Why Taking a Diagnostic Test Is So Important

How would you feel if your doctor starts ordering random, potentially expensive medical procedures without knowing what is wrong?

The corollary to test prep is obvious. Before filling your brain with every single fact you can find about the GRE, you need to take stock of your current status. A comprehensive Diagnostic Test is necessary.”
1. Getting Started

✓ Immediately after you login, you will be taken to the dashboard, where you can begin the test by clicking on “Start Diagnostic”.

![Dashboard Image](image-url)
2. Enter Prep Summary

✓ In order to help us devise an optimized study plan for you, you will be prompted to enter your target test date, how much time you have available to study, and your current level of preparation.

✓ Next, click on "Quant" or "Verbal" buttons to start the diagnostic test
3. Taking the Test

- We recommend that you set aside about 45 minutes for the Diagnostic Tests.
- Make sure that you take the test in one sitting in a quiet place with no distractions.
- Once you’ve completed the test, you’ll be shown your results, including your scaled score.

The Diagnostic Test is not meant to be like a real GRE test. Its main objective is to measure your skill profile in some important test areas. The full length tests (included in the course) are “GRE-like” tests.
4. Solutions to Test Problems

- You can also review the text and video solutions for each problem.
- Most test or practice problem in Barron’s GRE is accompanied by both video and text solutions.

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Quantity A
\( a^3 \)

Quantity B
\( (a^2)^2 \)

A. Quantity A is greater.
B. Quantity B is greater. ✗ [Your Answers]
C. Quantities A and B are equal.
D. It is impossible to determine which quantity is greater. ✓
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Correct Answer: (D) It is impossible to determine which quantity is greater.
5. Video Solutions

- To view the video solutions, simply click on the question number on the right. The video solution for the problem will start immediately.
- The questions shown in red are the questions you answered incorrectly.
6. Text Solutions

✓ Click on the “Solution” tab to view the text solution for the problem

(D) Use the laws of exponents.
Quantity A is \( a^4 \cdot a^2 = a^{4+2} = a^6 \).
Quantity B is \( (a^3)^2 = a^{3\cdot2} = a^6 \).
If \( a = 1 \), the quantities are equal; but if \( a = 2 \), Quantity A is much greater. Neither quantity is always greater, and the two quantities are not always equal (D).
7. **Skill Report**

- After the diagnostic test, or at any time during your studies, you may click on the *Skill Report* tab on the left to see how your current performance stacks up.
- The skill report tells gives you a detailed perspective of your prep level for the GRE.
- The skill report is used by our adaptive learning engine to deliver a personalized course plan for you.

You can study the results of your diagnostic test and make your own study plan – or you can let us do that for you! We’ll use the results of your diagnostic to get you making fast and effective progress on improving your score, and we’ll continue to learn about what works best for you as you go along, providing you with optimized video and text lessons, practice sets, and realistic, full-length practice tests to fully prepare you for the GRE. Regardless of your current level of preparation, identifying your strengths and weaknesses is a key step in making significant GRE progress. After all, there’s a big difference between fixing an engine and an air conditioner. Take advantage of these resources and make the most of your efforts!
Available on the Web and iPad

Barron’s Online GRE Course Features:

✅ Personalized Prep based on Adaptive Learning

✅ 60+ Hours of Video Instruction

✅ 75+ Lessons

✅ 4 Full Length Tests with Projected Scores

✅ 1 Diagnostic Test with Projected Scores

✅ 1000+ practice Questions