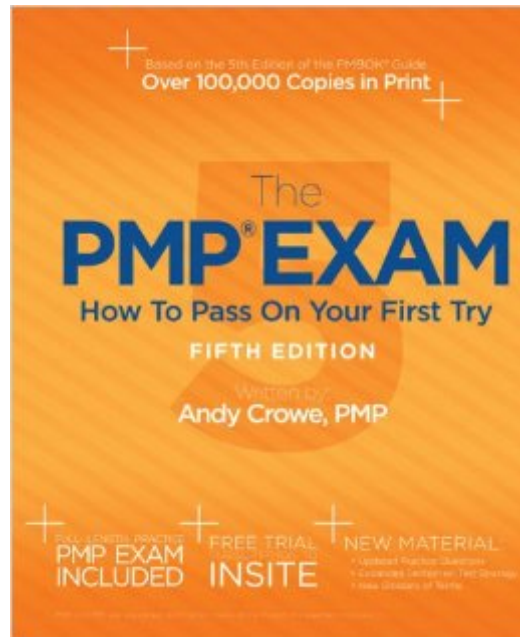


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A study guide for the Project Management Professional (PMP) certification exam, this book provides all the information project managers need to thoroughly prepare for the test. Review materials cover all the processes, inputs, tools, and outputs that will be tested, and extra help is offered with insider secrets, test tricks and tips, hundreds of sample questions, and exercises designed to strengthen mastery of key concepts and help candidates pass the exam on the first attempt.

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I previously used the 3rd Edition of Andy Crowe's PMP and CAPM study guides, and loved them! I'm currently a CAPM studying for my PMP, and pre-ordered this book since I liked the way the information was presented to me in the prior editions. The problem I'm having so far (I'm currently on Chapter 7, Cost Management), is that it feels like a quickly put together cut & paste job from the previous editions. The 5th edition of the PMBOK renamed, removed and added some process. I've found a couple of places with references to a process that no longer exists in the 5th edition. These are just some examples I was able to go back and find again: - Page 228: The chart with the 13 key earned value management formulas has incorrect formulas. Specifically, the value for Cost Variance is listed as $CV=EV/AC$. The right formula is $CV=EV-AC$ as listed on page 230 and the 3rd Edition of the Andy Crowe PMP book. Schedule Variance, Estimate to Completion and Variance at Completion formulas are also wrong. - Page 111: The last sentence of the output for Work

Performance Information ends with "...are used in the communications process, Report Performance." In the 5th Edition, this process no longer exist. I am not sure what it was called in the 4th Edition, but in the 3rd Edition it was called Performance Reporting, and it was a Monitoring and Controlling process of Communication Management. - Page 106: There are several references to the process "Perform Quality Control" which in the 5th Edition has been renamed to "Control Quality." That's not such a huge difference, but i'm already trying to memorize 47 processes, and don't want to get stuck asking, what's the correct name of that process?

Here's what I did:- Studied carefully the Andy Crowe glossary. It is more comprehensive than the PMBOK.- Read very slowly and carefully the entire PMBOK.- Read slowly and carefully the entire Andy Crowe. (I purchased the book in March 2014 and it was the 4th printing of the 5th edition. Probably a total of two or three editorial errors vs early printings noted by early fifth edition reviewers.) I memorized the Knowledge Area vs Process Group Matrix, aka the 47 processes (p 46 of Crowe) and the formulas on p 226 of Crowe.- I did every practice exercise in Crowe. I also did most of the practice exercises in "PMP Exam Prep by Christopher Scordo". In all, I did a little over 1100 practice questions (Crowe and Scordo).- The evening before the exam is re-studied, very carefully, the entire Andy Crowe glossary.I did my preparation over a period of about three weeks.What I liked about Crowe was his explanations that are simply not in the PMBOK. The rational and explanations of the linkages are a key to understanding. Rote memorization (expect for page 46 and page 226) are not enough to pass as there are too many subjective decisional questions on the exam (e.g., "what is the best option for the project manager to . . ." or "which is the next step the project manager should take?") Additionally, Crowe's practiced exams have a better explanation than Scordo. Scordo simply has a lot more practice questions.Crowe's tips about the exam and how to take the exam were every much spot on. He only missed one point: Because the computers in the computer based testing room generate a lot of heat, the room is kept very cool.

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