



GRE Analytical Writing Online Course Syllabus

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Part 1: Online Tutoring

1. Overview of two sections

- What are the two writing sections?
- What types of questions?
- What types of responses?
- What are the specific items necessary in a response?
- What are you not including?
extraneous information, first person statements, “I think”, “I believe”, etc.

2. Analyze an Issue

- Specific questions
https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/analytical_writing/issue/pool
- Overall structure of your essay
Clear Thesis statement
Different parts of your essay: Introduction, Body, Conclusion, i.e. a five paragraph essay.
Declarative statements
Refutation in Conclusion
- Example
“To understand the most important characteristics of a society, one must study its major cities.”

3. Analyze an Argument

- Specific questions
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- Types of responses
- Structure
- Example:
Skateboarding essay

4. Time management

- Brainstorming
- Outlining
- Writing

5. Homework

Part 2: Offline Practicing

- Help student in practicing writing 3 whole GRE essays