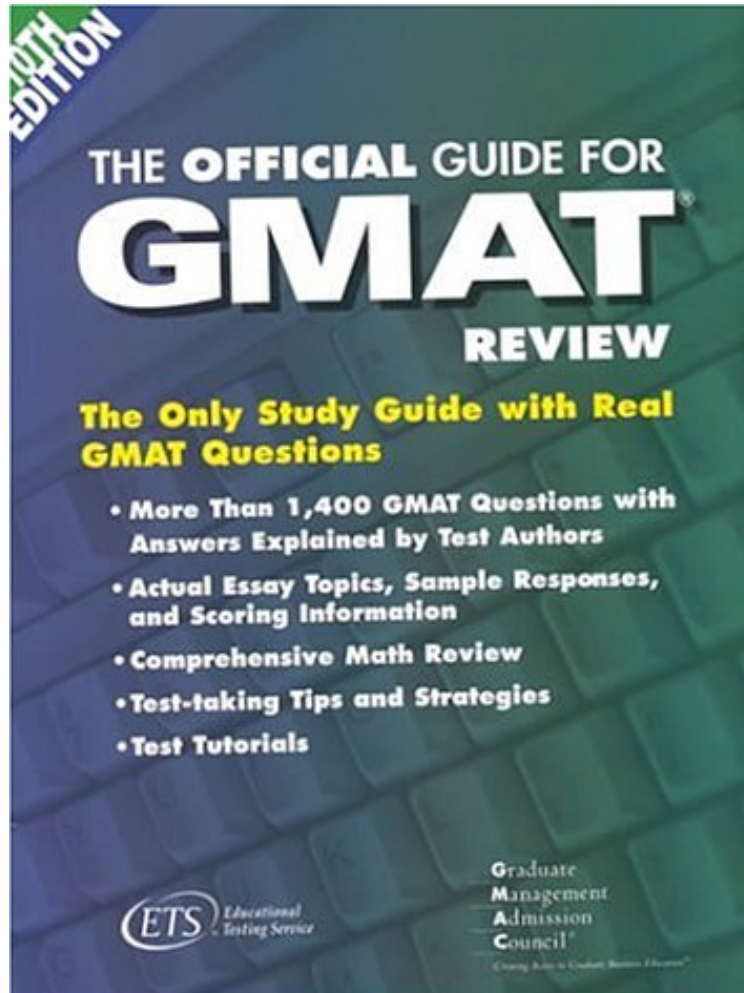


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questions than test prep., I feel that gave me an edge, but I think having exposure to lots of real questions was a big part of the success I had on the test. 29 of 30 people found the following review helpful. A must have. By mak17fi used a total of five books in preparing for the GMAT: Barron's 13th edition, Petersons 2003 and 2004 CDs, Kaplan 2005, Nova's GMAT Prep Course 2003, and the Official Guide. I have taken the GMAT twice. The first time I used the Barron's book and the Petersons CD and scored a 40% on math, 75% on verbal, and a 4.5 on the essay for a total score of 570. This score was unacceptable. The second time around, I budgeted more time to study a day (around 6 hours) and for a longer time period (a month and a half). For me, I felt I had a strong background knowledge on all the required subjects, but I was not as honed on specific strategies and techniques for answering questions. My thoughts on each book: Barron's: As a beginner, I enjoyed this book. I read the whole book and did all practice tests. They did not explain probability, sequences, and progressions questions well. In general, the math explanations were a bit sketchy. However, the word problem explanations were the best out of all the books. Petersons: I just used the CDs and did not look at the book. After taking their adaptive practice tests, one is provided feedback which has questions divided into very difficult, difficult, etc. This is beneficial because you can see the level of difficulty at which you generally test. This is a really helpful addition that other CDs lack. Kaplan: My least favorite book and CD. The book had very poor explanations for test questions. The book only offered general guidance for taking the test and outline common strategies. The cartoonish CD just became annoying and took more time than it was worth. Nova: Far and away the best book. After reading reviews on various sites, everyone recommended Kaplan and Princeton Review, but no one mentioned this book. I found it by chance at the local book store. It covered everything on math and had exceptional, comprehensive explanations. Also, the drills after all chapters were very, very, very helpful. After doing all drills in Nova, the commonly considered difficult practice questions in Kaplan were almost a joke. I would recommend to anyone this book. Official Guide: A must to have for everybody taking GMAT. I did the last third of the questions for each section, which are typically more difficult. I recommend, in order from best to worst: Nova, Official Guide, Petersons CDs, Barron's, Kaplan. I recently took the test again and got a 96% in verbal, 60% in math, and a 690 overall. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Accurate and helpful. By UGA1214. Guide was easy to use and topics and strategy were written in a way that was easy to comprehend. There were sufficient questions for the sample exams and were close to what the real exam had.

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