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Customer Reviews

My quant score killed me the first time I took the test--57 percentile. I had thought I was prepared with the general Kaplan GMAT book with CD-ROM. Wrong. For the quant-challenged, there are two general prep strategies. One, you can dish out a couple grand for Kaplan tutoring. Personally, I recommend the following three-book approach, assuming you have time. Get the ARCO GRE-GMAT Math Review. It is basic, but trust me, if you don't know/review the basics cold, you are done. This book would also be a fine starting point for people who would score less than 57%, so don't let that put you off. The section on word problems was particularly helpful. Each topical area (such as factoring) has practice problems, and each section (such as Algebra) has a practice test to reinforce what you are reviewing (or learning). The second book I recommend is the Kaplan GRE-GMAT Math Workbook. It will take you the next step, assuming that you know the basic math and getting more into how to manipulate certain figures and math concepts to get the answer you need. Test taking strategy is also addressed in this book, which it is not in the ARCO. There are far more practice problems in the Kaplan than in the ARCO, and they are divided into "Basic", "Intermediate" and "Advanced." I used only these two books, and my quant score went from 57 percentile to 96 percentile. I reviewed for two weeks, one book a week, about 4 hours per day. I called this a three-book approach; the third book is one that I wish I had bought--GMAC's current edition of previous tests. Practicing in this book would probably have increased my confidence a bit more going into the test--I must admit that I did not fully trust Kaplan's problems to be truly representative of the real GMAT. Judging from my results, this mistrust was unfounded. I did use GMAC's PowerPrep software, which you get when you register for the GMAT. A big drawback with PowerPrep is that it uses the questions from a paper test, and just levers them into the CAT format. The questions don't really get harder if you answer them correctly (as of November 8, 2002). Use them for math practice, but keep in mind that the CAT is designed to challenge you by offering you harder and harder questions as long as you keep getting them right. Don't learn a time management strategy on the paper tests and expect to use it on the CAT. Don't expect your CAT to be as easy as the paper tests. I also got Kaplan's GMAT 800 at a local bookstore, and returned it two days later.

After the other two books, I could not see that it was helping me much at all. I don't recommend that one. Not for math anyway--I am not addressing verbal anything in this review. One final note--none of the books address probability, which exists on the GMAT in rudimentary form. I didn't need to know permutations or combinations either time I took the test, but that's not to say that you will not--I just don't know. I did need to know basic probability calculation, and that's not in any of the books above. So, spend an hour at the library and nail that down--it's not difficult.

This book provides an excellent review of most of the math concepts covered on the GRE. Each chapter begins by clearly explaining a concept, and continues by offering TONS of practice exercises and tests. Using this guide and the questions from "GRE: Practicing to take the General Test" by ETS, I was able to score 780 on the GRE Math. One warning about this book: It does not address some of the more advanced concepts that may appear on the GRE CAT when you are scoring in the 700-800 range. For example, I encountered several questions about probability and statistics, two topics that I did not find in this guide. The great thing about this book in comparison to the Kaplan GRE Exam 2003 is that it's not just about Kaplan test-taking strategies. Instead, the author goes to great lengths to make sure you are prepared to handle the vast majority of the actual math concepts found on the GRE.

Before I began reviewing for the GRE, I had not used many mathematical concepts since high school (almost 4 years ago). After reviewing with a General Test review book, I took a practice test and scored a 440 and almost gave up my dreams of going to grad school for clinical psychology. Fortunately, I bought the Kaplan GRE-GMAT Math Workbook. The book consists of 5 main sections (arithmetic, algebra, word problems, and geometry) and a section that is geared toward sections specifically on the GRE or GMAT (like quantitative comparisons, data sufficiency, and graphs). Each of the main sections is divided into subsections, focusing on specific mathematical concepts such as triangles, percentages, ratios, etc. Each subsection begins with approximately 3-5 pages of clear and useful tutorial on each of the topics. Following the tutorial section are many practice problems at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels with explanations. I especially recommend this book if you learn the best by applying your knowledge. General books seem to give a brief explanation, but very little practice. Because this book contains many, many practice problems that are similar to the problems on the actual GRE, it is a very good form of preparation. An extra bonus is that if you are pressed for time, you can probably finish it in a weekend if you are committed. Yesterday I took the GRE and scored a 620 on Quantitative and now have a good shot at going to grad school.

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