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GMAT For Dummies, With CD



Synopsis

Learn to: Score higher on the GMAT and get into the business school of your choice Improve your skills to conquer the verbal and quantitative sections Write clearly and effectively to ace the analytical writing section Prepare for the big day with expert strategies for solving integrated reasoning problems Review your math knowledge and verbal skills with the interactive flashcards, and take 5 simulated GMAT tests on the companion CD Practice your skills and score your highest on the GMAT Nervous about taking the GMAT? Don't sweat it! This hands-on, friendly guide gives you all the preparation you need to maximize your score and outsmart your competition. You'll discover how to think the GMAT way and chart your study progress with updated practice questions, math and grammar reviews, and five full-length practice exams. Conquer the verbal section — get the 4-1-1 on how to spot the common types of errors for sentence corrections, how to read through a passage quickly and effectively, and how to break apart and analyze arguments Ace analytical writing — discover what the GMAT is looking for in the analytical writing section and find pointers on writing a well- organized and compelling essay Make sense of math — find plain-English explanations of what you'll encounter in the quantitative section, from basic arithmetic and algebra to more complex concepts like coordinate geometry Rip through the reasoning — get strategies for approaching the integrated reasoning section and find out how to extract data from tables, charts, and graphs Open the book and find: A plain-English explanation of the test's format What to bring on exam day How to make educated guesses Common pitfalls to avoid Tips and advice to calm your nerves Proven ways to save time and beat the clock Ten writing errors to avoid Guidance on increasing your chances of gaining admission to the business school of your choice CD Includes Five full-length practice tests in timed and untimed modes, flashcards to review important formulas and concepts, and a set of integrated reasoning practice questions. See the CD appendix for details and complete system requirements.

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Customer Reviews

What I love about the "for Dummies" books is that they take vast amounts of information and trim it down to the bare essentials and then present it in easy to process chunks that can be read when you have a few minutes to spare. A more accurate name would be "for Busy People Who Don't Like to Waste Time on Non-Essential Information." That's what I love about this book. It's designed to give you the information you need for the GMAT in small enough chunks that you can study when you have a free hour here or there--and not expect you to block off half your day to study. The first couple of chapters of the book is all about giving you an overview of the GMAT, when to register, good times to take the exam, strategies for maximizing your scores, recognizing wrong answers, staying calm and relaxing, etc. The rest of the book is about tackling the various sections of the exam. There are practice questions and explanations, tip, and warnings to help you along. There is also a practice test and a CD containing 5 practice tests. There are more than 500 test questions to practice with. There's even a chapter on "Ten Ways to Increase Your Chances of Getting into Business School." If you're a busy person or just like to study in small chunks, this is a book to consider. If you like a casual tone to the writing, this is a good book for that. If other study guides feel overwhelming, this might be what you need. I haven't taken the GMAT yet and 's Vine reviewer program changed the review terms for Vine reviewers. We used to have more time to review books, so I would have been able to hold this review until after I took the exam but now I'm on a 30-day review deadline and can only offer what I see in the book and not how it may or may not affect my performance on the exam itself.

I've always wondered about this test and I have been kicking around the idea of going to B School and this book certainly didn't help me feel more comfortable. You read that right.. after reading this book I'm not sure I have the drive to study for the math section enough and I am questioning my goal of going back to school. I know this is just a standardized test but I would say this material is really for the student that just left school and took many math questions. After being in the workforce as a manager for over 15 years I would literally have to relearn the math portion. So I think this book

is fantastic for recent student to really focus on the requirements and this book is great as a litmus test for the "more experienced" reader who is flirting with the idea of getting the MBA. Great material, fantastic authors and honest.

It's really a no-brainer that in order to get into the MBA of your choice you'll have to take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). The hardest part is probably working up to the test, thinking about how to study for it. The test is broad-based encompassing everything from your analytical skills to your quantitative. The test will take four hours, including a thirty-minute break and preparation is a must. If you break down the test you're looking at a thirty-minute analytical writing assessment, a thirty-minute integrated reasoning section (twelve questions), a seventy-five-minute quantitative section (thirty-seven questions), and a seventy-five-minute verbal section (forty-one questions). The first couple of chapters will give you a good idea of what you're in for and how to prepare. In this book you'll be able to take a look at the types of questions you'll be asked. Of course the more you practice, the easier it will be to get in the test mode that will be critical when you're actually taking the test. You'll also be able to look at a sampling of essays that would potentially work well for the analytical writing assessment. After the essays you'll get to read a discussion of said essay and how it "would likely score." Throughout the book you'll find little icons that will highlight additional information you'll need to pay attention to. They offer up tips, things you'll need to remember, examples, and offer up cautionary notes. For example, when your essay is scored the GMAT utilizes two separate readers. You need to "Remember" that "The benefit of having more than one reader evaluate your essay is that if one reader happens to assign you an unfairly low score, he won't be able to sabotage your score." Of course this is a highly unlikely scenario, but good to know. In the back of the book is an excellent index. If you are confident and proficient in one area, but lacking in another, a good index is invaluable. For example, if you aren't good at polynomials or need to know more about the parts of sentences, you can reference them easily. The included CD has "five full-length tests," both timed and untimed, and flashcards. Installation directions, including those for Mac, are in the appendix. The more you practice, the better off you are, especially if you are not a particularly good test taker. Many people aren't and these dummy books are invaluable. It's best to maximize your chances of getting into the MBA of your choice. There are several resources out there and if you have the time, nothing says you can't use more than one.

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I was happy that they put everything in a clear and easy to understand language, but their practice problems are a lot easier than the actual Gmat. I would recommend buying additional practice problems elsewhere.

This book is a really useful tool for anyone studying for the GMAT. It's easy to read and is very thorough. Coupled with other guides or alone I think this will help anyone looking for a high score on the test

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