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GRE Analytical Writing: Solutions To The Real Essay Topics (Test Prep Series)



Synopsis

The material in this book is intended to help you prepare for the Analytical Writing section of the revised GRE test. During the test, you will be asked to respond in writing to two different types of prompts. One, Analyze an Issue, requires you to follow specific directions as you take a position on a statement, claim, or recommendation. The other, Analyze an Argument, requires you to follow specific instructions as you determine the strengths and/or weaknesses presented in an argument. Since you will have limited time to develop your responses, some preparation for the test will be helpful. The Analytical Writing Measure is just one part of the GRE, but, combined with your scores on the other parts of the test, helps to predict your ability to be successful in graduate school. This book contains twenty five sample Analyze an Issue essays and twenty five sample Analyze an Argument essays along with the rubrics, prompts and tips to use when writing your own essays. The prewriting activities demonstrate how the writer selected a point of view and created evidence to use in developing the responses. You should notice a variety of approaches, from using first-person point of view to employing historical and literary references. These are just suggestions. Your own experience, reading, and course work may lead you to take different approaches. Keep in mind the specific directions, the rubric and your own experience in writing at the college level. If you plan to appear for the GRE on or after August 1, 2011, then this is a must have book for you. From the Front Cover: a) 25 solved Issue topics with strategies to be used as a benchmark b) 25 solved Argument topics with strategies to be used as a benchmark c) Expert Strategies and simplified methods to produce focused responses d) Scoring Guides for Issue and Argument tasks as per the revised GRE Guidelines

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Customer Reviews

I wanted to be prepared for the GRE essays before sitting for the exam and in my search for a good book, found this book on . It had decent reviews so I thought of giving it a try and I think it is worth every cent. The essay topics are explained in a simple, clear language. After that, the author lists many points that will give trigger to your thought process. So, you have the points from the author plus your own points combining which you can write a pretty decent essay. To add to it, there is a sample essay also given for each Issue/Argument. I would read through the sample essay once to get an idea of how do I organize my thoughts. The book has worked wonders for me. Even for the topics not covered in the book, now I know exactly how should I go about organizing my thoughts and writing an essay that would get me a score of 6 :)

I have been studying for the GRE for a few months now. I've purchased and checked out several GRE resources and so far, I have never been compelled to write a review on any of them... until now. I was very excited to receive this text in the mail. At first, it seemed really good. I love how it dissects the claims and has 50 example exercises. Practicing this method effectively helps to make it easier for us to attack them. Although I'm pleased with the exercises, what I really came for was the sample essays. After all, the name of the book is "SOLUTIONS to the Real Essay Topics." While some of the essays are quite insightful, a few of them are not convincing. I'm not sure that a lot of the essays would even get a 5. I want sample 6 essays. It's been frustrating to read them and think to myself, "Wait... you didn't even answer the question!" For example, it states in one of their essays: "...there first needs to be a better means of measuring and reporting student success." OK, I agree, but, like what? They didn't give an alternative, which makes it a very weak essay. I would rate it a 4. They're supposed to be modeling how you should be writing. This essay, by the way, was only three paragraphs long. This is an example of how this book has been frustrating in my process. Sometimes, I felt like the essay was just spewing out facts that did not really show how it was related to the topic. (For example, in Issue Task 3, about the Great Compromise: It spent a long paragraph talking about the Great Compromise, but it didn't connect it to the main idea.) I can leave room for errors, but I'm just very disappointed. I purchase these kinds of books to relieve my stress,

not so that I can add to it. To sum up, this text is ok, but I would supplement with other resources out there. It seemed like some of the essays were carefully planned-out, while some of them were just there to fill up space. I would definitely not just rely on this text to help with my studying for the Analytical Writing portion. I am returning this book to .

Excelente book, helped me a lot with my english composition. i would enterely recommend this book. really clean and great writing process

Mainly above-average essays; only a few exceptional ones. If you're hoping to hit the 6 score you might probably want to consider another preparation material (I found an excellent book with answers to the real questions, just much more expensive)

Very helpful for studying. Let me look at the prompt, attempt to outline an essay, and then compare it with their suggestion. It has useful talking points and ways to organize your thoughts.

Some of the essays, particularly the issue essays make no sense. They do not adhere to the instructions, which is ironic since the book is supposed to help GRE students write a coherent essay on test day. If you're going to go ahead and purchase the book, I suggest that you focused on the strategies within the book rather than the solutions it offers.

I love it, it helped me with the real test. Highly recomended, very usefull, well organized, a lot of new vocabulary in each essay.

Good book I would recommend to anyone trying to study for the GRE. It has good examples so you can base your essays on them.

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