

How to ace the GRE Psychology Subject Test

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- ❖ Register for the test ASAP and read over the information they send to you!
- ❖ Buy a study guide book!
 - ...but don't rely on it
 - The information is sometimes inaccurate
 - It can focus too much on the connection between the theory and theorist, but the actual GRE test focuses more on the application of the theory
 - The tests at the end of the study guide book are tailored to the information presented in the book
 - Use the study guide to learn test-taking tips and general info covered
 - You should have at least a basic understanding of each topic in the book
- ❖ Form a study group! (3-4 people)
 - Meet often, as if in a class
 - Try to all have different study guide books
 - Compile notes and/or study guides from courses
 - With enough study partners, all areas of the test should be covered
 - Go over a topic each meeting
 - Have the person most familiar with the topic be the moderator to go over information or answer questions
 - Share mnemonic devices for remembering information
 - If time allows, go over multiple-choice questions in the study guide book, or in a Psych 101, or area-specific textbook
 - Use a 101 text and others texts as references
- ❖ Take Practice Tests!
 - Take the GRE practice test first
 - It has harder and more typical questions
 - Take tests from your study guide and other study guides in your group
 - Review the questions you got wrong and try to strengthen your understanding of that area
- ❖ Don't forget to study for the GRE General Test!
 - Not all programs need Subject Test scores (although a good score won't hurt you!)
 - There is conflicting information over which test is more important to focus on
 - To be safe, try to do well on both!

~GOOD LUCK!