

9-2: Preparing for a standardized test

The basic formula for the standardized test fall the same system that we discussed in the last video. You wanted to be the coverage of the material, you wanted to be practice, then you wanted to be doing insight. This is true for almost all situations. However for standardized test you have an advantage that most students do not because you have access to past test. And in some ways it creates a little bit of disadvantage because, because if everyone has access to past test, there's a certain sense that some test you have to learn the test and send the material. So if you are learning general aptitude test, which is cover tons of materials and it's very hard to study for, then often what you try do is learn how the test works instead of just how the domain works. And so, these apply to certain extent in different field. Some standardized test, this is very much the rule than jus spending a lot of time just learning generic information. It's not going to be efficient use of your time; that you really need to know how the test works and understand it and be very good at it.

Whereas in other cases, it's going to be requiring a lot of specific knowledge you really understand that. And so my general suggestion for standardized test is that whatever your doing the study, it shouldn't corporate a lot of practice test or solution case. So you shouldn't buy tones of practice test and make that part of your daily or weekly ritual, you're doing practice test for this because this would be the main foundation of how you do well on this test, if you are doing a lot of practice test and you find you are missing a lot of knowledge which is preventing you from doing well. Then you wanted be doing covering practice and insight faces on that as well. So if you are finding you're doing it in every cat and you really suffering on a biology portion then you wanted to be doing some research and learning those ideas and building metaphors, building visualization to understand the idea better. So you can still use all the techniques that we discussed on the course but the practice components tends to dominate because being able to be very at the test is very important rather than just have a domain knowledge.