

How To Pass The GAMSAT

***Before you read
anything else about
the GAMSAT***

***You **NEED** to know
this...***



What others have said about this eBook
(Their comments are unedited)

Hi Tomasz,

The eBook was **fantastic**, I read it on the weekend and it had so many practical tips in it. Reading something like that **takes some of the uncertainty and fear out** of completing the GAMSAT, which is a relief :) As it has now given me some guidance as to what to expect & how to prepare - a great start to my GAMSAT preparation journey!

Thanks, Nadine

Hi Tomasz,

Thank you very much for the EBook, it is so helpful and very easy to read. It makes the GAMSAT sound **conquerable** :) I am doing the GAMSAT for the first time next year and I need all the help I can get. Would you suggest me doing a course to give myself some direction? I have some textbooks that I am trying to look over but I need someone to tell me what's relevant or not...What do you think?

Karen

Hi Tom

The eBook is going great.. Loads of helpful tips...I enjoyed reading it...and **boosted my confidence**. Thanks alot for it...I just wanted to ask whether u take any classes in Sydney and how do I get access to online class...if there are any

Thanks a lot!
cheers
Shristi

Thank you for the info! Please keep it coming in, it's incredibly helpful
John

Hi Tomasz,

I read the eBook in its entirety yesterday and I found it **extremely helpful and inspiring!** I will be studying smart.

Thanks,

Paneetha

Thank you so much! I need all the help I can get!!
Jennifer

I would like to thank you so much for the wonderful service you provided in the lead up to Gamsat in Australia 2010. The attention to detail, write down to your suggestion for a 'what to remember to take' list has been invaluable for our son who is sitting the exams in Brisbane tomorrow,

Best wishes,
Deb Loughnan

May I just say that I think your GAMSAT study strategies are fantastic especially the three-peat process! Even though I know I'll be re-sitting in Sept. your package has given me the confidence that I'll be able to achieve my goal second time around! I have recommended your study package to friends who will be sitting the exam too.

Thanks again!

Rebecca O'Toole

Hi Tomasz

The eBook is a good little tool. I have heard about the gamsat and how it isn't your typical exam...I think the challenge will be time management and not to mention being able to find the answer in the stimulus provided. I completed the gamsat practice exam from ACER...and I seemed to crack it on the third or so attempt. But like it said the challenge will be performing on game day so to speak.

Regards,
Mo.

Hi Tom,

The eBook was **really good** and made me believe that I **can actually pass the gamsat** with practice. It was **very helpful**, so thank you. I was wondering what courses you recommend I should do?

Regards, Preena

Hey Tomasz,

Firstly thank you so much, the eBook is **fantastic** and a true reflection of your good natured spirit-you will make a great doctor! Secondly, where do you get the time for medical school while doing all of this? You must be so organised-it's incredible!

I really appreciate all the help and wish you every success in the future,

Kind regards,

Laura Griseto

Hi Tomasz

Thank you so much for writing the book, it has **tremendously boosted my confidence**. I was stressing trying to study as much as possible, however, your tips have greatly improved my approach to GAMSAT. Having sat for the exam last year and not achieved well, I was wondering how best I could prepare myself a second time. So, here is hoping it will all pay off. Thanks again,

Regards

Joy

Hi there,

I have finished reading the eBook (gosh, it's amazing how fast I can read something I'm really in to!) and found it absolutely amazing. It's wonderful that you thought to help others out once you'd gotten into Med school, and a lot of the things I've read in the last couple of days have given me a lot more confidence, which has been my number one problem. I can't thank you enough. I actually tried some questions last night and was amazed that I didn't get half of them wrong.

The book did indeed make things a lot clearer, dispel myths, and what I found particularly useful was all the seemingly obvious things that never seemed to occur to me, such as the test being based on reasoning and comprehension

rather than how many textbooks and equations one can memorise. I was very close to going down the wrong road and would have wasted a lot of time on that, then sat next year's as well (all part of my grand plan) and felt bitter and disappointed that it didn't get me anywhere.

So Tomasz, thankyou so much for doing what you do.

Learning to study smart,

Kate.

Thanks Tom, that great info!
Sandra.

Hi Tomasz thanks a lot for ur info, it was exactly what I needed to heard many. I'm a south African and many people here have discouraged me from doing it but reading your work makes me feel like it is possible to pass.

Thanks Yolande

Hi Tomasz,

I have gone through the eBook and it's **the best thing that i have come across**, I now have a clearer direction of how to pass the GAMSAT.

Thank you very much for your advice and book.

Regards,
Piki

Hi Tomasz!! The eBook has been **very helpful**. I have **bought the books u recommended**. And appreciate your effort to start a group on Facebook
Thanks again.
Amandeep

Hello!

Just wanted to say a huge thanks for the GAMSAT eBook, It really has cleared the whole thing up and made the entire process look allot less daunting.

Thanks allot for all your help -
Imad

Hey Tomasz,
Hope you are well !! The eBook has been **great help** ,God bless you for putting it together. I have gained insight into what to look out for and what to expect! Thank you and

Many regards

Bridgette

Hi Tomasz,

Have to say I actually enjoyed reading it, up to now I've been very over whelmed and while I had accepted that I might have to sit the exam more than once I was very confused about what to start and what to study.

The e-book was not only helpful (helped me focus on what I need to do and there for formulate a plan of action in my head!) but **extremely motivating** and I **felt quite refreshed after reading it.**

It made such a change on everything else I've read out there. Thank you so much!

Kind Regards,
Sarah Jane.

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The GAMSAT in Australia, The United Kingdom & Ireland

The GAMSAT in Australia, Ireland and the UK is prepared by the same organisation, the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). The guidelines for the exams are the same, as are the time limits, exam sections, as well as the sample and practice questions. The GAMSAT is the same in Australia, UK and Ireland.

ACER states on their website that valid GAMSAT Australia results may be used to apply to the universities in the UK and Ireland which use GAMSAT as part of their admission procedures. Similarly, results from GAMSAT UK and GAMSAT Ireland may be used to apply to the Australian graduate medical programs (plus some Australian dentistry, pharmacy & optometry courses). [GAMSAT UK](#) is held in September each year; [GAMSAT Ireland](#) is held on the same date as GAMSAT in Australia – usually around the end of March each year.

The strategies and ideas below are applicable to **all three exams**. So you can feel confident that you are about to read **valid, up-to-date and very valuable** information about your exam preparation which will give you an edge over much of your competition.

You will need to sit GAMSAT Australia if you intend to apply for entry to one of the following post-graduate programs: *See next page*

Australia	Medicine	<p>Australian National University</p> <p>Deakin University</p> <p>Flinders University</p> <p>Griffith University</p> <p>The University of Melbourne</p> <p>Monash University</p> <p>The University of Notre dame (Sydney and Fremantle)</p> <p>The University of Queensland</p> <p>The University of Sydney</p> <p>The University of Western Australia</p> <p>The University of Wollongong</p>
Australia	Dentistry	<p>The University of Sydney</p> <p>The University of Melbourne</p>
Australia	Pharmacy	The University of Sydney
Australia	Optometry	The University of Melbourne
United Kingdom	All	<p>St Georges' – University of London</p> <p>The University of Nottingham at Derby</p> <p>Swansea University</p> <p>Plymouth University Peninsula Schools of Medicine and Dentistry</p> <p>University of Exeter Medical School</p> <p>University of Liverpool</p> <p>Cardiff University</p>
Ireland	All	<p>University of Limerick</p> <p>University College Cork</p> <p>UCD Veterinary Medicine MBV(Hons)</p> <p>UCD Graduate Medicine</p> <p>Royal College of Surgeons</p>

Introduction

Welcome,

Thank you for having the faith and confidence in allowing me to show you these systems, methods and strategies. They will be extremely powerful in improving your GAMSAT result and assisting you in taking this first vital step in your medical or dental career.

You are also going to receive emails covering vital GAMSAT lessons, techniques, topics and tips. I didn't include these additional lessons in this eBook because there wasn't enough room! So I'll be sending them to you over the next few weeks.

Also, keep an eye out for the regular webinars I run. They've been very popular covering topics like, how to begin your GAMSAT preparation to maximize results, how to write killer GAMSAT essays, what the science section is really about, and much more. Make sure you are getting the emails by entering your details at www.passgamsat.com.

The objective of this eBook is very specific. It is to show you:

**What you need to know to have the highest probability of passing the
GAMSAT**

This is what I want to be able to do.

So let's get started...

Getting into medical school was an interesting experience, an experience I want to share with you here.

However, before we continue, let's lay a solid foundation so that you can know that the source of the information about to be shared with you comes from concrete, real world experience and not a bunch of unproven ideas, theories or hunches.

I know as you begin to read this you are doing so with a raised brow. That's fine, as well you should. This is an important stage in your life and you want *and need* to have the best advice.

Much of what is available out there comes from businesses that have no direct personal experience with the actual test.

A number of them are great sources of information. But most have NOT gone through the stress, the pressure, hours of preparation, made the mistakes and taken the lessons which come with sitting the GAMSAT, a number of times. And not just sitting it for research, but as a **hopeful medical student like you.**

I've been there. I've put in the time and taken the risks as a candidate. Getting into postgraduate medicine was my goal and burning passion. This led me to search out people, methods and techniques which would allow me to pass the GAMSAT with the score I dreamt of.

And I succeeded.

I tell you this not to impress you but to impress upon you that it is possible to succeed at the GAMSAT. YOU are about to discover the techniques which helped me to succeed at it.

The first time I sat the test was in 2006. I had just completed university with majors in Finance and Psychology. It was then time for me to sit the GAMSAT. Due to my background, I felt confident in the humanities component of the exam and to a lesser extent, the essays.

The science aspect, however, was mostly new to me. I didn't study biology or chemistry at uni and so spent most of my study time trying to fill my brain with it all. I spent over three months flipping through text books, while also improving my essay skills. When it came to the practical side, I had only sat two practice exams, and did about thirty practice questions. You will learn later why this is **terrible** (and I hope it's not what you're planning to do!).

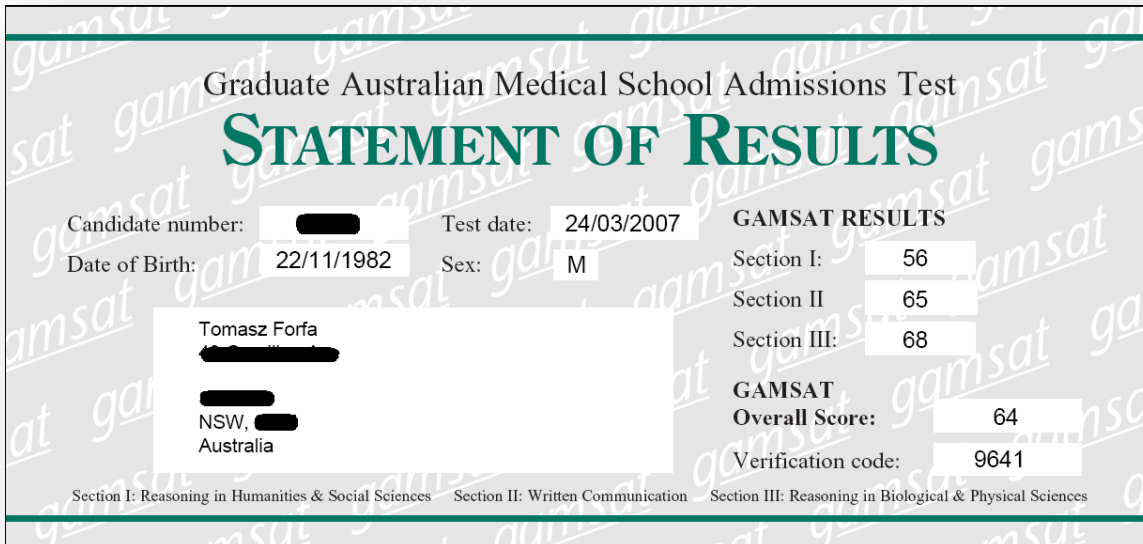
The exam day was a shock to me. I knew on the day that I hadn't performed as well as I had hoped. I walked out of the exam hall disappointed.

It's understandable that, when my score card read 58, I was ECSTATIC! It was higher than I expected. However, it did not get me into the university I wanted, and at the time, I thought it might not get me into any university.

An invitation to an interview with the Australian National University arrived in the mail shortly thereafter. That was not the university I wanted. Perhaps I was crazy or perhaps just stubborn and determined, but I turned down the invitation. There was someone else who wanted the chance to interview with ANU much more than I did. If I had gone to the interview just for a practice run, it would have taken that away from someone else. So I decided to do the GAMSAT again.

The following year was completely different. My eyes were open to the GAMSAT experience, I had a taste of what was to come and nothing could stop me. That year I achieved a score which allowed me to cruise into an interview with my first choice university. It's an amazing feeling.

Over that period of time, I learnt that you need to use a few key tools to



Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test
STATEMENT OF RESULTS

Candidate number:	[REDACTED]	Test date:	24/03/2007	GAMSAT RESULTS	
Date of Birth:	22/11/1982	Sex:	M	Section I:	56
Tomasz Forfa [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NSW, [REDACTED] Australia				Section II:	65
				Section III:	68
				GAMSAT Overall Score:	64
				Verification code:	9641

Section I: Reasoning in Humanities & Social Sciences Section II: Written Communication Section III: Reasoning in Biological & Physical Sciences

compete with the *top minds* sitting this test. Your competition in this exam is not stupid. This is a select population who all want to be there. They've prepared and will be doing their best to take one of the limited positions in one of the country's medical schools, from right under your nose.

So how do you compete with them? How do you make sure that you don't have to do the GAMSAT 2 or even 3 times? (That's if you're not fed up after one.)

This manual is my notebook on **how to do just that**. Soon it will be yours.

To give you all this, I make it a point to cut to the chase and shoot straight from the hip. All the ideas have been applied and refined so it makes sense to be frank and tell it like it is. That way you can apply it right away. I think you will enjoy it.

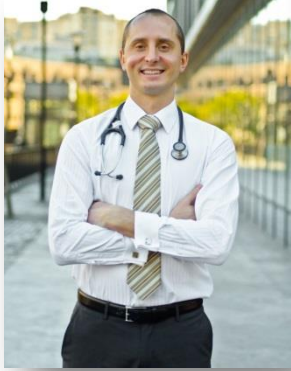
Try to see through the words and grasp the principles. They're priceless when one acts on them but they are worthless when one does not. It's that straight forward.

Thank you again for your faith and confidence. Now, I know you're ready to get it going, so let's get started...

Study Smart,

T. Forfa

Dr Tomasz Forfa.



PART I – Understand the Exam

3 Bombshells About The GAMSAT



Bombshell #1:

This is not a knowledge based test.

You've sat heaps of exams in the past. In high school and at Uni. And you did really well at most (if not all) of them. That's why you're here now.

Whenever you were faced with a new exam, you had a process of preparing for it. You found out what will be covered. You got the resources you needed to learn that material. Maybe lectures notes, textbooks, websites. Then you studied until you learnt all the topics that will be covered in that exam.

So naturally, when you see the GAMSAT, you think the same thing...

What's the required knowledge?

What resources cover that knowledge?

Then you study your butt off until you know the topics.

Here's the problem...

If you take this approach for the GAMSAT... you WILL fail.

Without a doubt. Guaranteed. Every time. You will fail.

You will waste all the effort you put in and the money you spent on the exam.

I see it every year. People study the science topics from textbooks. They spend hundreds of hours studying biology, physics, and organic chemistry... only to get 45-50 on the science section.

Worse still, this happens to Medical Science students. People who have done a Medical Science degree! They fail the science section!

It's unbelievable.

They spend three years studying the stuff only to find that the science section was their lowest score. And when I speak to them, they say, “It’s ironic. I’m a science student and the science section was my worst.”

Yes, it IS ironic. And it’s sad.

It leaves a lot of people shocked. After all that study you’re left disappointed and crushed. You don’t know where you went wrong. You’re exhausted from all the effort you put into this exam and shudder to think about having to wait a year to do it all over again. So you end up thinking you’re not smart enough to get into med.

That’s rubbish! It’s bullshit (pardon my French).

Rant over 😊

The reason they performed so poorly on the science section is because the GAMSAT is not a knowledge based test.

You are not being tested on your knowledge of science or humanities. So you don’t need to *know* anything before hand.

“What?! Can this be true?”

Yes, ACER says it themselves in the names of sections 1 and 3, “*REASONING* in Biological and Physical Sciences.”

The key here is the word ‘reasoning’.

They’re testing your ability to reason, to think, to work out the answer in *the context* of biological and physical sciences. This is different from the standard university exam which assesses how much of the content you have memorised.

This is what I tell my students over and over and when they finally get it, their results sky rocket.

The medical schools want people who can use their mind to reason with the information given in the stimulus material - not people who can remember large chunks of useless knowledge. Thus ACER has designed the GAMSAT to reflect that.

So if you want to pass the GAMSAT you need to train your thinking skills as is required to answer GAMSAT style questions.

The obvious question you are wondering now is...

What are these thinking skills? And how do you develop them?

Keep these important questions in mind as you read on. I'll come back to them later.

In the meantime, I want to reveal a few more unknown facts about this mysterious exam. Let's look at bombshell #2...



Bombshell #2:

**Humanities students who have never studied science
have a better chance at getting into medicine than
science students**

Humanities students have between a 1/3 and 1/4 chance of getting in as opposed to 1/5 or 1/6 for science students. Most people think that science students have an advantage in the GAMSAT... that's not so.

This is due to, firstly, the sheer number of science students who do the test. They greatly out-weigh the number of humanities students.

Secondly, the basics of using the sciences can be learned over a few months (if you do it right). While the language skills required for sections 1 and 2 are acquired over a longer period of time. Humanities students have spent the last 3 years working on these skills.

Thirdly, science students over-estimate their ability on the GAMSAT's science section. They feel that their science degree will be enough to pass the GAMSAT. It's not.

Remember bombshell #1?

[Bombshell #1: This is not a knowledge based test]

Every year we get truck loads of science students come to us for help. They come to us with science section scores of 45-50. Which is terrible.

Then we show them where they went wrong and how to correct it.

Humanities students, on the other hand, can learn the science topics in the *right way* from the beginning. They can learn the topics in the context of what the GAMSAT requires.

Instead of rote learning a bunch of psychics and organic chemistry material, they develop the ability to reason using these topics. [This is a key point I'll come back to later. If I understood this earlier, it would have saved me literally years and thousands of dollars... as it will for you. More on this later]

However...

That's only if they've read this eBook and apply it. Many don't and they end up in the same boat as the science students.

But don't worry! I'm about to show both groups how to master this test while using your strengths AND weaknesses to your advantage.



Bombshell #3:

It is possible to pass the GAMSAT without studying

...although I would not recommend it.

The fact that this test assesses thinking ability means that there are people who can go in there in between hiking trips and pass.

They have the cognitive abilities to use language and science to answer the questions. These are the gifted people who know the basics of biological and physical sciences. Their cognitive abilities and problem solving skills make up for anything they may lack in knowledge.

Even so, ACER states that you probably won't do very well if you don't know much about the physical and biological science. So it would be best to include this in your preparation over the coming months or weeks.

So, where do you start your preparation?

From the beginning.

Let's get into the nitty gritty of the basics and ask an important question...

What Is The GAMSAT?

We have to understand what makes up the GAMSAT before we can create a plan of attack.

The GAMSAT stands for Graduate Australian Medical Schools Admissions Test. It is a standardised test which ranks candidates based on their performance compared to other students.

It happens once a year and allows the universities to choose the best students to go onto the interview process, then into postgraduate medicine.

It's put together by a company called the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). ACER expects candidates to have some prior knowledge before sitting the exam. They split the test up into three sections.

Section 1 is called 'Reasoning in Humanities and Social Sciences.' This is made up of a number of units.

Each unit has a piece of stimulus material and a number of questions. The stimulus material in this section can be anything from a poem, a picture, an extract from a play, novel, song, instruction manual to a magazine article. Basically anything that involves words or symbols and thinking. There is no specific presumed knowledge for this section.

This section has been described by past candidates as:
"the most difficult comprehension test you'll EVER do."

And...

"A comprehension test on steroids..."

Ok, the second statement was me 😊

And it's true. But there are ways around it.

This section contains 75 questions and you are given 10 minutes reading time followed by 100 minutes to complete them.

Section 2 is called 'Written Communication.' It requires you to write two separate essays. Each essay is on a theme which is conveyed through a group of five quotes.

So you get the first five quotes. Write an essay on their theme. Then another five quotes. And write an essay on their theme. You get 5 minutes reading time and 1 hour to write both essays. So half an hour per essay.

Section 3 is called 'Reasoning in Biological and Physical Sciences.' You get 10 minutes reading time and 170 writing time to answer 110 questions. The questions use *first year university biology and chemistry, and year 12 physics*.

The layout is the same as for the first section, with units containing stimulus material and questions. However, this time the material can be a graph, equation, text, data or almost anything science related. This section makes up half the exam, while the other two combined make up the other half.

So there you have it, the GAMSAT in a nutshell. It may sound intimidating but it's really not... if you approach it the right way.

To show you how easy it can be, let's try...

Breaking It Down –Standardisation is our friend

Now that we know all this about the GAMSAT, what use is it to us?

Well if we break down the meaning of 'a standardized test,' it's quiet revealing as to what we can expect from it. The fact that it's standardised means, not only that it can be compared to tests from previous years and so can results, but that it **MUST** be comparable. This means that it has to be similar from year to year. This makes it **predictable**, thus conquerable.

It gives us a clue as to what will be in it. There have to be similar topics covered, with similar difficulty and comparable styles of questioning as in previous years.

This validates it but also makes it vulnerable.

The essay writing section is standardised through the use of a rubric and two markers. This means that for each essay there is a set of criteria which the candidate's essay has to fulfill to earn top marks. This is **the same from year to year**.

I hope you read and heard that right...

It is the same from year to year.

Also, there are two markers. This means that the rubric is applied stringently and your essays are graded fairly.

Breaking It Down – The Essay Section

Many students struggle with the essays. The problem is that ACER don't actually tell you what they're looking for in your essays. So it's difficult to know what to write. You're not told what the markers actually want.

Plus the topics that come up in both essays are totally random. It can be on anything from love, to war, happiness, technology, censorship or travel.

Vague. Random. And Broad.

It's not like at uni where they tell you a list of topics that could be covered in the exam, like 18th century literature and its impact on today.

Nope.

ACER makes it vague, random and broad.

It makes it near impossible to know what to prepare for.

AND...

Once you have the topic (which you've never seen before), then you gotta come up with unique ideas about what to write. And do it quickly. Under exam conditions.

There is no specific question to answer. You just have to write about the common theme of the quotes. Very vague.

This leaves a lot of people scared stiff. They don't know how to prepare for this section and so they don't do anything. You feel hopeless when it comes to this section. It feels like whatever you do, you're wasting your time. So you let this section slide and it pulls down your score.

You can't afford to be under-prepared for this whole section. It's a dangerous position to be in when you're competing against so many people.

This happens because you don't understand what the GAMSAT essay exam

is about. You've never done it before. And if you have, they don't give you ANY feedback on how you did. So there's no way of knowing how to improve.

You don't have a system of preparation for this section. And the system you've been using for high school and uni essays doesn't work here – it's a totally different exam!

You don't have a clear and proven method of developing the skills and techniques to write about the topics that come up in *this* exam.

You haven't spent the years analysing this sections weaknesses (and I don't expect you to) so you can see through the tricks.

To give you an understanding of what writing these essays involves, let's look at the two sets of quotations you're expected to write about:

Set A (the first essay you get) will share a philosophical or political theme. This assumes that by being a member of a community you will know something about the topic. Examples of themes can be censorship, human nature, education, progress and wealth.

Set B will have a more personal or social theme and you will relate to it through experiences - by virtue of being a human being. Some examples are humour, hatred, youth, self discovery, conformity and laughter. You can't argue for or against in these topics so a **different style** of writing is required for the second essay.

The criteria of assessment are firstly and most importantly quality of thought content (originality of development of ideas) **and only secondly**, effectiveness of language, structure and expression.

This means that they are after **your ideas**. They want to gauge your imagination and how you write is not so important as long as they understand your ideas.

Why is this so important to know?

Because by knowing and using this fact a science student or an English-as-a-second-language (ESL) candidate can do as well if not better than an English major or a native English speaker.

We all know that that science students haven't written many essays like this in their degree. Also, that ESL students struggle to write these kinds of essays in English.

So how can this be useful to you guys?

Well if a candidate has an original, relevant, and intelligent development of ideas, and they can structure an essay and write *just* well enough to get these ideas across – they will absolutely stomp all over other candidates who use big words and smooth writing to express poor plain ideas.

That's exciting because I was an ESL student and everyone has a great chance of blasting this section!

I want to show you exactly how to do this. I've only just scraped the surface of what you need to know about the essay section. *For a free downloadable module with even more info PLUS two GAMSAT essays to practice, go to passgamsat.com/essays*

Breaking It Down – MCQs vs. ESSAYS

Why is the test mainly in Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) form?

Frankly, it originated so that teachers can work less. A machine marks the hundreds of papers and so the teachers, or in this case ACER, has a lot less work to do.

So then why is there an essay section if they can get a machine to do all the work?

The essays are there to test other aspects of your personality and thinking.

The first essay identifies your ability to organise your thoughts and ideas into an argument. And tests your communication and language skills too.

The second essay...

Well, in past decades many of the doctors were graduating with technical skills but lacked skills in listening, communication and most importantly **empathy**. So they asked researchers to find a solution to this problem. They found that most people going through med school were young, about 19-24 year olds. So by virtue of their age, they were likely to not be empathetic because of a lack of experience.

So they asked, what quality do people have which will predict empathy later on?

What they discovered was...

.... Imagination.

They need to know whether you can **imagine someone else's perspective**. Thus the second essay covers topics which require imaginative understanding of social themes.

This doesn't mean that you need to write a creative story using the imagination of a novel writing genius. It just means that you have to be able to visualise and explain how other people maybe feeling and experiencing life – thus the social theme.

Whether the second essay achieved its goals is hard to know. But we need to take it seriously because ACER does.

If you don't show the markers that you have these skills you'll score lower than you expect. Your essay section will be the part that pulls your score down meaning you don't get the overall score you need. You can't afford to let that happen.

How do you start improving your ability to express your imagination in GAMSAT essay style?

There isn't enough time to go into it here. I go into a lot more detail on this in my hand out on the essay section. To get a copy go to www.passgamsat.com/essays.

Our Approach to *Absolutely Thrashing* the GAMSAT

The best approach to the GAMSAT is a 'holistic' one. I don't mean you need to be a new aged psychic healers or magicians. What I mean by 'holistic' is you will benefit from having a **rounded approach** and covering all you need to know to cruise through this test and into medicine.

This *does not* mean tiring yourself out just studying text books or learning the theories - that won't get you far. It didn't work for me the first time I did it. And it didn't work for my students before they came to me.

It includes being able to focus your mind, steady your nerves on the day, making the most of your study time, planning your study effectively, using your entire mind – conscious and sub conscious to pull you into med, motivate yourself, visualize yourself doing it all, so that on the day, you just

go along for the ride because it's all second nature to you.

Imagine you just turned up on the exam day and it was all second nature...

Wouldn't that be an amazing feeling?

We have a simple step-by-step process to get that feeling. It is the basis of our free webinar "[How to Begin your GAMSAT Preparation to Get a High Score.](#)" The webinar shows you exactly what to do to have the highest chance of getting your ideal GAMSAT score.

If you studied every science book you have, learnt about all the literary techniques there are and learned all the words in the dictionary, you would **not pass** if you did not have the required ability to analyze, interpret and generally **think** the way you are required in this very discriminating exam.

Let's look at how you begin your preparation for this very important exam...

PART II – Preparing For It

Your Secret Weapon

As a soon-to-be medical student, you must approach the GAMSAT in the best way possible. I don't want you to waste your time and money by failing the next exam.

You only get one chance to enter med school every year. If you do the March exam, you'll have the interview in September and enter Med school Feb next year.

If you fail the March exam – there goes your chance for next year. You have to wait A WHOLE YEAR. I had to do that... twice. It's hard, it's demotivating and it's painful. You start to wonder if you're cut out for medicine...

I don't want that to happen to you.

In order to approach this exam in the best way possible, you need to have a...

Strategy!

That is the secret to mastering the GAMSAT. **Have a strategy.**

Multinational corporations, sports teams, media groups, and any other group or person who succeeds at what they are doing has one. So should you.

What do I mean by strategy?

Let's start by examining what I don't mean. The first thing that students often do when starting to study is what they did at uni. I did the same thing the first time I sat the GAMSAT. What we do is find out the required knowledge, and then study our butts off in those topics – this is not what I mean by strategy. That's rote learning and a waste of time here.

Here are some approaches which will **not** work as part of your GAMSAT strategy:

- Learning everything in the organic chemistry or physics or any other text book.
- Studying the topics you enjoy most.
- Going to all the courses and trying as hard as possible to remember everything.
- Trying harder next year if you don't pass this year.
- Memorizing all the equations you can.
- Spending hours at the library studying about everything to do with the GAMSAT assumed knowledge topics.

If you do any or all of this, you have wasted your time.

It's hard for me seeing so many people do this every year. These poor students work their heart out. They put everything on the line and are left with their dreams crushed when they get a terrible GAMSAT score.

They have to tell their parents the bad news, their friends go on to study medicine without them. It's crushing and disappointing.

So why would I say all this? Well because I have either done it myself or seen the aftermath. Many of my students do this and fail... before they come to me.

So then what do I mean by strategy?

This means having a proven plan of attack. Not just any plan of attack... Most plans I look at have massive holes. Holes big enough to fit a semi-trailer through. The problem with that is it leaves a *lot* of marks on the table.

You need a plan based on your needs, weaknesses and strengths in this particular exam. To have an effective plan of attack you need to step back and look at the big picture.

This ebook will help you get started on that, but it's not the complete picture. I couldn't fit the thousands of lessons I've learnt about the GAMSAT over the years into a few pages of an eBook.

I've done my best to get you started.

That's why I've organized a team of GAMSAT strategy experts to help you with this. I've seen how getting into medicine changes lives. It's going to change not just your life, but the lives of your family, your partner, your community, and your future children.

So it means a lot to me to be able to help you achieve your goal. The team and I run these free strategy sessions when there is time. And they fill up fast (as you can imagine). So we're very selective as to who we speak to. We want people who will action the steps we give them and make the most of our advice.

To apply for a free strategy session and possibly reserve your limited spot go to www.passgamsat.com/ebookstrategy.

An important part of any strategy is understanding...

Why Working Hard Studying Is A WASTE OF TIME.

How many people have worked hard for the GAMSAT or ...intend to do so for the up-coming test?

Most people who take it seriously.

Now, how many have already passed the GAMSAT or feel confident with their ability to pass the next one? Not as many.

To me, this means that working hard does not equal passing, right?

Let's put it another way - How many people have worked hard and not

passed? A lot.

So does working hard to pass this test mean that you're going to pass? No.

Anyone with determination and time can work hard. But not everyone will pass.

People who think that all it takes to pass is hard work end up disappointed and deflated.

They spend all this time working hard on the wrong things and end up exhausted. They study and study but make little or no progress. It's extremely frustrating when you put in so much of your genuine effort and brain power and don't get anywhere. That's a real problem for candidates preparing for this exam.

The reason is that there is much more to this exam than just working hard. If you're working hard on the wrong things, you're not going to get anywhere. Even if you're burning yourself out working on the *right* things... you're not going to get anywhere.

What is the secret to passing?

Work smart.... Not hard. Strategize. Make the most of every minute you spend at your desk, or it may be on the train for some of you.

Apply for a strategy session with my team. Then do what they say. Some may even want to work hard at working smart... but that's just too complicated for me 😊

Please write that down on a piece of paper and stick it above your desk:

WORK SMART.

If you work smart you will achieve your goals quicker, it will be easier, and you will enjoy the process much more. Sounds like a good plan to me. You make the most of the time you spend studying and you'll get that GAMSAT score you dream of.

So how do you work smart? You need the help of people who have done it before, who understand *this* exam, who you understand and like. Someone who has a plan you can follow. It doesn't have to be me. Just pick someone because you can't do it on your own.

You've already started that process with this eBook. Once you've finished

it, start to apply the lessons within it. Use anything and everything in it which will get you to where you want to go.

Those people who have failed in the past need to read about...

How to Make Sure You Never Have To Do The GAMSAT Again

One of the many problems for people who have sat the GAMSAT and failed is that they don't give you any feedback after the exam.

You don't get your paper back. So you can't see where you messed up. You'll never know which parts of the science section were your worst. You won't know what you need to work on in section 1. There's no way of knowing how to improve your mark for next time.

You don't even get the raw mark for each section. They give you the scaled mutant mark which is nowhere near what you actually got. So again, there's no way of knowing how much work is required to improve your score for next time.

For those of you who have done the GAMSAT before and it didn't go as hoped, what will you do next time?

Try harder? Spend more time studying? Start studying earlier?

One of the definitions of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and hoping for a different result. This is what people are doing if they just try harder next time. Insanity is not one of the Medicine pre-requisites, if it were then I would have been in there a long time ago. (joke)

Take this for example - if a person is trying to get to the other side of a wall, it's no use trying to punch through it, or push through it harder next time. It is easier and more effective to try a new approach. Step back and see if there's a door or window you can climb through.

What you **NEED** to do next time to get a different result is to do something different. Have a different approach, different angle.

If you studied from the text book last time...do something different this time.

If you learnt the knowledge at Khan Academy last time... do something different this time.

If you went to one course... do something different.

If you did some reading and practice questions for section 1... do something different this time.

If you used practice questions last time... do something different.

If your essay preparation sucked... do something different.

Many people complicate things for themselves but there is a really simple way to view this test...

A Really Simple Way To View This Test

Many people tend to complicate it for themselves by either expecting more or using prior knowledge to answer the questions. You're smart. You've read your fair share of books. You've done a degree or two.

When a piece of stimulus material pops up in the GAMSAT, sometimes you recognize it and think, "Awesome! I know all about this topic."

Then you answer the question based on your knowledge of that topic and you get the wrong answer. You wonder, "WTF? How can I get the wrong answer? This GAMSAT question sucks!"

You start to think there is something wrong with the test... or worse, that there's something wrong with you. It's frustrating. And no matter how much you study, you still get it wrong.

This goes for sections 1 and 3.

The reason is that you bring in pre-existing knowledge to answer the questions. Which is wrong. The key is to answer the questions based on what's in the stimulus material.

The GAMSAT is about two things –

- 1 - Understand the stimulus
- 2 - Answer the questions according to the stimulus.

It sounds obvious but you'll be surprised at how people can complicate it for themselves.

Let's focus on this for a second: 'understand' means you know what is going on in the stimulus. The questions have to be based on the stimulus. So if you understand the stimulus you can answer the questions.

‘According’ means that the answers come out of, and are related to, the stimulus. Not from pre-existing knowledge but **only** from the stimulus material.

Putting this all together, successful candidates take in what is happening, break it down to an understandable level and use this information to get the answers.

Just knowing this isn’t enough. You have to practice it and train the skills. There isn’t enough room to do it in this eBook. So in the emails I’m going to send you, I’ll show you a wonderful way to train your mind to approach the questions correctly. It teaches your mind to derive the answers only from the given clues. No prior knowledge is helpful or needed, only the ability to think.

This is what I did the second time I was studying for the test and the results were phenomenal. After doing these exercises, doing gamsat questions seemed more *straight-forward* because I was not complicating them with outside knowledge but just sticking to the material at hand. So make sure you get the emails by entering your details at www.passgamsat.com.

I often get asked by candidates who are preparing for the GAMSAT whether it’s worth doing a study course.

Are Study Courses Worth Your Time and Money?

Yes. Do a study course.

Here’s the thing...

You will lose \$70,000 if you fail this year’s GAMSAT.

I’ll put in another way... It will cost you \$70,000 if you don’t pass this exam.

That’s because a first year doctor earns up to \$70,000 in their first year out of uni.

If you fail this upcoming exam, you’ll have to wait another year to get in. That means you start med a year later, and start working a year later.

Instead of being in medical school, you’ll be sitting around waiting to do the GAMSAT again next year.

So unless you’re naturally gifted (and there are those people) you will

GREATLY benefit from the right study program.

NOTE: At this point I have to be honest and say that I have a study course. I don't want you to think that I'm saying all this because I want you in my study course. Because I'm not sure if it's right for you anyway.

We don't just take anyone. We are highly selective about who we help. That's because, unlike other courses, when we choose to help someone we do it *until you get into uni*. You make a once off investment and we work with you, based on your individual needs until you get in. No matter how long it takes (which won't be long).

But like I said, it's not for most people.

Either way it's worth doing a study course for the GAMSAT. It will save you a lot of time and money. But remember that a course is not the be all and end all of your study – there is more to preparing for the gamsat than sitting through one course.

There are a lot of them out there and it can be hard for you to decide which one is best for you.

For a great outline to how to pick and make the most of study programs, as well as how to generally begin your preparation to maximize your results, [register](#) for the upcoming webinar called “How to Begin Your GAMSAT Preparation to Get a High Score.” I should be running it in the next few weeks. So keep an eye on your inbox.

Are GAMSAT Science Courses Really That Helpful?

After reading this eBook you'll know that there is more to preparing for the GAMSAT than just studying the assumed knowledge.

Earlier on, in Bombshell #2 I talked about how humanities students have an advantage if they learn the science topics in the *right way* from the beginning. They can learn the topics in the context of what the GAMSAT requires.

Instead of rote learning a bunch of psychics and organic chemistry material, they develop the ability to reason, from the beginning, using these science topics.

That way they learn the GAMSAT skills they need faster, more easily and are actually able to use it in the real exam. How awesome is that?!

So I want to elaborate on this now because I said I would get back to it.

ACER has specified the assumed science knowledge as first year university biology and chemistry, as well as year 12 physics.

Most people take this very literally. They believe that because the assumed knowledge has been stated, that it will be tested in the exam. But you already know that this is not a knowledge based test.

So it would not make sense to spend heaps of time studying the topics... because it's not what you'll be tested on. But that's what many candidates do.

Don't waste your time and effort learning the topics first and... if you're lucky, if you have enough time, if the stars line up, if Justin Beiber writes a good song... then learning how to reason with them (which is the thing you're tested on!).

It's too late at that point! Time runs out. The exam is too close. You've wasted your time on all the wrong things. Everything we've talked about NOT doing.

Instead, you need to learn the topics the right way *from the start.*

The right science course will show you how to do it the right way. It will teach you the science topics in the context of the GAMSAT.

Again, I'm not saying this because I want you to do my Science Bootcamp. It might not be right for you. I just want you to start in the right way, whether it's with us or with someone else. In everything that you do, want to make sure your time and effort is used in the best way. Your dream of becoming a doctor is important to me and the team.

So you can feel comfortable that everything I say here is aimed at helping you. If you want more help with that, then get in touch with my Strategy team at www.passgamsat.com/ebookstrategy

What About Preparation Programs For The Essay Section?

The essay section is often neglected by candidates in their preparation. This leads to poor results and it really drags down your overall score. Which is extremely frustrating because it can be improved if you follow a few simple steps.

Candidates often don't know how to prepare for it. It's not like the humanities or science sections where you can see the answers in the back. You need someone who's good at GAMSAT essays to tell you how to improve. And most people don't have that.

There are preparation programs available that give you feedback on your essays. They even show you how to write killer GAMSAT essays. The good ones give you pages of feedback and even give you samples of past students work so you can compare yourself.

Before you get anything like that, start by simply reading the free module at www.passgamsat.com/essays. Then write the practice essays we've provided there. It will show you how you can improve your section 2 results.

Help! Section 1 Is Driving Me Mad!

Like I said earlier, this section has been described by past candidates as *"the most difficult comprehension test you'll EVER do."*

And...

"A comprehension test on steroid..."

Ok, the second statement was me 😊

Section 1 is often under-estimated. You think, "Isn't it just comprehension?"

Nooooo.

How often have you analysed poetry, plays, and 18th century literature. On a deep level. Quickly. Under exam conditions.

Even if you have, this time there is no syllabus to cover in your preparation. It can be on ANYTHING....

Including editorial cartoons, complicated statements, graphs and

contemporary literature.

To me, this was the most frightening section. It's hard to know how to prepare. What to read. What to expect.

ACER give you a few sample questions in their booklets. But their answers are often so short, Mini-Me from Austin Powers can jump over them. They're not helpful.

They give you a taste of what the questions *might* be but it's a sour flavor.

(Like all those silly metaphors? Hehehe)

It leaves you angry at ACER, feeling stressed by this section, and worried about the exam because it's the first section you have to face on the day.

Most of us haven't been trained in thinking like this section requires us to. It's not your fault. They've snuck this section in to make sure you can read and understand complicated text in English.

But it seems a bit extreme to me.

So the team and I have devised and tested ways around it... Muahahahaha!

(I can't take the credit on this one. I had a lot of help with this section)

This section is about three things:

Speed

Accuracy of interpreting the text
(also being comfortable with the types of texts)

Understanding the Questions

All three aspects are needed for this section. If you go too slow, read the text over and over again, you'll run out of time. You might get a few correct answers, but you'll only see half the paper.

If you're not comfortable with the texts, or you haven't seen them before, you'll get stuck. Read it over and over again. You won't understand it. You'll give the wrong answer AND run out of time. Triple-Whammy.

Lets say you go through it quickly, you understand the text but you don't (quickly) understand the types of questions asked...

It's obvious that you won't get the right answer.

So you've gotta cover all three of those aspects for this section. That way you can feel calm about the first section of the day, you can work your way through it smoothly on the day, getting a high enough score to support your other two sections.

That's why we've created a free section 1 module. If you want more help with improving your speed, accuracy or interpretation, and understanding of these questions, then go to: www.passgamsat.com/section1

A Golden Nugget for English Second Language Students

For those not great at English, Section 1 is where you will struggle most. The skills you need for it are acquired over the long term. You cannot cram for this section.

If you plan on doing the GAMSAT in a year or two, do an English literature, poetry or writing course now.

This may not sound appealing right now, but believe me when I say that section 1 does not require any specific knowledge of English, but the *skill* of it. And skills are learnt over time.

You can start right now, today, by going out and buying or borrowing a classic English novel. I know it sounds boring but it's what you have to do to get into medicine in Australia. Think of it as part of your journey to becoming a doctor.

And before you do any of that, make sure you get our free module on section one. It's going to show you exactly how to speed up you progress in this section, make it easier to do. Most importantly, it will show you how to focus your energy on only GAMSAT specific skills.

There is so much to do for this exam and in your life, that you don't want to waste your time learning skills that don't apply to section 1. So the module will show you how to focus on only the things that will be tested in section one.

If you want to broaden your skills in English even further, then there will be time for that after the GAMSAT. For now let's focus on getting into medical school.

PART III – Sitting The Exam

Once all the preparation is complete, the time has passed and the big day has arrived, what can you expect?

To tell you the truth, the day of the exam can be quite stressful. Of course it is perfectly fine to be relaxed, calm and focused. All the preparation and anticipation has come down to this one day and it's time to perform. So you need to be able to handle the pressure, particularly for section one. After that you would have settled down and can think a lot better.

This is important because many people have experienced a situation in section one where the excitement of the day gets so much that they can't think straight. The pressure is too much and their skills falter.

There are techniques and methods to avoid this.

Firstly, there's just your natural cool calm and collected composure, for those who have it. For the rest of us there is a whole menu of techniques including meditation, prayer, medication, just letting go of all concern about the outcome, and, my favorite, breathing techniques, affirmations and EFT (more on this in the emails).

The day before the exam go to the venue if you've never been there. Just to check it out. Familiarise yourself with it.

This also gives you practice on how to get there, how long it takes and where it actually is, as well as the best parking spots or public transport options.

See, feel, hear, and smell how it is there so you feel comfortable the next day. Sit down, have a sandwich, read a book and just take it all in.

When you get home remember to go through your essential GAMSAT day checklist.

Essential GAMSAT Day Checklist.

Print this page- Go through it the night before and check it off on the morning of the exam.

The top 2 are things you MUST have, the rest are to ensure that you're ready for anything:

✓	Item
	Identification
	Attendance Ticket
	A watch – <i>the ones provided may be hard to see or too far away.</i>
	Layers of clothes - <i>be prepared for hot/ no air con temperatures as well as cold ones. So have cool clothes underneath and a warmer layer if it gets cold. The attending staff are notorious for being unhelpful with the temperature situation in the exam hall.</i>
	Pain killers – <i>in case you get a headache from the tension or whatever.</i>
	3 of your own B pencils – <i>because there is no borrowing and you don't want to waste time asking the attendants for spares.</i>
	2 pens
	An eraser
	Sharpener
	Short ruler – <i>for measuring distances etc in section 3</i>
	Lunch and lots of it - <i>it's a long day and you will get hungry, plus there may not be anything to buy in the area and if there is it may be junk. A high salt meal like a kebab will put your blood pressure through the roof during the science section making you feel stressed, anxious and its hard to think – believe me I've been there and learnt the hard way!!</i>
	A piece of string for estimating distances on graphs
	Money for parking, train etc
	A newspaper - <i>to get your mind thinking beforehand.</i>
	Water bottle – <i>because it's a long exam, you <u>will</u> get thirsty and you want to have a supply with you so that you don't waste time getting up to go to the water cooler.</i>

	<i>Lollies/Sweets - for brain energy half way through section 3. Its long and your brain needs sugar to work. Make sure they have wrappers which open quietly.</i>
	<i>Ear-plugs – it can get noisy in some venues with the hundreds of candidates flipping pages, as well as possible outside noise or large fans used on hot days</i>
	<i>....Plus anything else you may require to get you through.</i>

***Note: If you forget the essential three (pencil, eraser or water)
They have those there in limited supply.***

What Happens On GAMSAT Day? Tips On How To Make The Most Of It

You will be required to get there at 8.15am. Aim to be there by the latest at 7.45am to be safe.

You will need to register. This begins from about 7.45-8am. This requires your admission ticket, and a form of ID (driver's license or passport). You will line up in a long line, present your ticket and id, get your name checked off and receive a seat number. These are random and you will not be able to choose who you are next to or where you sit.

Once you have registered you have to go into the exam hall and can not leave. Don't worry, you can chat to friends inside, there are toilets there too.

Once inside, you will need to place your bag in the bag area and take to your desk only what you need for the exam.

The exam will probably start at 9am. This depends on how things go in your particular exam hall and how quickly people get in.

If you have a phone with you it will need to be switched off and placed under your seat.

What Will Happen On The Day While Doing The GAMSAT?

First section- On your desk you should have your two pencils, eraser, and sharpener, lollies, watch, id and admission ticket. Have your pencil case under your table incase you need anything else – have your Paracetamol, medication, whatever, in there.

Section two will start shortly after the end of section 1. You may or may not get a break in between. By that I mean that you may be required to stay in your seat for the whole time they collect the section one stuff and put out the section two papers.

In the last three years at the Sydney test center, we could not go anywhere in this time, not even to the toilet. We had to go to the toilet during the time of section 2. Why do they do that? Well they need to control the room when the papers are being moved so they can't have people moving round. So go to the toilet before section 1 or during the reading time of section 2.

Note: It would be safe to assume that all the test centers have this same schedule in order to give everyone the same conditions.

Lunch time goes for an hour and you have to be seated and ready to go by the end of the hour. So effectively you have about 45 mins between the time it takes for everyone to leave and get back into the hall.

Eat a healthy lunch, one that is low in sugar, salt and GI so there is a steady release of energy for example, brown rice or a wholemeal bread sandwich. Don't drink too much. Taking big gulps of liquid at any time during exam day is dangerous because it will go straight through you and you will be wasting time in the exam going to the toilet.

Now for the monster part. By monster I mean the cookie monster, if you're prepared.

Section three can be an enjoyable challenge or a gauntlet depending on your attitude.

You get 10 mins reading time, then 170 mins to write. All together that's 3 hours of thinking. Now who can do that? Not you? Yes, you will have to.

Have your two pencils, ruler, string, eraser, sharpener, water and especially sweets ready. The brain needs glucose and oxygen to work. So when you feel yourself starting to slow and your brain is not picking things up as well, this should be after about 1-1.5 hours in, then have a couple of sweets, a drink and take a few deep breaths. This will only take 30 seconds so you won't miss much time but the beneficial effects will be HUGE.

NOTE: Calculators are not allowed in the GAMSAT. It's not as much of an issue as people think. I'll get into this topic more in the emails.

Tips For Maximizing Each Sections Results On The Day

For section one – **in the reading time**, there are a number of things you can do to make the most of the ten minutes.

Some people like to do the pictures and units with which they feel most comfortable. This makes sense because the pictures are usually 1 or 2 questions which you can get out of the way quickly and the units which you feel good about are easy marks for you.

What I prefer to do is first find the relatively 'simple' social science questions to do with newspaper articles, graphs and data. These are easy marks which you need to make sure you get.

Then Q.U.E. the next 5 or so units. Start doing the first unit in your QUE in

the reading time and continue to do as many as possible.

(I'll cover QUE in the email series – it's a method used for the reading time and increasing the speed with which you go through the paper).

Remember your answers so that once the reading time is over, you can write them in. Some people 'wear out their nails' during the reading time 'remembering on the paper' which answer they chose, if you know what I mean. Once the reading time is finished, you would have already having done 7 or more questions.

There is no better feeling during such a timed exam than looking at your answer sheet 15 mins into the exam and already having down a quarter of the paper using this technique. You realize that, yes I can do this!

How Guessing Can Give You The Right Answer.

If you have to guess between four options, chose **c**. ***Some people believe*** that writers of MCQs love to make the answer c. They say you have a 33% chance on average of getting the right answer if you chose c compared to either a, b, or d. Whether this is true or not is up for debate, however, if you are guessing then why not?

A more reasonable approach is to cancel out the answer which is the most unusual or different from the others. Now you have a 1 in 3 chance. Next cancel the one that uses the same words as in the stimulus (this is for the humanities questions). This is a trick used to pick out the people who skimmed over the stimulus and did not understand it. Then you have a 50% chance. Now guess out of the remaining two.

Conclusion

There you have it ladies and gentlemen, or should I say future doctors and dentists...

You now have an exciting and powerful tool (this eBook) to get you started on the right path with your GAMSAT preparation.

In writing this eBook, it was important to me that you have information that has been proven to work. It's difficult to watch passionate people like you being led astray and wasting your time, money and effort.

My goal was to give you the information you needed to have the best chance of getting a high score on the GAMSAT. I hope I've achieved that.

Before we finish, I want to highlight that the medical schools want people who can use their mind to reason with the information given in the stimulus material - not people who can remember large chunks of useless knowledge. Thus ACER has designed the GAMSAT to reflect that.

So if you want to pass the GAMSAT you need to train your thinking skills as is required to answer GAMSAT style questions.

What are these thinking skills? And how do you develop them?

This is different for each person. It depends on your current skills, abilities and university background. The best way to help you would be for you to get on the phone to one of our GAMSAT strategists. They will assess your current abilities and together you'll create a plan for your GAMSAT preparation.

Check if they have any available spots by [clicking here](#). They're usually really busy, but because you're reading this eBook, we should be able to squeeze you in.

I do all this because you need to do the best you can in your preparation. This is an important test where you will be discriminated against based on your ability to think the way ACER requires. ACER puts thousands of dollars into it with the aim of discriminating the best from the rest according to your ability to think in the given fields and, for sections 1 and 2, to use the English language to explain it.

So it's time to fight back.

What you do about that is up to you. By reading this eBook you now have

an advantage. You know what's going on and what needs to be done. I have laid the ground work for you to take the next step and move forward into your medical or dental career.

What is YOUR next step?

Well that's up to you. If it's your first time then there will be a lot of guess work. And if you've done it before and failed, then you have to wonder what went wrong.

Or...you can take advantage over everything I've provided in this eBook.

Everything I've covered here has been tried and tested. After helping over 17,000 candidates (at last count) with their GAMSAT preparation for over 7 years now, I've noticed patterns that emerge among those that succeed and those who don't.

I've put into this eBook the ones that will help you get started. The rest will come in the emails, free modules, webinars and strategy sessions.

This exam means a lot to you and I want to create more doctors like you who are passionate, dedicated and will make a positive impact on this world.

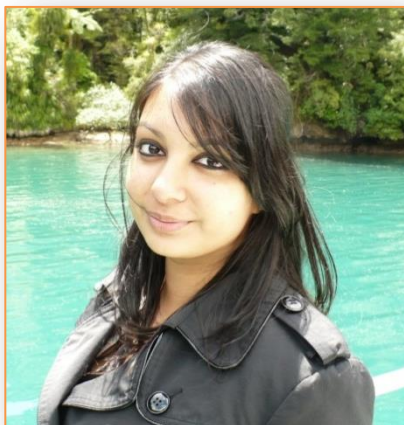
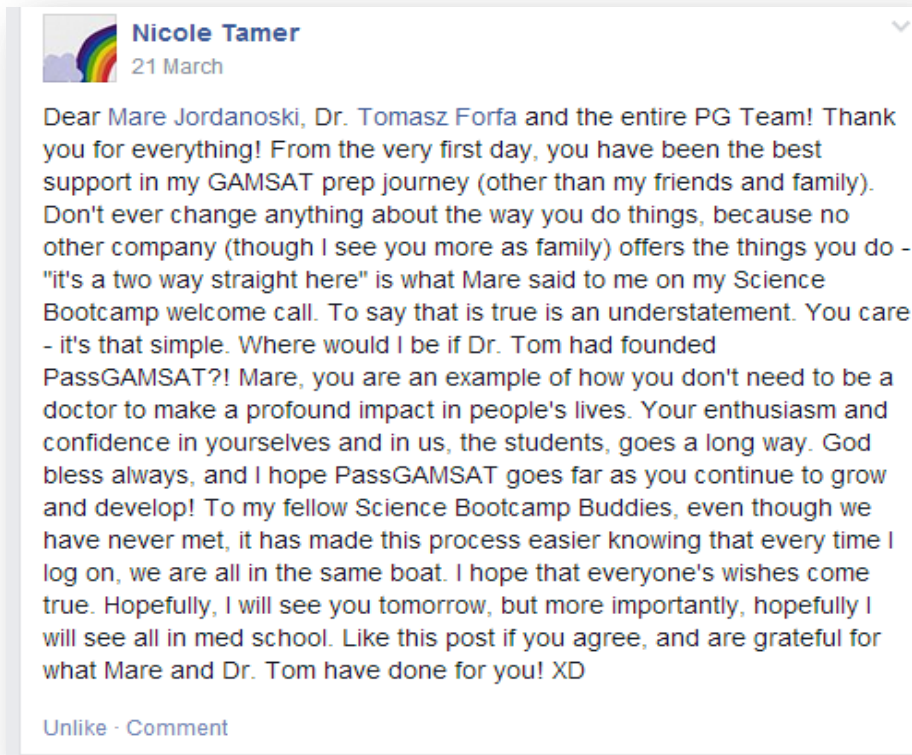
My vision for the future is to run into you on the wards, in a clinic, in operating theatres, or at a conference and talk to you as a colleague. A fellow doctor who is changing lives for the better... hopefully because I helped you get there.

Good Luck and Study Smart,

Dr Tom and The PassGAMSAT Team



Here are some things our Bootcamp Members had to say:

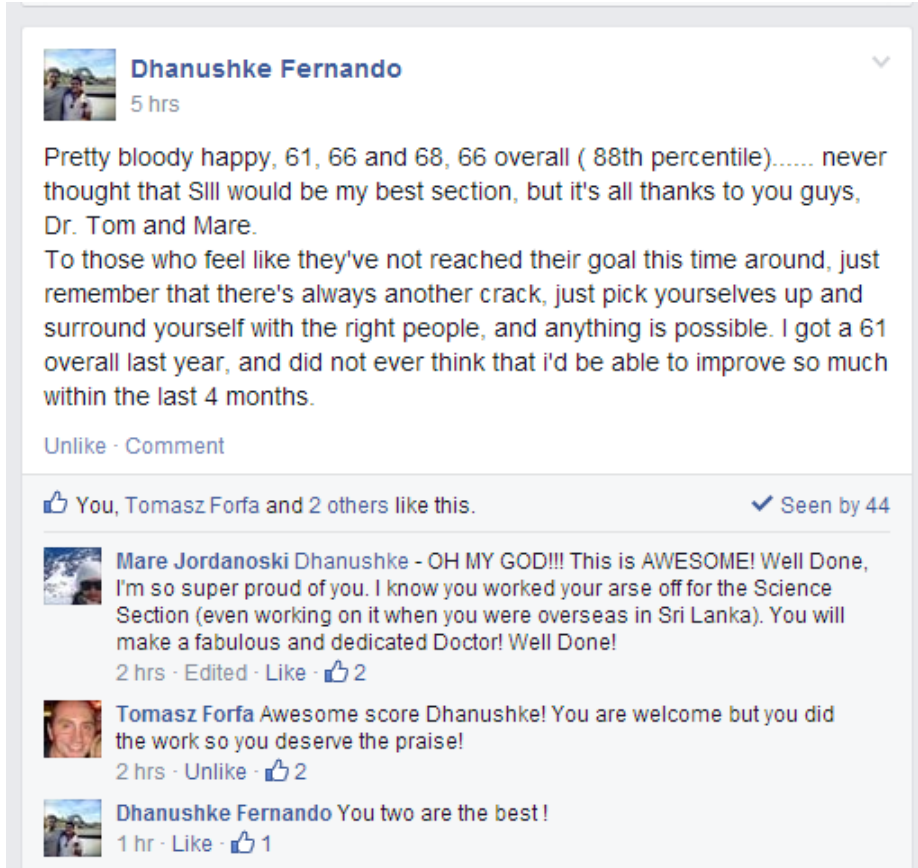


Shabrina A Khanam (We know her as Brina)

I thought I was going okay in section 1 because I studied some humanities/arts in my undergrad. But the S1 Bootcamp material made me realise how much I don't know and need to brush up on.

I learnt specific things to do as I read the stimulus material in the exam, like what kind of notes I should make in the margins and, what questions to ask myself as I read the stimuli. I also identified specific flaws in my reasoning and logical deductions, e.g. I often fall into the trap of red herrings and complicated sounding sentences.

I feel like I'm better equipped for Section 1. From now on when I practice questions before the exam, I'm going to apply some of the techniques and skills I've learnt! Thank you!




Dhanushke Fernando 5 hrs


Pretty bloody happy, 61, 66 and 68, 66 overall (88th percentile)..... never thought that S111 would be my best section, but it's all thanks to you guys, Dr. Tom and Mare.


To those who feel like they've not reached their goal this time around, just remember that there's always another crack, just pick yourselves up and surround yourself with the right people, and anything is possible. I got a 61 overall last year, and did not ever think that i'd be able to improve so much within the last 4 months.

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 **Mare Jordanoski** Dhanushke - OH MY GOD!!! This is AWESOME! Well Done, I'm so super proud of you. I know you worked your arse off for the Science Section (even working on it when you were overseas in Sri Lanka). You will make a fabulous and dedicated Doctor! Well Done!
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 **Tomasz Forfa** Awesome score Dhanushke! You are welcome but you did the work so you deserve the praise!
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 **Dhanushke Fernando** You two are the best!
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Tamara Wiltshire

Section 1 was always the section in the GAMSAT which concerned me and I never liked to study for it because of my struggles of understanding what the passages meant.

After going through the S1 Bootcamp I learnt how to ask the right questions while reading the passages. For a science student this was magic, a process and strategy to follow which made sense to me.

When reading this booklet I was excited and I couldn't put it down. It changed how I feel about section 1, I no longer feel nervous or scared, I actually want to read more section 1 questions because of this booklet. Mare and Dr Tom have created something that no other GAMSAT provider has been able to produce, a section 1 silver bullet. After reading this book and how it has shifted my attitude towards section 1, my results will improve 10 fold.

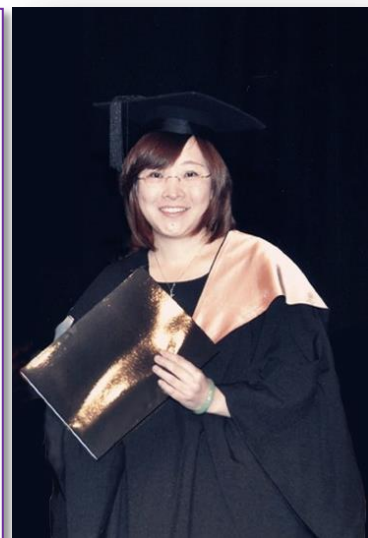


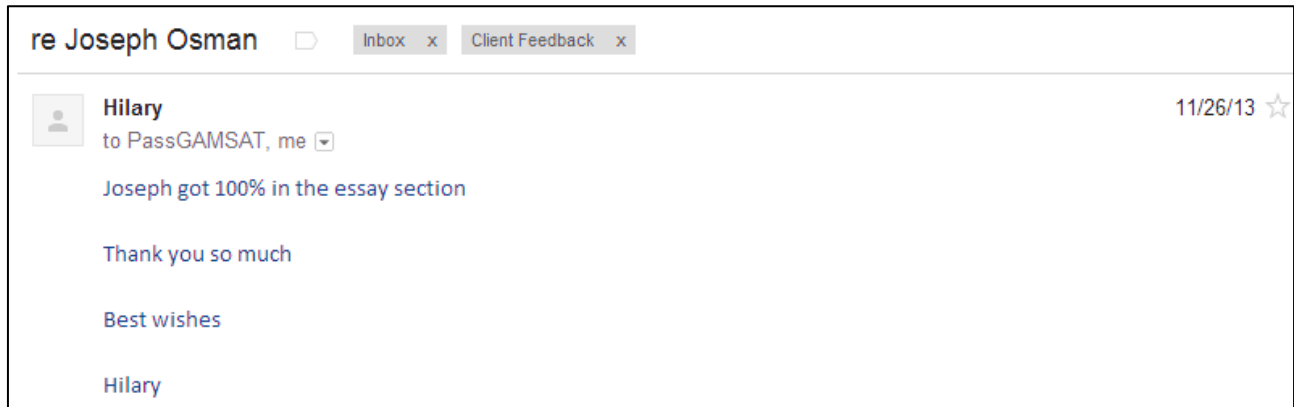
Rachel Z

Section 1, especially the poetry session has always been my worst nightmare, quite often I found myself reading the poem over and over again, yet still couldn't get any sense from it.

After reading Pass Gamsat's S1 book, I think I've got a much clearer idea on how to analyse and interpret the questions, and with the techniques in this book, I would be able to 'dissect' the lengthy passage and found the key info. to tackle those questions.

Thanks Dr Tom! This book has certainly boosted my confidence, and I'm sure with more practice I would be able to reach my goal for Section1.





Elvis Trihn (Currently studying at University Of Sydney)

Speaking to the PassGAMSAT team about my fears and thoughts about the interview process was incredibly useful. I have learnt some great tips that I will definitely use before, during, and after the interview if I am lucky enough to get one.

I have a lot of faith in Dr Tom and his team in providing all the help possible for my upcoming interview/s.

Narihito Matsunaga

Wonderful useful program! Teaches you how you go about the exam rather than content.

I wish to thank you for your efforts in constructing an honest, comprehensive course program.

I was more than pleased to see that each section had an abundance of useful tips to maximise revision time and performance in the exam.
Thank you Dr Tom!