McNair Portal to Resource Project GRE Module 1 Content

Module 1 covers a general introduction to the General Record Exam (GRE). This module includes a PowerPoint presentation on the structure of the exam and how graduate schools use the GRE in making an assessment of a prospective student. This PowerPoint also includes information on the separate sections of the exam (which will be covered more extensively in subsequent modules) and how these sections are scored. The PowerPoint includes information on how scores are reported and how to report your scores, information on how to access PowerPrep test practices provided by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), and how to access ETS reporting tools that allow the student to report only their best scores (both of these services are for a cost). Finally, the PowerPoint goes over issues related to disparities in scoring based on ethnicity and socioeconomic status.

Module 1 also includes links to resources that explore topics in the PowerPoint more extensively. These include research papers and educational links from ETS and other sources. Further, the module includes a bank of links to video sources related to Module 1 topics. Although this module is focused on a comprehensive overview of the general GRE, there is a vast amount of information available to GRE takers available in books, videos, and other sources of GRE instruction. We encourage GRE test takers to build on these fundamental resources and look for further GRE tips.

**Video Links**

**GRE Exam – About the GRE**
Brief Introduction to the GRE and some simple tips for a successful GRE experience.  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0rz-Ogl7Ew

**Prepare for the GRE Revised General Test (from ETS)**
ETS site with links to information on the different sections of the verbal reasoning measures of the revised test  
https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare

**GRE prep Math Tips and Strategies**
An expert instructor introduces test taking strategies and question types on the GRE exam.  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEXq3BNVFow

**GRE Prep Verbal Tips and Strategies**
An expert instructor introduces test taking strategies and question types on the GRE exam. This lesson is the second of ten on the Grockit site. It focuses on the Verbal section of the exam. The video’s content includes information from the revised GRE.  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FydkJwpBhgc
How to Structure the GRE Issue Essay
Laura Aitcheson applies the recommended GRE essay template to a sample prompt.  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MCP2WEAqvI

GRE Sample Issue Essay
Laura Aitcheson shares a sample issue essay that would earn a 6 out of 6 from the GRE essay graders.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1RGhiQrZpY

GRE Argument Essay: What You Need To Know
Laura Aitcheson takes on the GRE Argument Essay, tackling this essay with the 5-step method of analytical writing and applying the recommended GRE essay template to a sample prompt.  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_T_mBWekKPM

Introduction to the Analytical Writing Measure
This site contains a pool of tasks from which the analytical essay test tasks are selected as well as sample essay responses with reader commentary. Also contains general information on the analytical writing section and links to other pages that give more specific information on the issue and argument task.  
http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/analytical_writing/

Generating Points for the Argument Essay I
First of two videos that discuss how to organize for the Argument essay
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYljCU2GhAw

Generating Points for the Argument Essay II
Tips for creating the argument points in the argument essay in an efficient manner
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuIERRdtN5c

Barrons 800 High Frequency GRE Word List
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URw81dMy3ak

Literature and Research

GRE research
The research reports are part of the GRE® Board’s research activities, which encompass a broad spectrum of concerns in graduate education beyond testing. General Reports deal with issues of broad interest to the graduate community. Technical Reports are targeted for audiences who deal with the technical aspect of assessments
https://www.ets.org/gre/research

Validity of the GRE for master’s and doctoral programs

Link to Google Scholar Listing of GRE research
http://scholar.google.com/scholar?hl=en&q=Graduate+Record+Exam&btnG=&as_sdt=1%2C5&as_sdtp=