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# Manhattan GMAT Quantitative Strategy Guide Set, 5th Edition (Manhattan GMAT Strategy Guides)



## Synopsis

Considered the gold-standard in GMAT test prep, Manhattan GMAT's Quantitative Strategy Guides are the first books on the market to be aligned with GMAC Official Guide, 2015 and 13th Editions. Fully updated and revised to deal with recent changes to the GMAT, they were designed with a content-based approach. Acing the GMAT requires more than tricks and tips—you've got to master the material. Students looking to boost their GMAT quant score can now turn to a name known for high quality instruction. Manhattan GMAT's Quantitative Strategy Guide Set includes our 5 books devoted to this section's major content areas providing detailed and specialized instruction on Number Properties, Fractions, Decimals, and Percents, Word Problems, Algebra, and Geometry. Developed by the best teachers in the business, these 5 guides are the backbone of Manhattan GMAT's quantitative curriculum and the most in-depth, comprehensive materials available. The Manhattan GMAT Quantitative Strategy Guide Set is aligned to both the 2015 and the 13th edition GMAC Official Guide and includes: The Number Properties Guide; The Fractions, Decimals, and Percents Guide; The Word Problems Guide; The Algebra Guide; The Geometry Guide. Purchase of this set includes one year of access to Manhattan GMAT's online computer-adaptive practice exams and 5 Quantitative Question Banks.

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## Customer Reviews

In the last decade, Manhattan GMAT has grown from a single, dedicated tutor to a major test prep company with locations across the US and internationally. Our philosophy is simple: We aim to help students achieve their goals by providing the best curriculum and the highest-quality instructors in the industry.

I had a chance to review a preview set, and I see a number of meaningful changes in this edition:- GMAT Roadmap and IR books are now included with this set, making it a total of 10 books- The Quant books have been improved in terms of layout and structure (though content is mostly the same)- The Verbal books have undergone a pretty significant improvement in terms of content (still analyzing the changes; check back in a few days for complete analysis)- Now the series starts with Fractions/Decimals/Percents, then goes into Algebra, Word Problems, Geometry, and Number Properties. (I feel this is a good improvement - first, it is getting rid of some of the strange names MGMAT used and second, Number Properties was a pretty tough book to use as the first step) If you are just starting out with GMAT prep - get this bundle; it's a good deal for the Manhattan GMAT Guides (separately they cost close to \$150). These books don't emphasize tricks or easy ways to 700+ score, instead they methodically cover areas tested, and should be pretty much all you will need (besides the Official Guides - see below for links). If this is above your budget, then I would recommend you pick the best of the pack:-  
• The GMAT Roadmap - Great collection of wisdom (see my review of this book)  
• Number Properties Guide (condensed overview of Arithmetic and strategies for saving time/solving questions more effectively)  
• Word Problems Guide (includes some of the hardest topics - probability, combinations, and statistics)  
• Sentence Correction (the best book out there on SC)  
• Critical Reasoning (only second to PowerScore CR but by a slim margin)  
• Reading Comprehension (there are no other dedicated RC books on market really) Between these 5 books you should have 80-90% of the GMAT covered and the rest could be picked up from the remaining books and practice with the Official Guides. You can throw in a Kaplan Premier as well - a good intro to GMAT book with 6 free GMAT Tests. It is a good starter book to get your feet wet, but definitely not a must. To make the most use out of the MGMAT guides, you will need the Official Guide 13th and also OG Verbal 2nd and OG Quant 2nd editions are recommended. The guides refer to these 3 books for additional practice questions. If you own previous versions of the Official Guide books, you can use those too with a translation table available from MGMAT's website.\*\*\* Each book comes with access to 6 online gmat tests and additional question banks. Don't spend money on these as they are pricey (\$40 for 6 tests on the MGMAT website). Also, if you are new to the GMAT, download 2 official practice tests from GMAC and take one of them before you start

prepping to get your level - very helpful to track your progress along the way but don't waste these tests - they use real retired gmat questions and though it is possible to recycle them (there are close to 900 questions in the banks), would recommend you use something less valuable for your practice such as MGMAT tests included with these books). One more thing, don't rush into questions and tests - you will only hurt your self confidence, instead methodically cover each math and verbal topic and only after you are done with each of the sections move on to take the tests (take math only after you are done with math and verbal only after done with verbal). Final word of advice - the main mistake (esp in verbal) is not following strategies. Whichever books or strategies you use (they are all pretty similar between MGMAT, PowerScore, and Kaplan) - follow them EXACTLY. These people are getting big bucks to develop methods to improve score and maximize performance - don't try to be smarter and change things around. Unless you are scoring 750+, I would follow each step of the strategy to the "T". If the book says to read the CR question twice, then that's what you do even though it may seem that it is faster to read it once - trust me, there is a reason why you read it twice. If you want to get 700+ and not worry about the GMAT, stick to the strategies and keep creativity low. Hopefully this will get you started. For more details on each of the guides, see my reviews of each of the individual books BB - Founder of GMAT Club. P.S. Let me know if you have any questions about GMAT Books - I reply to comments and appreciate any feedback (especially negative and suggestions for improvement). ~~~ Coming soon: Comparison of the 4th edition vs 5th edition. ~~~ I have so far compared all of the quant books in the 5th and the changes are mostly on the layout and structure side but not so much the content. Good luck on your GMAT.

My study method: I bought these books about 2 months ago, and just took the GMAT today. I studied about 3 chapters per day for several weeks, and then used the remaining weeks for going over past mistakes and weak areas. I used the weekends only for doing practice problems/timed sets. First of all, I don't feel that I can really review the verbal guides, because since I'm strong in that area I just skimmed through them, did a few practice problems here and there but didn't really use the guides that much - I would recommend that if you're the same as me and know that you will do well on sentence correction/cr you don't buy the verbal guides - they weren't all that useful and I still scored in the 90th percentile. The diagnostic test in the official guide 13th edition should tell you whether it's worth spending any money on the verbal guides, I found it to be pretty accurate. The quantitative guides, however, are great! I consider myself pretty average when it comes to math, and much of the math tested on the GMAT is stuff I haven't looked at since Middle School/High School. These guides will definitely provide you with the necessary shortcuts that you need to do

well on the GMAT. Also, I found the CATs that are available online (the ones that come with each guide) much harder than the actual gmat, ESPECIALLY for IR and quant. I scored around 620 on the CATs due to a low quant score and had a sad 4-5 on IR because I always ran out of time.. Most of the quant problems in the CATs require several steps and so within the given time I just had a hard time keeping up. However, I scored a full 100 points higher on the actual GMAT, and got a 7 in IR. The IR questions were a complete joke compared to the ones given by the Manhattan CATs. They required fewer steps and the data was also easier to understand. The quant questions were of the same difficulty as the ones in the Manhattan guides, however with fewer steps involved in each problem, which made it much easier to finish within the allotted time. Overall I deeply recommend these guides, as they force you to practice under significant time pressure, making the actual test feel more comfortable. The difficulty of the problems is the same as the difficulty of the actual GMAT, so you'll be prepared for anything you see. Just don't panic if your CAT scores are nowhere near where you're aiming for!

I can't harp on the necessity to prepare for the GMAT as it is essential to at least review its contents in order to attain a solid score. The setup in this book is very straightforward, as the explanations and tips are stout. Go for it, you won't regret it as the cost more than makes up for having your very own "course-at-home." But, I advise you: you have to be disciplined. I'll say it again, and this time in CAPS: YOU HAVE TO BE DISCIPLINED. I prepared for about around 8 weeks, taking 10 CATS, and along with OG's Review --- while spending around 3 hours per day (non-stop, as this is a great endurance build-up strategy), and I scored a 670 on my test. This was after scoring a 480, three months prior. You can do it! Just get this set, and the OG Review questions, and you'll be well on your way to knocking out the most annoying part of the MBA process! Go for it, it'll even improve your skill sets for future business employment. Godspeed.

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