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The most complete test preparation guide for the New PSAT! Prepare for the New PSAT with confidence! With more than 75 years of experience and more than 95% of our students getting into their top-choice schools, Kaplan knows how to increase your score and get you into your top-choice college! Prep Smarter. Not Harder. The PSAT is changing in October 2015! Aligned to the new SAT, the redesigned PSAT/NMSQT is completely new with new sections, a new scoring system, and new timing. To be prepared for the new PSAT, you need a PSAT program that will prepare you for these significant changes. Kaplan's New PSAT/NMSQT is the comprehensive and fully updated guide that will help you reach your PSAT scoring goals. Kaplan's New PSAT/NMSQT guide includes: 2 realistic, full-length practice tests complete with comprehensive explanations: 1 in the book + 1 online Hundreds of realistic practice questions with detailed expert explanations A detailed overview of the New PSAT including a breakdown of the new sections More content and practice online including additional PDF chapters with practice questions on basic statistics, probability, reading comp, scatterplots, and more; a full-length practice test, plus a web grid for easy and convenient scoring of the practice test in the book A thorough explanation of the scoring on the New PSAT, including Area Scores, Test Scores, Cross-Test Scores, and Subscores New Methods and Strategies for scoring higher from Kaplan's PSAT experts Kaplan's New PSAT/NMSQT program provides you with everything you need to improve your score "guaranteed. Kaplan's Higher Score guarantee provides security that no other test preparation guide on the market can match. Kaplan has helped more than three million students successfully prepare for college entrance exams, so we know that our test-taking techniques, methods, and strategies work. Kaplan's New PSAT/NMSQT is the must-have preparation program for every student looking to score higher and get into their top-choice college!

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Customer Reviews

First of all, one test is printed in the book, the other practice test is online. You do not get a code to sign up, you must find a specific word on a specific page to access the sign up page. You must then register. Although I do not mind setting up an account I object to the fact that a great deal of information is required, including email, school, graduation year, test date and phone. This should not be required to access a test for which the consumer has already paid. I am on my second kid taking these tests, so many of these books have been through my house. I am more qualified to review the math section than the English section. Review is provided, it is truly review, it will help a student who already knows the concept and simply needs a refresher. It will not teach them a new concept. This is fair, as the book is touted as review. The step by step method for solving (and hints) may be helpful for some students who are weak in math. A student who is strong in math will find them annoying. Interestingly, the college board has stated on the website that the new test will include some basic statistics and probability, and this book is missing review or explanation over topics that are listed as being included on the new PSAT. Unit two is labeled "Problem solving and Data analysis" but then only "Introduction to problem solving" is included. Frankly this is very disappointing, because one of the major changes to the new PSAT is this inclusion of stat and probability, and many students have had no exposure to statistics by the time they take the PSAT. There ARE examples of sample questions in the sample test (a question about standard deviation, one on a distribution and so on) so it is clear that the writers know that these topics will be covered but they are NOT reviewed in the review section. It will be slightly helpful to me to see these sample questions, so I know what level of probability and statistics to teach to my kid and her friends, but the fact that this section is not reviewed at all is a serious omission. Answers and explanations are included. But this will be a problem for the statistics portion, as for example the answer to one of the questions explains that the data is not skewed. Since the student may have no idea what this means, this will be a problem. There is a good review of grammar, for which I am giving the book two stars.

To summarize it, this book is a waste of money. First of all, this book is full of fluff with a lot of extraneous matter, especially if you are pressed for time and the PSAT is nearing. We were only interested in practicing the Verbal (Reading+Writing) sections for my son. The verbal questions have quite a few errors, and the writing section which is supposed to be grammar asks for the main idea of the passage - i.e. it is structured like the reading test. My son, even while taking the test remarked that many of the questions are ambiguous or poorly framed got 4 wrong on the reading section, and 10 wrong on the writing test #2. For comparison, he has scored near perfect on both the math and Verbal sections according to the official college board sample PSAT test + the other tests on Khan academy. Also really annoying and disappointing is that only one test is included in the book. To take the second online test, you have to register online and disclose a lot of personal information about your child including contact information, which I supposed will be used for marketing Kaplan's other services like coaching classes.. The Barron's guide is better than this book, but the PSAT book from Ivy-Global with 3 sample tests proved to have the most accurate sample tests compared to the official tests from college board/Khan academy.

I am a math tutor in Staten Island, NY, and have been for 35 years. I bought two copies of this book: one for an SAT student of mine and one for myself. The math sections are terrible. There are questions that are poorly worded, so that there is no way to know what the author meant. In these cases I had to look at the answer in order to know what the question really was. This is not helpful for a student working on his/her own. There are other questions that are written correctly, and have beautifully written explanations, BUT THAT ARE INCORRECT! They are answers and explanations for similar problems, but not for the one asked. It got to the point where I couldn't get through even one lesson without losing significant time to these kinds of errors. I had to stop using the book. I have had these problems with Kaplan books for over ten years, and I am now giving up on them. I will not waste my time and money, nor the time and money of my students, on any more Kaplan books. You would think that a company that prints many tens of thousands (I'm guessing) of the same test prep book that is sold all over the country, this year and for the next few years, and I assume makes good money doing so, would want to publish one with good material. I guarantee you that the math sections in this book were not edited by anyone with a masters or Ph.D. in mathematics. It is clear to me after all these years of dealing with this same problem with their SAT prep books, as well as with their h.s. entrance books, that Kaplan doesn't care about the content of their books, their reputation, or the students they are hurting with faulty questions, and wrong answers and explanations. In contrast, I have never found even one error in any College Board

book. If there is a mistake or two in a book, I can note them and still use the book; however, the Kaplan books I've used are so riddled with mistakes that they are not good learning tools. It makes me sad to think how many students working on their own with Kaplan prep books have spent their time only to be confused and taught the wrong thing. Kaplan is putting the growth of their bottom line above helping the students who buy their books, and they should be ashamed of themselves.

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