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EPSO Tests for Contractual Agents

Sources for the Quantitative and Verbal Reasoning Test

Introduction

During the last few years, many of the **EPSO** questions have taken on a resemblance to those of the "Graduate Record Examination" (**GRE**), a standardized test used in the United States to get scores that are comparable across the whole country. Naturally, these tests and the materials to prepare for them are available in English rather than in other languages. Here, we are only interested in the reasoning part of the **GRE**. So please be sure to ignore all the material about English vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension, essay writing etc.

Free Online

<http://www.testprepreview.com/modules/graphs.htm>

Try these sample questions to get started.

<http://www.ets.org/portal/site/ets/menuitem.1488512ecfd5b8849a77b13bc3921509/?vgnnextoid=ed552d3631df4010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD&vgnnextchannel=06a7e3b5f64f4010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD>

Here are some samples.

<http://www.ets.org/Media/Tests/GRE/gre%20practice%20general%20test.pdf>

Please concentrate on pages 41, 49

http://www.kaptest.com/repository/templates/ArticleInitDroplet.jhtml?_relPath=/repository/content/Education/Learn_About_the_Tests/GRE/EDN_gre_qproblem.html

Here are five sample questions.

Books

At www.amazon.de and www.amazon.fr 252 books on how to prepare for the **GRE** are available to you, without the delay and cost of transatlantic shipment. Two classics are "Barron's How to Prepare for the **GRE**" (ISBN 0764178784) and "Kaplan GRE Exam 2006" (ISBN 0743265440) Once more; please concentrate strongly on the reasoning part.

Sources for the EU-Knowledge Test - Free Online

http://www.europarl.eu.int/factsheets/default_en.htm?redirected=1

The European Parliament maintains this site; therefore, the material is available in twenty languages. Another important advantage is that this sight is updated by researchers who are close to the sources of information.

<http://europa.eu.int>

If you have time and energy left, you can find still more detailed information here. But beware of information overload.

Books

The Fact Sheets of the European Parliament are available as a book also.

The "250 MCQ on Europe and European Policy", published by the SFE in Brussels and available from the SE in Luxembourg are a classic.

Hundreds of titles on the EU are on sale at www.amazon.de, www.amazon.fr, www.amazon.co.uk; your best bet is to concentrate on general EU books published this millennium because questions are often concentrated on recent events (such as enlargement, EU Constitution).

Courses

In Brussels the R&D is giving a preparation course, the SE is doing that in Luxembourg.

http://europa.eu.int/epsa/competitions/preparatory-course_en.htm gives a list of preparatory courses that are organized in various Member States.

This tract is available in electronic form, so that you do not need to painstakingly key-in those lengthy URLs. Just send a brief email requesting it to ADL-Webmaster@internet.lu. You'll get your copy by return mail. If you need samples of old tests, be sure to write that and to include your snail-mail address because this material is available on paper but on no other media.

Please remember to share information with your colleagues and to give us feedback after the tests, so that we can keep this information up-to-date.

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