

2-MONTH LSAT STUDY PLAN



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Preface

Although our book websites contain general study plans, this guide provides a substantially more detailed plan for someone starting about 8 weeks out from the LSAT. The plan assumes you have the Recommended Materials listed below (the Real PrepTests as well as the PowerScore publications), and you are encouraged to consider the optional/supplementary materials as well.

General thoughts

Successfully preparing for the LSAT is about consistency and diligence. Even though the test measures *how* you think and not *what* you know, training yourself to think like the test makers requires time. Simply put: this isn't a test where cramming proves effective! Instead, your efforts need to be extensive, where you make the most of every study opportunity and spend at least fifteen hours of dedicated time preparing each week (and hopefully much more!).

Two months may seem like a long time, but once you get started you'll find that time moves quickly and test day is here before you know it. So we expect that you're prepared to work hard, and to be incredibly thorough as you follow the assignments provided. With this plan and some hard work, you have more than enough time to read all three LSAT Bibles, and to apply the strategies you learn there to our Type Training guides and Workbooks, as well. We also outline a number of practice tests for you to take. If you find that you cannot complete all of the assignments in the time given, be sure to prioritize your tasks based on your specific areas of weakness and where you feel you have the greatest opportunity to gain points. And we encourage you to attempt additional practice tests (particularly recently-administered exams) if time permits!

Naturally, if you are already extremely strong in one of the areas—say, Reading Comprehension—you can omit portions of the plan tailored to that section and devote that time to further study in another section. Similarly, if you find that you still have room for improvement upon completion of the required material for a given section, our Advanced Courses—Logic Games and Logical Reasoning—and private tutoring are both worthwhile considerations.

Each of the eight weeks in this study schedule provides a list of recommended tasks—from reading specific chapters, to completing workbook and training type sections, to taking timed practice tests—and should generally be completed in the order given. However, as mentioned, elements can be adjusted as needed to accommodate variations in your day-to-day commitments and your unique skill set as you get closer to test day.

You will notice that each week's assignments are categorized into one of four types: Logical Reasoning, Logic Games, Reading Comprehension, and Practice Tests. This will give you a good sense of exactly what is to be covered during a particular week, and allow you to better adjust the schedule and content to your own needs as you progress.

A chart is provided for each week outlining the materials to be used and sections for your notes and progress reports. We strongly encourage you to keep detailed information about exactly what was completed and when, any elements left uncompleted that should be a priority the following week, and your performance and general thoughts on each. These notes will allow you to more accurately measure your progress as well as track any uncompleted assignments.

We also strongly encourage you to create a detailed LSAT Study Bible to accompany the notes in this study plan in order to better understand the concepts covered and your progress through the material. Begin this *immediately*! Instructions on exactly how to construct your Study Bible are provided here: http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/creating-an-lsat-study-bible.

Finally, the coming weeks will undoubtedly test your resolve—both mentally and physically—so it is extremely important that you fully understand the nature of this test and what even incremental improvements mean. This blog post: http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/lsat-motivation-the-scoring-scale-and-your-percentile should help to motivate you as you continue to prepare, so give it careful consideration.

Recommended Materials

Real LSATs from LSAC:

- June 2007 LSAT, a free exam online
- PrepTest A, PrepTest B, and PrepTest C, found in the <u>LSAT SuperPrep</u>
- PrepTests 62-71, found in the 10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests, Volume V
- Individual PrepTests 72-77

PowerScore Publications

- LSAT Bibles: Logic Games Bible, Logical Reasoning Bible, Reading Comprehension Bible
- LSAT Training Type Collections: Game Type Training, Logical Reasoning Question Type Training, Reading Comprehension Passage Type Training
- LSAT Workbooks: Logic Games Bible Workbook, Logical Reasoning Bible Workbook, and Reading Comprehension Bible Workbook

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Optional Materials:

Advanced Courses: <u>Logic Games</u> and <u>Logical Reasoning</u>



Week 1: Eight weeks to the LSAT



Your first week of study is extremely important. It serves as an introduction to the LSAT itself, and establishes a baseline as you take a timed practice test. Further, you will begin exploring Logical Reasoning (which accounts for 50% of your overall score), examining concepts such as the Basics of Logical Reasoning, the Question Stem and Answer Choices, Must Be True and Most Strongly Supported questions, Main Point Questions, and Conditional Reasoning. Each of these elements is absolutely critical to a strong Logical Reasoning performance, so be extremely diligent this week as you begin your preparation.

Practice Tests

- Start your week by taking a timed practice LSAT. Before you begin this exam however, read the following information to better understand exactly how you should self-administer this practice test: http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/bid/331457/The-Ideal-Way-to-Take-an-LSAT-Practice-Test
- We encourage you to begin with the June 2007 LSAT, which is available as a free download from LSAC <u>here</u>. Be sure to take this exam under timed conditions, and be diligent and honest in your timing.
 If you wish, you can use the free test proctor in our <u>Free LSAT Help Area</u> to time yourself.
 - This timed test will establish a baseline score, and give you an initial sense of both the test and your natural strengths and weaknesses. Do NOT let the results discourage you! They are in no way indicative of your potential or what your final score will be. It's merely a chance for you to familiarize yourself with the experience of taking a four-section LSAT under timed (test-day) conditions.
- Upon completion of the exam, it is essential that you score and review your performance using the Free Test Scoring Area. The Test Scoring Area will help you identify your strengths and weaknesses, information you can then use to help you shape your studies.

Note: you do not need to add an experimental section to this exam! Just take all four 35-minute sections in a row, without a break. We'll let you know when to add experimental sections as you get closer to your test date.

Logical Reasoning

- After scoring and reviewing your practice test, watch the free Lesson One—Logical Reasoning video in our <u>Free LSAT Help Area</u>: Free Lessons section (select the Free Lesson tab at the top of that page and click on LSAT Lesson 1: Logical Reasoning). This video is approximately two hours long and will give you an excellent introduction to Logical Reasoning as well as Must Be True questions, presented by one of our Senior Instructors.
- To continue your initial Logical Reasoning studies, you should read Chapters One through Four of
 the <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. This reading selection takes you from an Introduction and Overview of
 the LSAT in Chapter One, through discussions of the Logical Reasoning section in general in Chapters Two
 and Three, and into Must Be True questions in Chapter Four.
- Once you feel comfortable with the first four chapters, read Chapter Six on Conditional Reasoning.
 Conditional Reasoning is a particularly challenging concept for many students, so it is imperative that you spend sufficient time with it, as it will figure heavily in both the Logical Reasoning and Logic Games sections of the LSAT.

After you finish Chapter Six in the <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning Bible</u>, complete Chapter Two in <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning</u>: <u>Question Type Training</u>. These chapters discuss Must Be True/Most Strongly Supported questions, the most common LR question type and a prominent feature in Reading Comprehension as well.

Note: as you work through the Must Be True questions in the Type Training, you will encounter a number of stimuli featuring Conditional Reasoning.

- Next, read Chapter Five in the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. This chapter covers Main Point questions, a common question type in both the Logical Reasoning and Reading Comprehension sections.
- After you read Chapter Five in the <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning Bible</u>, complete Chapter Three in <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning</u>: <u>Question Type Training</u>. This chapter addresses Main Point questions, and will help you better develop your skills at recognizing and understanding argumentation.

■ Logic Games

Notes:

• You have no specific Logic Games assignments for this week.

■ Reading Comprehension

• You have no specific Reading Comprehension assignments for this week.

	Week 1 Assignments					
Assignment	Completed?	Notes				
J2007 LSAT						
L1 LR Video						
LRB Ch1						
LRB Ch2						
LRB Ch3						
LRB Ch4						
LRB Ch6						
LRTT Ch2						
LRB Ch5						
LRTT Ch3						

Week 2: Seven weeks to the LSAT

This week provides an Introduction to Logic Games, and examines both Basic Linear and Advanced Linear game types. You'll also continue your Logical Reasoning studies with Weaken questions and a comprehensive look at Causality on the LSAT. This week will also provide your first look at Reading Comprehension as you begin to work through the Reading Comprehension Bible.

While it's still too soon for timed Practice Tests, you will need to take an untimed practice test, which can provide unique insight into the areas you need to improve on the most.

■ Logic Games

- First, read Chapter Two of the <u>LSAT Logic Games Bible</u>. This will serve as your introduction to Logic Games, as you learn about the basics of Analytical Reasoning. Note that you can skip Chapter One of the Games Bible, which is the same general introduction to the test that you encountered in Chapter One of the Logical Reasoning Bible.
- Next, read Chapter Three of the <u>LSAT Logic Games Bible</u>. This chapter discusses Linear Games, one of the most fundamental, and most common, types of Games on the LSAT.
- Upon completion of Chapter Three of the Games Bible, complete Chapter Two of <u>LSAT Game Type</u> <u>Training</u>, which contains Basic Linear Games.
- After you are finished with Basic Linear Games in the Game Type Training, work through Chapter Four of the <u>LSAT Logic Games Bible</u>. This chapter addresses Advanced Linear Games, a natural extension of Basic Linear Games, and another extremely common game type.
- Your final games assignment of the week is to complete Chapter Three of <u>LSAT Game Type Training</u>. Here
 you will encounter a number of Advanced Linear Games to reinforce the skills you learned in Chapter
 Four of the LGB.

Logical Reasoning

- For Logical Reasoning, you should first read Chapter Seven of the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. This chapter examines Weaken questions, which constitute the only question type in the Family #3: Hurt category (as discussed in Chapter Three).
- Next, work through Chapter Eight of the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. Chapter Eight covers both basic and advanced Causal Reasoning, a very common type of reasoning on the test (and particularly prevalent in Weaken questions).
- Finally, complete Chapter Four of <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning: Question Type Training</u>. This chapter specifically addresses Weaken questions, and thus features a significant amount of Cause and Effect Reasoning as well.

■ Reading Comprehension

- Begin by reading Chapters Two and Three of the <u>LSAT Reading Comprehension Bible</u>. Skip the section in Chapter Two that covers argumentation. Note that you can also skip Chapter One, as that is an overview of the test that you have already encountered.
- We also encourage our students to become active readers of publications and journals the tone and style
 of which closely aligns with passages on the LSAT. This will help you more quickly acclimate to the nature
 of passages created by the test makers. Some examples of worthwhile sources of additional reading
 include: The Economist, Scientific American, The Wall Street Journal or New York Times, and other
 economically-, legally-, or scientifically-oriented texts.

Practice Tests

• Take PrepTest A from the <u>SuperPrep</u> as an untimed exercise. Untimed practice tests can help isolate specific concepts and paradigms you may be struggling with, such as conditional reasoning, causality, grouping games, etc. When speed is taken out of the equation, rushing or guessing should play no role in determining your score, and any mistakes you make will likely result from a conceptual misunderstanding of the material being tested. Use them to your advantage!

After completing the test, review your performance and read the question explanations in the <u>SuperPrep</u>. They are by no means the best possible explanations (the test makers don't want to give away too much in terms of strategy explanations), but they give you a sense of the things that the test makers identify as important when they analyze questions. Consider these explanations and your specific performance in terms of the skills you have been learning, and attempt to go beyond the test maker's discussions as you analyze your results

Week 2 Assignments				
Assignment	Completed?	Notes		
LGB Ch2				
LGB Ch3				
LGTT Ch2				
LGB Ch4				
LGTT Ch3				
LRB Ch7				
LRB Ch8				
LRTT Ch4				
RCB Ch2				
RCB Ch3				
SuperPrep A				

Notes:				

Week 3: Six weeks to the LSAT

This week you will continue examining Logical Reasoning, Logic Games, and Reading Comprehension, so there is a fair amount of diversity involved.

Logical Reasoning

- Read Chapter Nine of the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. This chapter addresses Strengthen questions, and you will encounter Causality frequently as well (causal reasoning appears in the majority of Strengthen questions).
- Next, complete Chapter Five of <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning: Question Type Training</u>. This will give you an opportunity to reinforce your Strengthen abilities as outlined in the Logical Reasoning Bible.
- Read Chapter Ten of the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. Here you will examine Justify the Conclusion questions.
- Next, complete Chapter Six of <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning: Question Type Training</u> to continue practicing applying your Justify skills.
- Read Chapter Eleven of the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. This chapter introduces Assumption questions, one
 of the most challenging question types for many test takers. So take your time as you work through the
 ideas presented to ensure a complete understanding of them.
- Next, complete Chapter Seven of <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning: Question Type Training</u> to hone your Assumption skills.

Logic Games

- Read Chapter Five of the <u>LSAT Logic Games Bible</u>. Here you will learn about Grouping Games, one of the most common—and most challenging—game types.
- Next, complete Chapter Four of LSAT Game Type Training.

Reading Comprehension

- Continue your Reading Comprehension studies by working through Chapters Four and Five of the <u>LSAT Reading Comprehension Bible</u>. Here you will encounter many key concepts such as Diagramming and how to best attack the various question types and answer choices.
- Next, complete Chapters Five and Six in LSAT Reading Comprehension: Passage Type Training.
- You should also continue to actively read non-LSAT material and publications as recommended previously, and attempt to apply the reading skills discussed in Chapter Two of the Reading Comprehension Bible.

■ Practice Tests

• Take PrepTest B from the <u>SuperPrep</u> as an untimed exercise. After completing the test, review your performance and read the question explanations in the <u>SuperPrep</u>.

Week 3 Assignments				
Assignment	Completed?	Notes		
LRB Ch9				
LRTT Ch5				
LRB Ch10				
LRTT Ch6				
LRB Ch11				
LRTT Ch7				
LGB Ch5				
LGTT Ch4				
RCB Ch4				
RCB Ch5				
RCTT Ch5				
RCTT Ch6				
SuperPrep B				
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Week 4: Five weeks to the LSAT

This week continues your conceptual lessons in all three sections, so stay diligent as you work to complete the assignments. This is your final week without timed Practice Tests, so if you are falling behind in the reading use your time effectively and attempt to get back on schedule by the end of the week.

Note that you will need to take *two* untimed practice tests towards the end of this week. As you transition into the second half of your study plan, the mistakes you make on these tests will become an exceptionally valuable diagnostic tool. Use them to identify the types of questions, passages, or games that are costing you points.

Logical Reasoning

- Read Chapters Fourteen and Fifteen of the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. The question types discussed—
 Method of Reasoning and Flaw in the Reasoning—are very closely related, so it is useful to pair these
 two chapters with one another.
- Complete Chapters Nine and Ten of <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning: Question Type Training</u> to reinforce those questions types. Together they will make up a significant portion of your LR score, so it is imperative that you are comfortable with them prior to test day.
- Read Chapter Sixteen of the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. This chapter covers Parallel Reasoning questions, which can be extremely time-consuming without the proper approach. These questions also pair nicely with the other two types discussed this week, Method and Flaw.
- Complete Chapter Eleven of <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning</u>: <u>Question Type Training</u>.

Logic Games

- Once you feel comfortable with the Grouping Games from the previous week, read Chapter Six of
 the <u>LSAT Logic Games Bible</u>. Here you will examine Linear/Grouping Combination games, so this is a good
 opportunity to review both Linear and Grouping concepts.
- Finally, complete Chapter Five of <u>LSAT Game Type Training</u>.

Reading Comprehension

- Continue your Reading Comprehension studies by working through Chapter Six of the <u>LSAT Reading</u> <u>Comprehension Bible</u>. This is a summary chapter where all of the ideas you have seen so far get incorporated into a single, overarching approach.
- Next, complete the first half of Chapter Nine in <u>LSAT Reading Comprehension: Passage Type Training</u>.

Practice Tests

- Take PrepTest C from the <u>SuperPrep</u> as an untimed exercise. After completing the test, review your performance and read the question explanations in the <u>SuperPrep</u>.
- Take PrepTest 67, found in the <u>10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests, Volume V</u>, as an untimed exercise.

	Week 4 Assignments					
Assignment	Completed?	Notes				
LRB Ch14						
LRTT Ch9						
LRB Ch15						
LRTT Ch10						
LRB Ch16						
LRTT Ch11						
LGB Ch6						
LGTT Ch5						
RCB Ch6						
RCTT Ch9						
SuperPrep C						
PrepTest 67						
Notes:						

Week 5: Four weeks to the LSAT

At this point you should have completed all of the assigned tasks for the first four weeks. If you are still behind, prioritize any missed work and attempt to get caught up. This is another work-intensive week, so prepare yourself to devote a sufficient amount of time to your studies. You will also need to take two timed practice tests (with an experimental section added to each test), so plan accordingly: you will need at least 3 hours of uninterrupted time to work through each test. If possible, make the practice tests the final task of the week.

Logic Games

- Read Chapter Seven of the <u>LSAT Logic Games Bible</u>. This chapters covers the first in a set of less common game types, Pure Sequencing games.
- Complete Chapters Six of <u>LSAT Game Type Training</u>.
- Read Chapter Eight of the <u>LSAT Logic Games Bible</u>. This chapter covers the remainder of the less common game types, such as Pattern, Circular, and Mapping games. Again, if you are behind or still struggling to master earlier types such as Linear and Grouping games, make those more fundamental concepts a priority before moving on.
- Complete Chapter Seven of <u>LSAT Game Type Training</u>.

Logical Reasoning

- Read Chapter Twelve of the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. Here you will see Resolve the Paradox questions, the final question type in the Family #2: Help category.
- Next, work through Chapter Eight of <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning</u>: <u>Question Type Training</u>.
- Read Chapter Thirteen of the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. Here you will see Formal Logic, a rare, but
 challenging, concept with which many test takers struggle. However, if you are falling behind in your
 studies, you can save this assignment for later, as Formal Logic is quite uncommon (1-2 questions per
 LSAT, typically) and your time may be better spent elsewhere.
- Once you have completed the chapter on Formal Logic in the Reasoning Bible, work through Chapter Nineteen of <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning</u>: <u>Question Type Training</u> to reinforce your skills.

■ Reading Comprehension

- Read Chapter Seven of the <u>LSAT Reading Comprehension Bible</u>. This chapter addresses Comparative Reading Passages and thus is vitally important to fully understand, as approximately one-fourth of your Reading Comprehension score is based on the Comparative Reading passage set.
- Complete the second half of Chapter Nine in <u>LSAT Reading Comprehension: Passage Type Training</u>.
- You may also complete the first half of Chapter One: Practice Drills in the <u>LSAT Reading Comprehension Bible Workbook</u>, beginning with the Active Reading Drill and stopping after the VIEWSTAMP Analysis: Main Point Identification Drill. Note that this can be skipped if you are feeling comfortable with your Reading Comprehension performance at this point.

■ Practice Tests

- Take PrepTest 68, found in the <u>10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests, Volume V</u>, as a timed exercise. Use section 1 from PrepTest 62 as an experimental section. Refer to our guide on How To Take LSAT Practice Tests if you need clarification: http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/bid/331457/The-Ideal-Way-to-Take-an-LSAT-Practice-Test
- Take PrepTest 69, found in the <u>10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests, Volume V</u>, as a timed exercise. Use section 2 from PrepTest 62 as an experimental section.

Week 5 Assignments				
Assignment	Completed?	Notes		
LGB Ch7				
LGTT Ch6				
LGB Ch8				
LGTT Ch7				
LRB Ch12	I			
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LRTT Ch8	<u> </u>			
LRB Ch13	1			
LRTT Ch19				
RCB Ch7				
RCTT Ch9				
RCBW Ch1				
Draw Took CO	1			
PrepTest 68				
PrepTest 69	1			
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Week 6: Three weeks to the LSAT

This week, and all of the weeks to come, will continue requiring you to take timed practice tests. However, you will now begin adding two experimental sections into the original four-section format, in order to "overdrive" your testing. After taking six-section tests, the real five-section LSAT won't seem quite as exhausting: you are essentially preparing yourself for test day by doing more than what is required, so that when you take the actual five-section exam you are physically and mentally conditioned in excess of what is need.

Plan accordingly: you will need up to 4 hours of uninterrupted time to complete the tests, and you should spend several hours reviewing your performance on each as well.

Logic Games

• Read Chapters Nine and Ten of the <u>LSAT Logic Games Bible</u>. As you work through these chapters you will encounter the advanced ideas of Numerical Distributions and Limited Solution Set games. Nearly one-third of all games that appear on the LSAT will have at least one of these features (many games have both), so learn them well. Often, your ability to spot a numerical distribution or a limited solution set will be the difference between success and failure in the games section.

There is also a lengthy discussion on overall section strategy that should help you better understand how to put all of the skills you have learned into practice. You've now reached the end of the conceptual discussions in the Logic Games Bible.

- Complete Chapter Eight of <u>LSAT Game Type Training</u>. Here you will work through a large collection of games exhibiting the Advanced Features covered in the Logic Games Bible. Once you finish this chapter you will have completed the Game Type Training book.
- Complete Chapter One of the <u>LSAT Logic Games Bible Workbook</u>.

Logical Reasoning

 Read Chapters Eighteen through Twenty of the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. These three chapters cover the remaining LR question types, each of which appears infrequently. Of these types, focus primarily on Point at Issue, which is the most common of the three.

Once complete, all that is left in Logical Reasoning is a discussion of Numbers and Percentages, and Principle questions (not distinct "types" per se, but rather commonly-featured ideas), and a final analysis of Section Strategy and Time Management.

- Work through Chapters Twelve through Fourteen of <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning: Question Type Training</u>. Again, if you are short on time focus mainly on Point at Issue (Chapter Fourteen).
- Complete Chapter One of the <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning Bible Workbook</u>.

Reading Comprehension

- Read Chapter Eight of the <u>LSAT Reading Comprehension Bible</u> on Common Passage Themes.
- Complete the rest of Chapter One: Practice Drills in the <u>LSAT Reading Comprehension Bible Workbook</u>

(if you used this resource as suggested last week, this means beginning with the Passage Elements and Formations Recognition Drill). Note, again, that this is not necessary if you're feeling comfortable with your Reading Comprehension performance at this point.

• Complete Chapters Seven and Eight in <u>LSAT Reading Comprehension: Passage Type Training</u>. Chapter Eight covers Hard Science Passages, the most difficult passage type for most test takers, so take your time as you work through it to ensure full understanding.

■ Practice Tests

- Take PrepTest 70, found in the <u>10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests, Volume V</u>, as a timed exercise. Use sections 3 and 4 from PrepTest 62 as an experimental section.
- Take PrepTest 71, found in the <u>10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests, Volume V</u>, as a timed exercise. Use sections 1 and 2 from PrepTest 63 as two experimental sections.

	Week 6 Assignments				
Assignment	Completed?	Notes			
LGB Ch9					
LGB Ch10					
LGTT Ch8					
LGBW Ch1					
	I				
LRB Ch18					
LRTT Ch12					
LRB Ch19					
LRTT Ch13					
LRB Ch20					
LRTT Ch14					
LRBW Ch1					
	I				
RCB Ch8					
RCBW Ch1					
RCTT Ch7					
RCTT Ch8					
	ı				
PrepTest 70					
PrepTest 71					

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Week 7: Two weeks to the LSAT

At this point you have completed nearly all of the conceptual material in the Bibles, so the majority of your time in these last two weeks will spent on timed practice tests. The goal then is to work through as many tests as possible—again, always under timed conditions—in order to fully acclimate yourself to the rigors of test day.

Each of these practice exams must be thoroughly reviewed as you consider your evolving strengths and weaknesses. You can then return to any/all relevant conceptual discussions in the LSAT Bibles to address areas in which you are still struggling.

These weeks are about refinement much more than building a knowledge base, so let that be your primary objective. Identify your weaknesses in each section, and systematically eliminate them!

Logical Reasoning

- Read Chapter Seventeen of the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. Here you will find a discussion of Numbers and Percentages, a common and often difficult idea present in many types of Logical Reasoning questions.
- Complete Chapter Eighteen of <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning: Question Type Training</u>. This will be a good test
 of your Numbers and Percentages skills, as well as a good review of several question types you have
 encountered previously.
- Read Chapter Twenty One of the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. This chapter covers Principle Questions, which, like Numbers and Percentages (and Conditional and Causal Reasoning) are not distinct "types" per se, but rather commonly-featured ideas.
- Finally, work through Chapter Fifteen of <u>LSAT Logical Reasoning: Question Type Training</u> to hone your Principle skills.

■ Reading Comprehension

- Read Chapter Nine of the <u>LSAT Reading Comprehension Bible</u>. This discussion of Section Strategy and Time Management will give you some final considerations for test day, and take you to the end of the Reading Bible's conceptual analyses.
- Complete Chapters Two, Three, and Four in <u>LSAT Reading Comprehension: Passage Type Training</u>. You will notice that you are working through the chapters in non-sequential order; this is intentional to best reinforce the skills discussed in the Reading Comprehension Bible.
- Time permitting, complete the individual passages in Chapter Two of the <u>LSAT Reading Comprehension</u> <u>Bible Workbook</u>, and carefully review the detailed analysis given for each.

Practice Tests

- Take <u>PrepTest 72</u> as a timed exercise. Use sections 3 and 4 from PrepTest 63, found in the <u>10 Actual</u>, <u>Official LSAT PrepTests</u>, <u>Volume V</u>, as two experimental sections.
- Take <u>PrepTest 73</u> as a timed exercise. Use sections 1 and 2 from PrepTest 64, found in the <u>10 Actual</u>, <u>Official LSAT PrepTests</u>, <u>Volume V</u>, as two experimental sections.
- Take <u>PrepTest 74</u> as a timed exercise. Use sections 3 and 4 from PrepTest 64, found in the <u>10 Actual</u>, <u>Official LSAT PrepTests</u>, <u>Volume V</u>, as two experimental sections.

■ Logic Games

• You have no specific Logic Games assignments for this week. However we do strongly encourage you to review your practice tests thoroughly, so you will have several games to consider there.

Week 7 Assignments				
Assignment	Completed?	Notes		
LRB Ch17				
LRTT Ch18				
LRB Ch21				
LRTT Ch15				
RCB Ch9				
RCTT Ch2				
RCTT Ch3				
RCTT Ch4				
RCBW Ch2				
PrepTest 72				
PrepTest 73				
PrepTest 74				
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Week 8: One week to the LSAT

This week is about both conceptual and mental preparation. You should plan to take 2-3 practice tests as outlined below, allowing ample time for review, however be sure that you do not attempt a test the day before the exam. Focus in particular on building your confidence and visualizing a strong performance on test day—how you expect to perform will likely become reality.

Logical Reasoning

 Read Chapter Twenty Two of the <u>Logical Reasoning Bible</u>. This final chapter presents a detailed discussion of Section Strategy and Time Management, which should correspond closely to similar closing chapters in the Logic Games Bible and Reading Comprehension Bible. This will also take you to the end of this book.

As always, be sure to return to it as you continue to take tests and identify areas of weakness, even during your final week. For instance, if you find that a particular question type or idea is still consistently giving you trouble, use the Reasoning Bible to review that concept/type and attempt to eliminate any remaining difficulties. It's not too late to still make improvements!

Practice Tests

- Take <u>PrepTest 75</u> as a timed exercise. Use sections 1 and 2 from PrepTest 65, found in the <u>10 Actual</u>, <u>Official LSAT PrepTests</u>, <u>Volume V</u>, as two experimental sections.
- Take <u>PrepTest 76</u> as a timed exercise. Use sections 3 and 4 from PrepTest 65, found in the <u>10 Actual</u>, <u>Official LSAT PrepTests</u>, <u>Volume V</u>, as two experimental sections.
- Take <u>PrepTest 77</u> as a timed exercise. Use sections 1 and 2 from PrepTest 66, found in the <u>10 Actual</u>, <u>Official LSAT PrepTests</u>, <u>Volume V</u>, as two experimental sections.

Logic Games

• If Games continue to trouble you, complete Chapter Two of the <u>LSAT Logic Games Bible Workbook</u>. Do each game as a timed exercise, but know that you will have encountered some of the games previously. This is not a problem—reviewing games multiple times is quite beneficial.

■ Reading Comprehension

• You have no specific Reading Comprehension assignments for this week. However we do strongly encourage you to review your practice tests thoroughly, so you will have several games to consider there.

Other

- Watch the Virtual Module on <u>Test Mentality at our Free Help Area—Free Lessons</u> page. Focus on establishing a confident mindset in the days prior to the LSAT, and be sure to follow the specific recommendations in that discussion!
- There are several worthwhile articles discussing important issues beyond conceptual and mental preparation, such as the administration of the LSAT itself (and what you can bring with you), and how to

prepare yourself physically for the test with proper diet and nutrition:

• What can you bring to the test center?

Answer: http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/what-can-you-bring-to-the-lsat

What are the best things to eat and drink the week prior to the exam?

Answer: http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/bid/334147/Thought-for-Food-Eating-Your-Way-to-a-180

- Further, as we have discussed, your mindset and attitude play a tremendous role in your ultimate performance, so you need to spend the days leading up to the LSAT establishing the proper mentality. The following articles are designed to help you get into the ideal frame of mind:
 - How to walk into the LSAT and destroy it!

http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/bid/347184/How-to-Walk-into-the-LSAT-and-Destroy-It

LSAT anxiety and the power of positive thinking!

http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/bid/346962/LSAT-Anxiety-and-the-Power-of-Positive-Thinking

How to "hack" your brain for improved performance!

http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/bid/341968/LSAT-Test-Mentality-Upgrade-Your-Brain

• Finally, on the day before the LSAT, relax! Do something that makes you happy and don't worry about the LSAT. It is imperative that you are fully rested before the exam, so avoid any strenuous activities, whether physical or mental. So don't run a half-marathon, and don't attempt any full practice tests!

Week 8 Assignments				
Assignment	Completed?	Notes		
LRB Ch22				
PrepTest 75				
PrepTest 76				
PrepTest 77				
LGBW Ch2				
Test Mentality				

The day of the LSAT:

You want this day to be as predictable and distraction-free as possible, do everything that you can to stay calm, focused, and above all, positive!

- Eat a wholesome breakfast.
- Perhaps review a Logic Game or a few Logical Reasoning questions to get your brain revved up. These
 can even be games/questions you've attempted previously! Just keep it to a minimum, and stay
 confident at all times!
- Get to the testing center early. It may also be wise to visit the site a few days prior to the test if you are unfamiliar with the location, so you can get a sense of parking and general layout.
- Destroy the LSAT!

After the LSAT:

There are a number of questions that most test takers begin to ponder post-LSAT. Three of the most common are given below, along with comprehensive explanations of each:

Can I determine the experimental section, and what exactly do I need to know about it?

Answers:

A brief overview: http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/bid/153514/the-lsat-experimental-section

Dispelling some common myths: http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/three-myths-about-the-lsat-experimental-section

• Should I keep or cancel my score, and what are the consequences of canceling?

Answers:

Cancellations, Withdrawals, and Absences—a discussion of the differences:

 $\underline{http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/bid/223266/LSAT-cancellations-withdrawals-absences-What-s-the-\underline{difference}$

How to determine if canceling is the correct decision:

http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/bid/231208/Should-you-cancel-your-October-2012-LSAT-score

How schools view multiple cancellations:

http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/bid/327906/How-do-law-schools-view-one-two-or-more-LSAT-cancellations

How to cancel your score:

http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/bid/171507/How-Do-You-Cancel-Your-LSAT-Score

• Is retaking the LSAT worth it, and what can I expect for my next attempt?

Answer:

Retaking the LSAT: http://blog.powerscore.com/lsat/should-you-retake-the-lsat

A final note:

We at PowerScore want to thank you for choosing us as your test preparation provider, and trusting us to help you reach your full potential on the LSAT. Our hope is that your performance exceeds your expectations and that this Study Guide and accompanying resources are fully sufficient for your particular needs. However please do not hesitate to contact us with additional questions or concerns, or to inquire about the other services we offer! Above all else we want to see our students reach their goals, and we'll do all that we can to ensure that occurs for you.

Finally, feel encouraged to share this study plan with friends, colleagues, or anyone else you may encounter who is studying for the LSAT! It's a powerful resource and we're confident others will benefit from it as you hopefully have.

Thanks again, and best of luck in law school!

Logical Reasoning Problem Tracker

Use the following sheet to track any difficulties that you have with Logical Reasoning questions. Note the location of the question (for example: PT23, Sec 2, #6), the type of question (for example: Assumption), the correct answer, the answer you chose, and what happened (for example: missed the word "not" in D). On occasion, return to this page and examine your mistakes for patterns, then spend additional time working to correct those issues.

Question	Question Type	Question #/ Page #	Correct Answer	I Chose	What Happened?

Logic Games Problem Tracker

Use the following sheet to track any difficulties that you have with Logic Games questions. Note the location of the game (for example: PT38, G3, #17), the type of question (for example: Could Be True), the correct answer, the answer you chose, and what happened (for example: chose B which was a Could be True answer). On occasion, return to this page and examine your mistakes for patterns, then spend additional time working to correct those issues.

Game/ Question	Question Type	Question #/ Page #	Correct Answer	I Chose	What Happened?

Reading Comprehension Problem Tracker

Use the following sheet to track any difficulties that you have with Reading Comprehension questions. Note the location of the passage (for example: PT44, P1, #4), the type of question (for example: Must, AP), the correct answer, the answer you chose, and what happened (for example: answer choice A is the critic's viewpoint, not the author's). On occasion, return to this page and examine your mistakes for patterns, then spend additional time working to correct those issues.

Passage/ Question	Question Type	Question #/ Page #	Correct Answer	I Chose	What Happened?
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