Combining the LSAT Bibles

Students who buy two or three of the PowerScore LSAT Bibles often wonder if there is some special way they should be combined to produce optimal results. Although each LSAT Bible is designed to stand as an independent entity, there are a few pieces of information that can help increase your overall absorption of the material:

1. Start by reading the LSAT Bible that covers the section that concerns you most.

You should always begin by attacking any perceived weakness that you have. For example, if you are concerned about Logic Games, begin by reading the Logic Games Bible. If another section troubles you, start with that Bible first.

2. The LSAT Logical Reasoning Bible contains certain discussions that expand upon sections of the Logic Games Bible and the Reading Comprehension Bible.

The first six chapters of the Logical Reasoning Bible cover topics that are relevant to the other two Bibles: Chapter Two of the Logical Reasoning Bible discusses argumentation, which is critical to understanding the structures in Reading Comprehension, and Chapter Six discusses conditional reasoning, which is critical to understanding Grouping games. While the Reading Comprehension Bible addresses argumentation, it does so in a briefer form than the discussion given in the Logical Reasoning Bible. Similarly, while the Logic Games Bible discusses conditional reasoning and diagramming, the discussion is briefer than the one presented in the Logical Reasoning Bible. Thus, students who have read the first portion of the Logical Reasoning Bible before getting deeply into the other two Bibles will have a slight advantage in understanding the ideas in those two books.

3. Chapter One of each LSAT Bible is identical.

Once you have read Chapter One of any of the Bibles, you can skip that chapter when you read the other Bibles.

4. The discussion in the last chapter of the Logic Games Bible and the last chapter in the Reading Comprehension Bible are similar.

Because each section contains four passages or games that must be completed in 35 minutes, the general strategy for each is very similar. If you have read the last chapter of one of those books and are pressed for time, skip reading the last chapter of the other book.

5. The best approach is to use the LSAT Bibles simultaneously.

While the Bibles can be read in serial fashion, where a student reads one Bible completely before moving on to the next Bible, that is probably not the best approach for most students. A better approach is to read sections of each Bible at a time. For example, a student might start by reading the first six chapters of the Logical Reasoning Bible, then read the first three Chapters of the Logic Games Bible, and then read the first three chapters of the Reading comprehension

Bible, and then return to the Logical Reasoning Bible to complete another section of several chapters. This approach helps break up the tedium that sometimes accompanies studying for the LSAT, and it allows you to take entire practice tests on a regular basis so that you can track your progress in all three section types. Approaching the books in this fashion also gives you the opportunity to catch any area of weakness early on (and if you do find such an area, you can then focus more on the Bible that address that section).

While there is no one "right" way to use the LSAT Bibles, the points above may help you shape your study plan. Just remember that each book is designed to cover its topic in totality, and so regardless of how you use the books you should derive great benefits from them. Good luck with the studying!