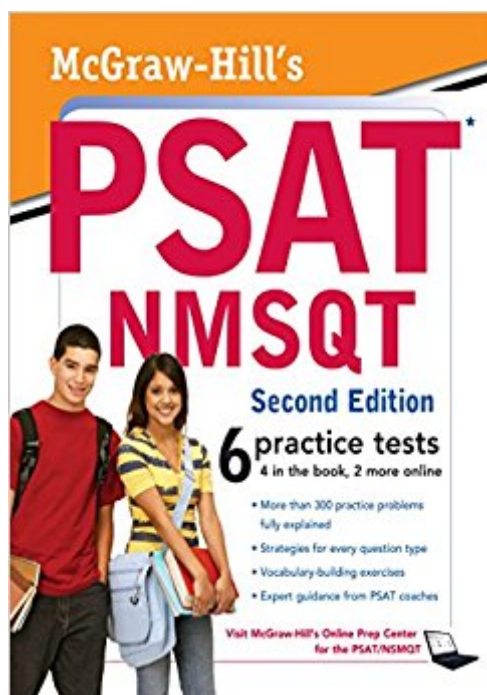


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# McGraw-Hill's PSAT/NMSQT, Second Edition



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## Customer Reviews

Having used Kaplan's and Barron's PSAT prep books to prepare a 10th grader for the 2014 PSAT

(the old format, the 2015 test will be changed to conform with the 2016 changes to the SAT) I have found McGraw-Hill's math problems in practice sets significantly more difficult than those in Kaplan or Barron's. While I would consider Kaplan's below par, McGrawHill's math sets are above par in difficulty. As such these math problems are appropriate for students already familiar with the questions asked and who are striving for an exceptionally high math score, I would not suggest them to beginners. As for its approach to reading comprehension and writing parts of the test I have not been impressed by their presentation or explanations of the material.

The book is sufficient for the exam, and includes some good practice tests as well. The chapters are well laid-out, and the explanations are also thorough. The only aspect that I thought was a slight drawback was that some of the teaching principles are made harder than they actually are. For example, in math distance problems, they teach you a rather complicated way to learn how to solve them, when there are easier and just as efficient ways to do them, as I saw in actual SAT books. But this only applies for some of the explanations, and most are fine. The writing sections was the biggest plus-point of this book as they divided it into fifteen important rules, that come up on the PSAT/SAT quite frequently. Critical Reading is a challenging portion of the exam for some, but this book manages to give some efficient strategies which help you improve.

Although my daughter did well on her sophomore PSAT in 2007, when she was a sophomore, she made 4 errors in the Writing Skill section and wanted to improve her score in her junior year PSAT. I used McGraw Hill's PSAT book to coach her for the 2008 PSAT. It really is worth its weight in gold!!! It contains a fantastic writing skill review categorized in 15 concepts, each of which comes with a 1-page mini concept review followed by additional practice. The 15 concepts are so well explained, so succinctly written, and so user-friendly that make writing skill improvement a piece of cake! After relentless practice with this book (and also with Barron's PSAT workbook) last summer, my daughter not only writes much better at school in her junior year, she did great on PSAT (upper 99 percentile) and a perfect score (80) in the Writing Section! Thank you, McGraw Hill!

I use this with all my 8th - 10th grade students, in preparation for the PSAT and SAT. It has a thorough grammar section that I haven't found in any other prep guide.

Reading advice from students who received perfect scores on the PSAT and SAT, the ultimate recommendation is actual test exposure that is timed. What is so great about the McGraw-Hill

workbook is the detailed explanation of answers. This is invaluable. It is better than just knowing an answer was right, but not knowing the reason why.

My daughter, who is 16yo, uses the book for self-study and likes it. She said it is easy to understand, has lots of good information and gives good advice on strategies.

I bought this for my 10th grader to prepare for the PSATS. I was surprised when she said it is also a great homework resource. I see many bookmarks in it, so that can only be a good sign.

Books were worth while to help my daughter prepare for the PSAT with her tutor. They were delivered quick. Great Buy I would recommend this product.

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