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Began sessions after taking October 2013 Test (Score 157)
Took December 2013 Test (Final Score 164)

I signed up for a difficult challenge from the beginning by giving myself barely a month and a half to study for the October 2013 test. I took a Kaplan course, but it didn't do much because the instructor would just read through what was required for them, and whenever someone asked questions, didn't take the time to answer them very thoroughly (or just didn't know how to). In any case, I scored only 3 points higher for the October test than what I got after studying barely anything at all. I felt stuck--I didn't know what I was doing wrong because no one was telling me, and I came across Jonathan's name.

I was able to set up a convenient meeting time with him right away because he's very responsive and accommodating. We met about twice a week for two hours and I improved rapidly. This was probably because I tend to be lazy sometimes, but he would not let things go--he made sure we took the time to go over an answer that he didn't think I could properly answer. He uses what I think he likens to the Socratic Method, where he asks me questions and through answering them, I arrive at the answer myself. This is an incredibly useful method because it doesn't allow me to skip over problems hodgepodge, but makes me explain to myself and understand exactly why something is right or wrong. It led me to a lot of revelations about the LSAT and took care of the fundamentals of why my score was not going up much despite studying so many hours. This method also requires a lot of patience on Jonathan's part--there was no point at which he "gave up" and went onto the next problem. He made sure that I understood it for the reasons he made me explain myself, then we moved on.

We only met for maybe a whole month's worth of twice-a-week sessions (because I got sick at some points) but they were incredibly helpful because he would balance the targeted exercise days (specific sections / problem sets) with full-length test review days. My score jumped 7 points after just around 8 sessions, which is incredible. I think it had the potential to be higher, but you never know how your nerves will get to you on test day.

Jonathan really has a knack for getting at what exactly are your personal weakest and strongest points. He pays attention and he spends time on details (individualized for where you are with the test) which is very rare for a teacher in general, but also ones for these kinds of specialized tests.

It is also a huge bonus that he is a very nice, considerate, and friendly guy. I would hang out with him if he were not my tutor.