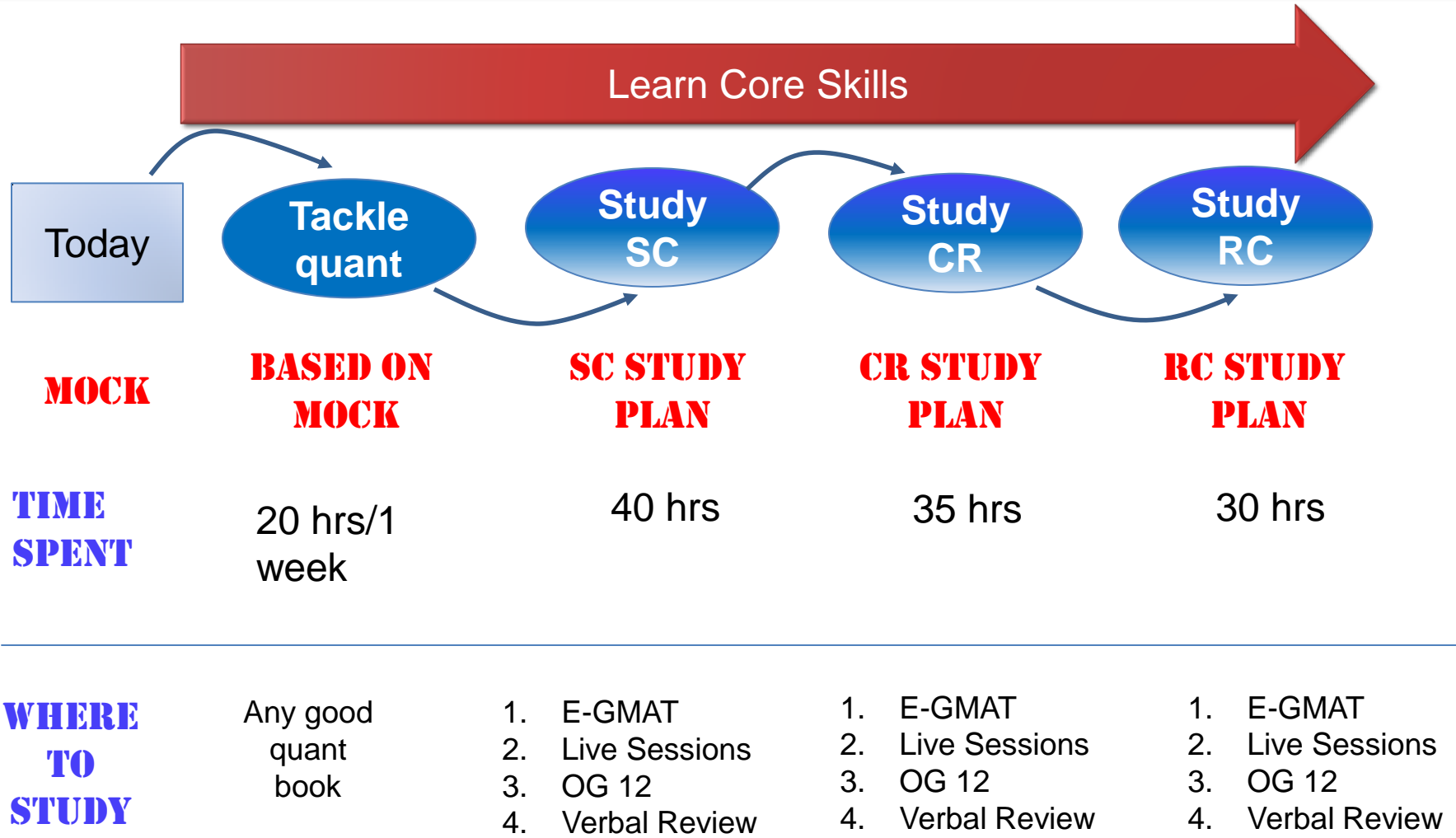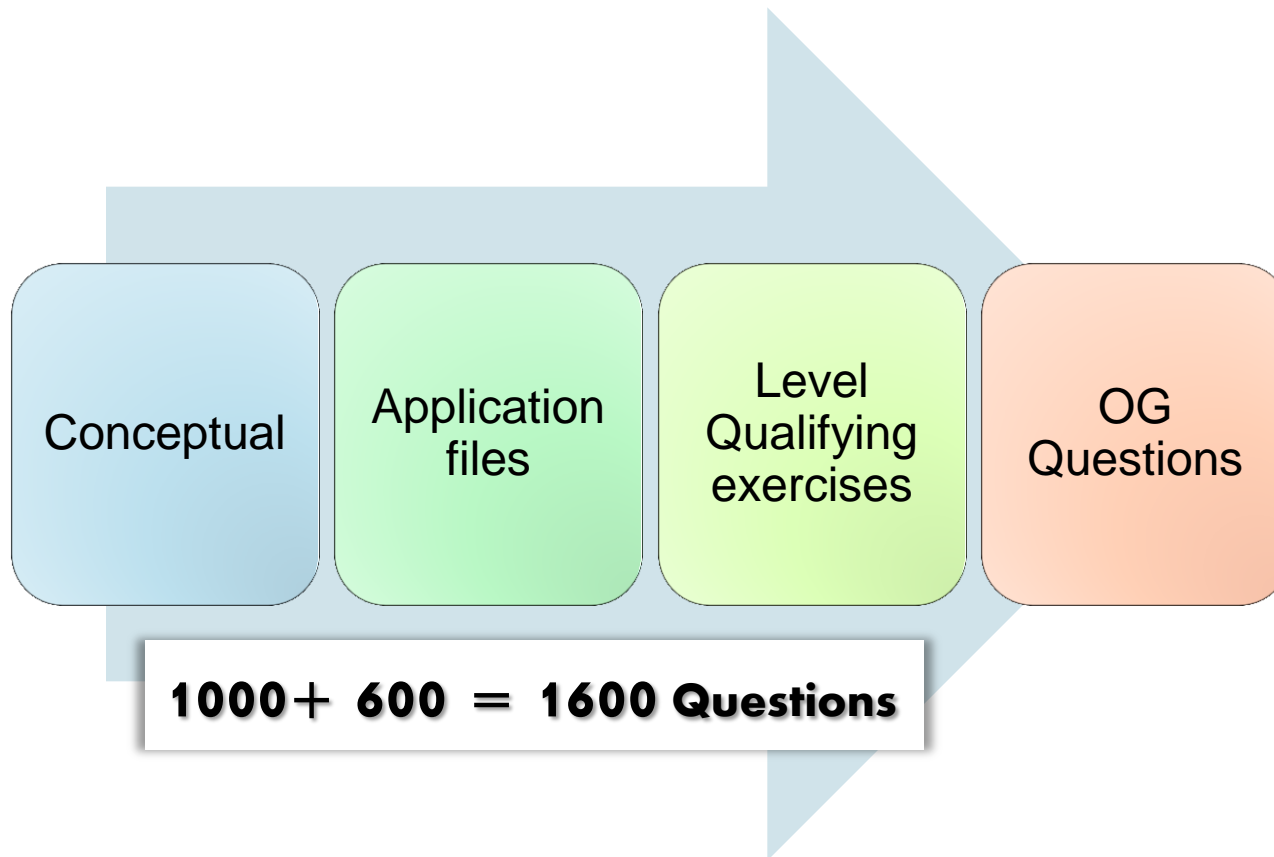What impact does fatigue have on your performance

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Strategy

Your Mock Strategy

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E-GMAT customers – what should you have studied for mocks

Learn Core Skills

Today → Tackle quant → Study SC → Study CR → Study RC

MOCK	BASED ON MOCK	SC STUDY PLAN	CR STUDY PLAN	RC STUDY PLAN
TIME SPENT	20 hrs/1 week	40 hrs	35 hrs	30 hrs
WHERE TO STUDY	Any good quant book	1. E-GMAT 2. Live Sessions 3. OG 12 4. Verbal Review	1. E-GMAT 2. Live Sessions 3. OG 12 4. Verbal Review	1. E-GMAT 2. Live Sessions 3. OG 12 4. Verbal Review

Your Progression of exercises (e-GMAT Customers)

| Conceptual | Application files | Level Qualifying exercises | OG Questions |

1000+ 600 = 1600 Questions

TAKE AWAY You should have nailed both the process and timing for individual sections

Start with 25 Question Mixed Quizzes

What is the Purpose?

1. Ensure command over process
2. Timing is nailed
3. Stamina build up
4. Curb anxiety

How to do this?

1. Create a Verbal Quiz in Grockit
2. The quiz should have no less than 25 questions
3. Should include all 3 sections (SC/CR/RC)
4. The quiz should be timed

METRICS

Accuracy = 70% or more
Define your Takt Time for each Section

Help Videos🖥

1. How to Access Grockit Mock CATs
2. How to Use Skill Data at Grockit -
3. How to Access your Strengths and Weaknesses using Grockit

TAKE AWAY Do At least 2 quizzes, Make sure that you are not (very) anxious

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How to create a custom Quiz in Grockit

So what is Takt Time

Takt time, derived from the German word **Taktzeit** which translates to *cycle time*, sets the pace for industrial manufacturing lines
=> Time required to answer a question without compromising accuracy.

Why is Takt Time important?

1. Helps budget timing in mocks.
2. Proves that you cannot solve more questions in less time without impacting accuracy

CR Accuracy Variation

Your accuracy Suffers if you have less time

80%

50%

1:45 Mins   1:25 Mins

How can you calculate Takt Time?

1. Grockit quiz with SC/C/RC question types.
2. From Mocks

Getting Takt Time from Grockit Analytics

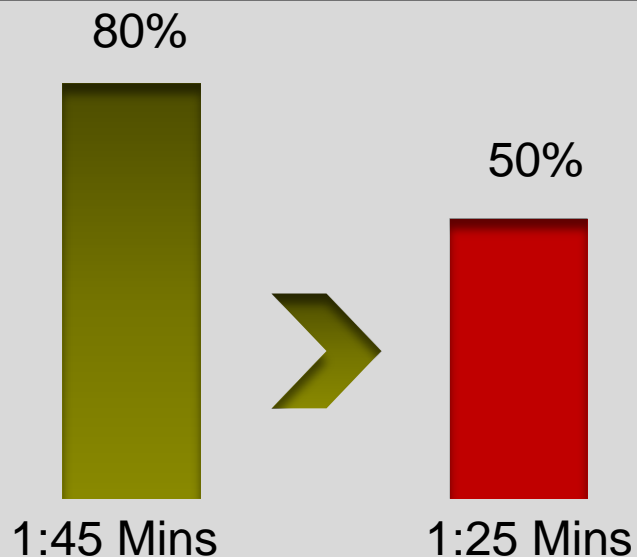# What impact could Takt Time have

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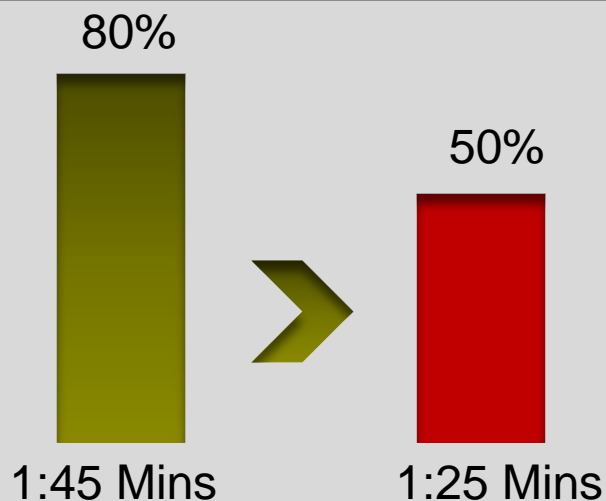
Time Management can have up to 10 point impact on your score

38/60

30/60

Good Mgmt

Poor Mgmt
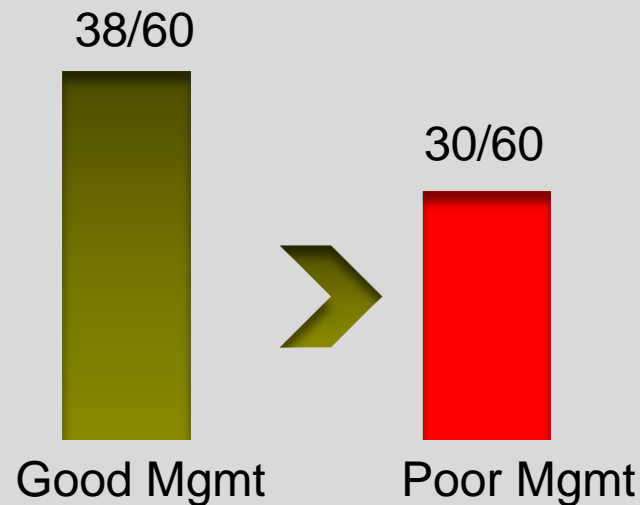
TAKE AWAY It also clouds your evaluation of mocks (more later)

How to use this Takt Time?

Attributes of Takt Time

1. It varies from person to person
2. It cannot be changed 2 days before your mock/test
3. It can be changed with persistent effort

"Reduced SC Takt time from 1:30 to 1:10 without impacting accuracy" -Jai 720

How can you use Takt Time?

Strategize Timing in Mocks

Scenario: You have 10 minutes and 8 Questions. Your Takt Time in SC is 1:25, CR is 1: 45, RC is 2:00 minutes. How will you proceed further

Strategize Preparation

Make concious effort to improve your Takt Time by

1. Internalizing process.
2. Improving understanding of concepts.
3. Improving Comprehension.

Factors that affect timing

- Ability to read and comprehend
- Understanding of the concepts
- Attack Strategy (Process)
- Familiarity with question types
- Agility of the mind

CR Assumption Question

	Student 1	Student 2
Understand the argument	30-45 S	30 S
Pre-think the answer	15 S	0 S
Evaluate the answer choices	15-30 S	60 - 150S

60 to 90 seconds

90 to 180 Seconds
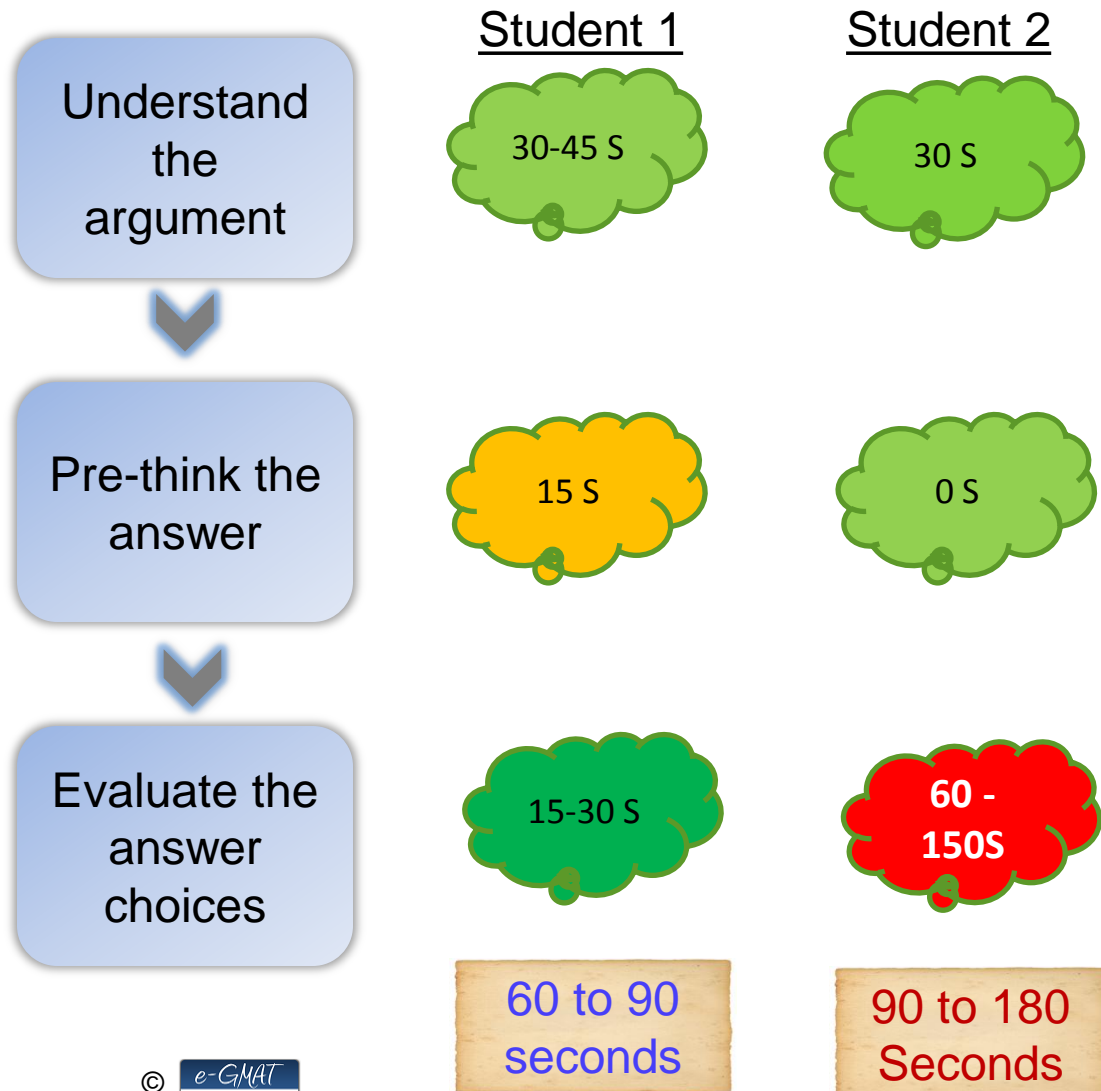
Your Timing Strategy for Mock (Verbal Only)

Question Number (y-axis): Q 10, Q 20, Q 30, Q 40

Time left (x-axis): 55 mins, 35 mins, 17 mins, 1 mins

- Improve
- Improve.
- Maintain
- Maintain

Maintain Your Percentile

Get to your target Percentile

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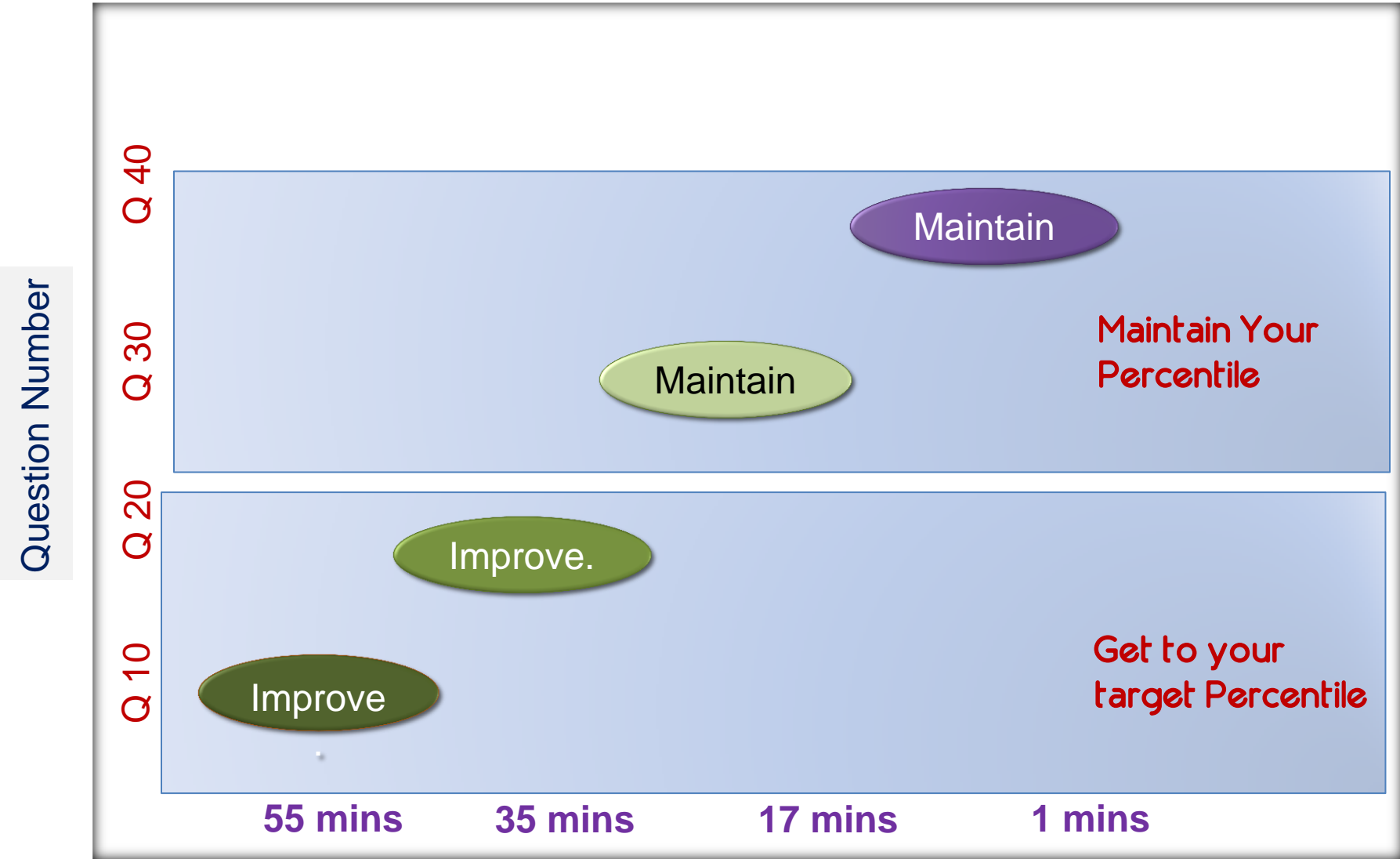
PART 2

HOW TO REVIEW YOUR MOCK TEST

Evaluate Mocks

1. Understand Str/Wk.
2. Set goals

Areas of Weakness

Incorrect responses

Weakness → Not sure of the answer

Took more time than average[1] to answer (2.5 mins)

+2 Question Goal
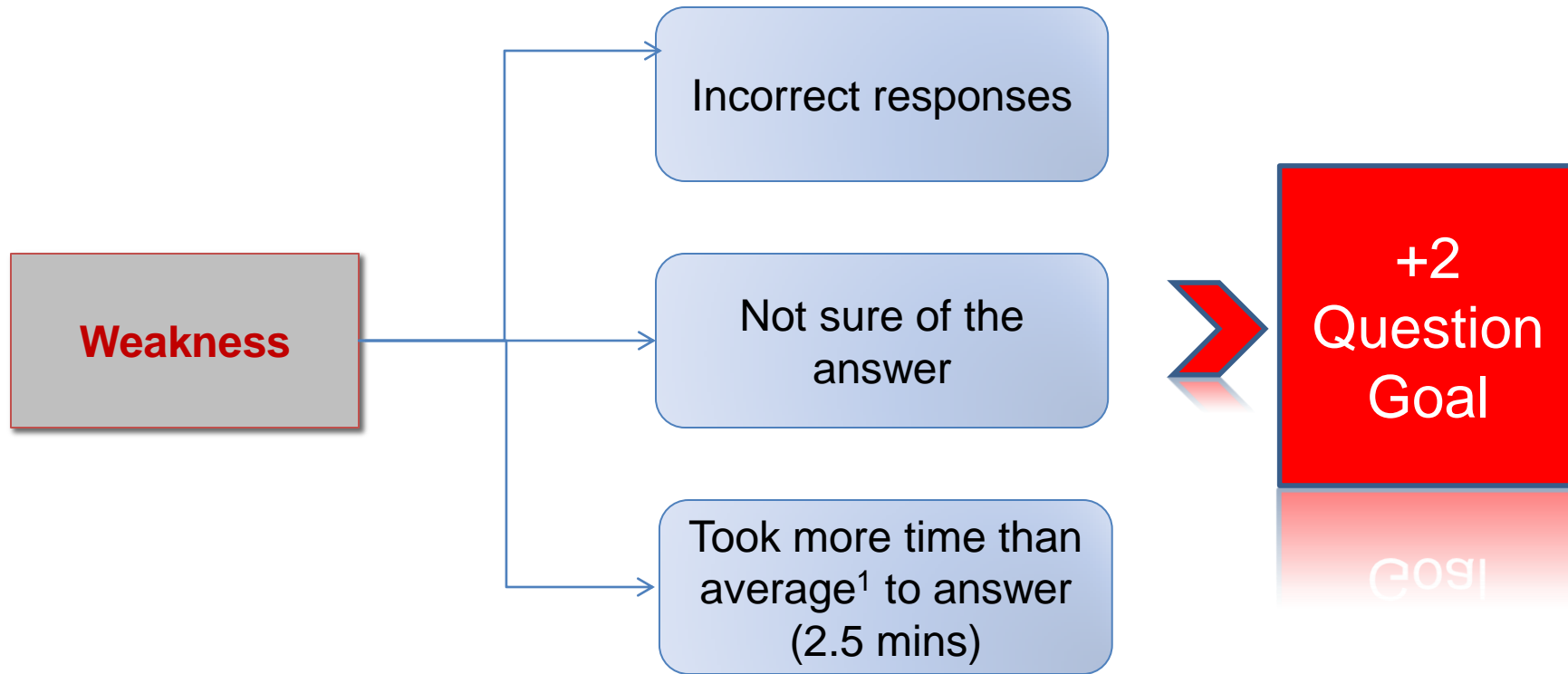
1. Note some questions and question types will take longer (example Bold Face)

These 3 categories will apply to each section

What to monitor in mock test

What to Monitor	How to Monitor?	Why is it important?
Accuracy for a particular question type	%age of questions correct of that question type	Easy win, ensures instant score improvement.
Time to answer question > 30 seconds more than Takt Time	Self explanatory	Implies a weakness, either in strategy or understanding
Wrong answers – answered in less than average time	Self explanatory	Careless mistakes
Your actual time (every 5/10 questions) Vs. Planned time	Check the test timing	Large deviation may have a negative impact on your accuracy
Total Productive Time	Time taken to answer questions correctly	Need to maximize it to maximize score

TAKE AWAY Have a +2/+3 improvement goal for your next mock.

Drill Down Example

VERBAL: ANALYSIS BY QUESTION FORMAT & DIFFICULTY

QUESTION FORMAT	Total	Right	Wrong	Blank	% Right	Average Time RIGHT Answers	Average Time WRONG Answers	Average Difficulty RIGHT Answers	Average Difficulty WRONG Answers
Critical Reasoning	109	73	36	0	67%	2:13	1:57	670	670
300 - 500	7	5	2		71%	1:09	1:13		
500 - 600	13	10	3		77%	1:39	1:26		
600 - 700	35	20	15		57%	2:25	1:54		
700 - 800	54	38	16		70%	2:25	2:12		
Reading Comprehension	72	37	35	0	51%	1:46	2:11	650	710
300 - 500	2	2	0		100%	1:08	NA		
500 - 600	9	7	2		78%	1:35	0:41		
600 - 700	27	17	10		63%	1:29	1:19		
700 - 800	34	11	23		32%	2:27	2:42		
Sentence Correction	89	58	29	2	65%	1:29	1:19	680	700
300 - 500	1	1	0		100%	1:52	NA		
500 - 600	4	4	0		100%	1:24	NA		
600 - 700	49	32	15		65%	1:24	1:03		
700 - 800	35	21	14		60%	1:36	1:37		

The Same

Looks Ok

Very Close

This report was generated with DATA from the following exams:

Verbal Score = 36

Analysis - CR

CONTENT AREA	Total	Right	Wrong	% Right	Average Time RIGHT Answers	Average Time WRONG Answers	
Critical Reasoning	109	73	36	67%	2:13	1:57	

	Topic	Total	Right	Wrong	% Right	Average Time RIGHT Answers	Average Time WRONG Answers	
	Find the Assumption	21	13	8	62%	1:37	2:18	
	Draw a Conclusion	19	14	5	74%	2:15	2:29	
	Strengthen Conclusion	18	15	3	83%	2:20	1:46	
	Weaken Conclusion	20	10	10	50%	1:49	1:50	
	Analyze Arg Structure	11	9	2	82%	3:04	1:39	
	Evaluate A Conclusion	7	3	4	43%	2:54	1:58	
	Explain A Situation	9	7	2	78%	2:10	1:17	
WORST	Make an Inference about Premises	1	0	1	0%	NA	0:12	FASTEST
	Resolve a Problem	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	
WORST	Provide an Example	1	0	1	0%	NA	2:11	
BEST	Restate the Conclusion	1	1	0	100%	1:10	NA	
BEST	Mimic the Argument	1	1	0	100%	3:45	NA	SLOWEST

Strategy

Comprehension

1. Improve Evaluate and Weaken accuracy
2. Revise Conclusion to improve timing

Analysis- RC

CONTENT AREA	Total	Right	Wrong	% Right	Average Time RIGHT Answers	Average Time WRONG Answers
Reading Comprehension	72	37	35	51%	1:46	2:11

	Topic	Total	Right	Wrong	% Right	Average Time RIGHT Answers	Average Time WRONG Answers	
	Inference	33	16	17	48%	2:09	1:58	
WORST	Specific Detail	28	12	16	43%	1:23	2:20	
BEST	Main Idea	8	7	1	88%	1:49	4:09	**SLOWEST**
	Passage Structure	3	2	1	67%	1:02	1:27	**FASTEST**
	Tone	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	

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1. Review Reading Strategies, Make sure that you comprehend the passage to avoid re-reading.
2. Review Inference and Detail files.

Analysis-SC

CONTENT AREA	Total	Right	Wrong	% Right	Average Time RIGHT Answers	Average Time WRONG Answers	
Sentence Correction	89	58	29	65%	1:29	1:19	

	Topic	Total	Right	Wrong	% Right	Average Time RIGHT Answers	Average Time WRONG Answers	
	Subject Verb Agreement	9	6	3	67%	1:17	0:59	
	Pronouns	5	4	1	80%	1:05	0:07	FASTEST
	Modifiers	11	7	3	64%	2:06	2:29	SLOWEST
	Verbs	11	6	4	55%	1:31	1:44	
	Idioms	9	5	4	56%	1:08	1:09	
BEST	Concision	7	6	1	86%	2:08	0:04	
	Clarity of Meaning	6	4	2	67%	1:35	1:47	
BEST	Parallelism	7	6	1	86%	1:29	0:11	
	Comparisons	11	7	4	64%	1:16	1:24	
WORST	Quantity Expressions	7	2	5	29%	1:05	1:13	
	Connecting Punctuation	6	5	1	83%	1:02	0:50	

Major revision

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What to do after the Analysis is complete?

List Top Three Weaknesses

1. RC Detail Questions   (2 Questions)
2. RC Inference Questions (2 Questions)
3. CR Weaken Questions   (2 Questions)

1. Mitigation Plan for Top 2
2. Time required for mitigation (add 20% more)
3. Resources to be used
   • Conceptual
   • Practice

List Top Three Careless Mistakes (Reasons)

1. *Reason 1*
2. *Reason 2*
3. *Reason 3*

1. Mitigation Plan for Top 2
2. Mental notes
3. Practice To ensure success

Other Metrics

1. *Takt Time for each section*
2. *Total Productive Time for the test*

TAKE AWAY Have a +2/+3 question goal for your next mock.

Total Productive Time – New Term

Total Productive Time => The amount of time spent on answering questions correctly in a mock test.

Use Case: Applicant 1 with Mock score 35

	Right	**Wrong**
# of questions	23	18
Time spent	41:20	33:40
Avg. Time/question	1:47	1:52

- Clearly, this applicant tried to answer all questions correctly and did not try to improve his total productive time
- As you will see in the spreadsheet; he was 8 minutes behind by the time he reached question #22
- He had a 21 percentile drop from 98 (#21) to 77 (#41)

A few tips ….

1. Its better to skip 1 question every now and then if you are falling behind.

2. Try to adhere to these timing strategies while appearing for mock.

3. Maximize your total productive time to maximize your mock score.

4. Use your knowledge of relative section accuracies/Takt Time while skipping a question.

CREATING YOUR LAST 30 DAYS PLAN

Use Case: <u>Quant Whiz</u>, who has recently scored 630 on the GMATPrep

Total score	Math score	V score	Math correct	Verbl correct	Overall Score	SC - Corr	CR-Corr	RC - Corr
630	47	30	30	23	RC 7/13 CR 8/12 SC 8/16	50	67	53
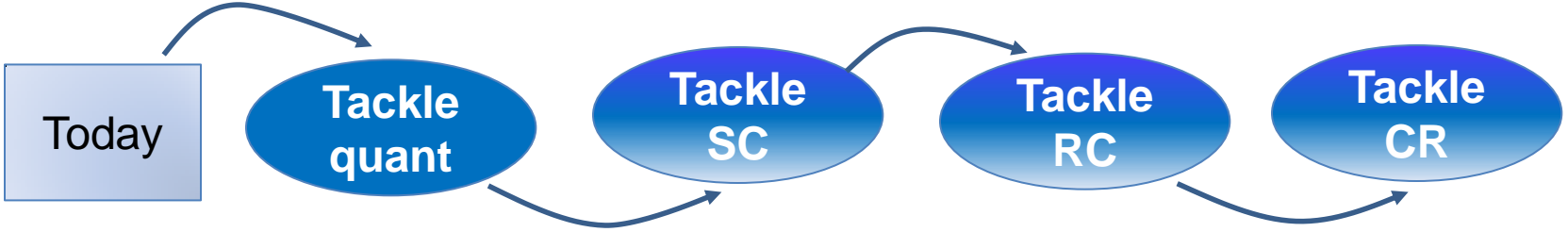
Today → Tackle quant → Tackle SC → Tackle RC → Tackle CR

GOALS	Q49/50 V 29-31	Q49/50 V 32-34 SC = 70%	Q49/50 V 33-35 RC = 70% SC = 70%+	Q50/51 V 35-37 CR= 75%+ RC =70%+ SC =70%+
MOCK TEST	✔	✔	✔	✔
TIME TO MOCK	4 days/10 hrs	8 days/30 hrs	8 days/30 hrs	5 days/15 hrs

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You define how much time you need.

Build Muscle

GOAL

Lose Weight

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 **(630, Q47, V30)** **(RC 7/13, CR 8/12, SC 8/16)** **Define your Q Weakness**
2 **Work on your Q Weakness - revise theory**	**3** **Work on your Q Weakness -**	**4** **Work on your Q Weakness -**	**5** **Prepare for next mock. Revise all previous mocks and all sections**	**6** **Mock test**	**7** **Revise mock, notice the area for improvement**	**8** **Tackle SC**
9 **Tackle SC**	**10** **SC**	**11** **SC**	**12** **SC**	**13** **SC**	**14** **Prepare for next mock. Revise all previous mocks and all sections**	**15** **Prepare for next mock. Revise all previous mocks and all sections**
16 **Mock test**	**17** **Break**	**18** **RC (holiday)**	**19** **RC**	**20** **RC**	**21** **RC**	**22** **RC**
23 **Prepare for next mock. Revise all previous mocks and all sections**	**24** **Mock test**	**25** **CR**	**26** **CR**	**27** **CR**	**28** **CR**	**29** **Prepare for next mock. Revise all previous mocks and all sections**
30 **Mock test**	**31**	Notes:				

Best Practices

1. Accuracy first, timing next.
2. If you accuracy is less than 65% in any section, then work on fundamentals (e-GMAT course can help you there)
3. Have a 2/3 Question goal for improvement for each mock.
4. Make sure that you tackle your weakest areas
5. Knowing your Takt Time can help you make judicious decisions in the mock.
6. Aim to improve your Total Productive Time with every mock.

People have benefitted tremendously in last 30 days

Kavya – e-GMAT Hero

Background
- Engineer by profession
- Undergrad from BITS Pilani
  (ranked in top 10 colleges in India)
- Took GMAT 3 times
  1. 640 (Q49, V28) – Oct 2010
  2. 680 (Q49, V32) – June 2011
  3. 730 (Q50, V39) – Oct 2011

730 (50Q, 39V)

E-GMAT Heroes

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- Stumbled upon e-gmat through google

710 (48Q, 38V) Verbal from 25 → 38

In conversation with Rajat Sadana

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87 po

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Verbal

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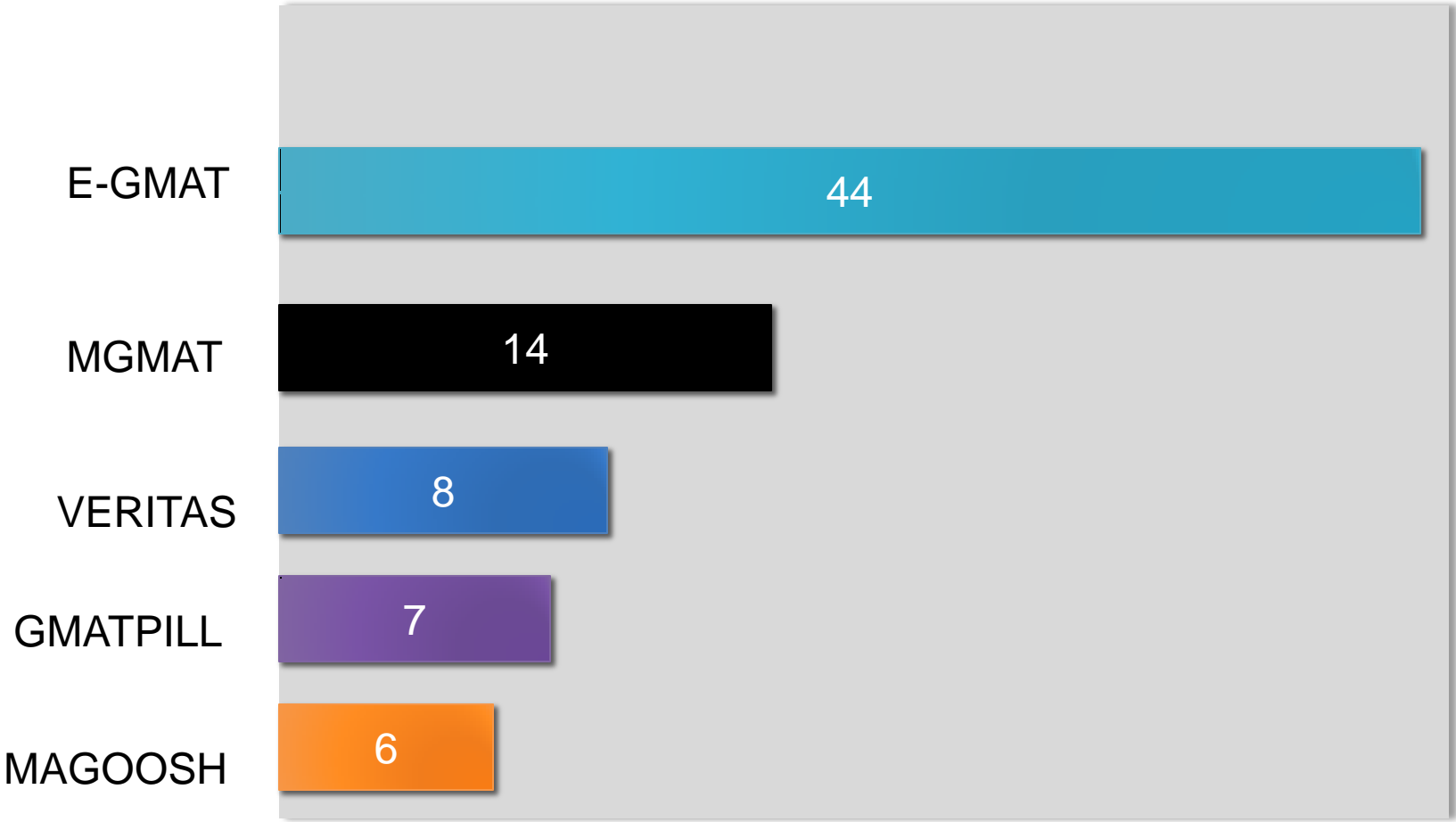**International Student Score Improvement**
77 points

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Quant

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