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Synopsis

Master the Civil Service Exams provides the math, verbal, and clerical exercises you need to pass your civil service exam, plus 4 full-length sample tests with detailed answer explanations to help you hone your skills. Build your confidence by following the expert tips and strategies outlined in the book, and get the inside scoop on the civil service job market.

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Customer Reviews

As I'm studying for exams through this book, I keep finding typos or errors that often confuse me/make me lose my train of thought. At the end of the practice tests, for each question, there is a paragraph that goes into detail as to why a certain answer is correct and why the others are incorrect. It is supposed to correspond with the multiple choice answers. For instance, if you mark choice "A" as being correct, the answer key is supposed to tell you "'A' is the correct answer because..." However, I'm finding that the actual correct answers don't correspond to the ones given on the answer key.For example, in the diagnostic test, you're given a problem to solve: (Based on a table/chart) What percentage of the total number of tickets written were moving violations? A) 6.8% B) 10% C) 12.4% D) 14.6%...The actual, correct answer to this problem was 6.8%, or "A" on the exam... whereas on the answer key and explanations page, it would state: The correct answer is D. Add the total number of tickets written and divide by the number of moving violation tickets:

5+14+16+31+42+8+1+4+1=117. 8/117*100 = 6.8%. So it's confusing because you'd answer the problem correctly but look on the answer page where you would confirm that the answer was correct based on the explanation but, the discrepancy would be between the multiple choice choices. I'm giving this book an unfavorable review because 1) These small errors are annoying when trying to study for the exam 2) I accidentally bought this 5th edition without realizing that I own the 4th edition, which was also very poorly written 3) The explanations given in this edition (as well as the 4th edition) are not helpful and feel subjective because the author doesn't go into depth as to why certain answers are correct and certain answers are not. Further, this book is almost identical to the previous edition. The same sample tests, the same explanations to problems. The only noticeable difference is the addition of the diagnostic test in the beginning of the book has replaced the resume/cover letter stuff from the previous edition. I'm not sure how the Kaplan books for the civil service exams compare but, I definitely would not recommend these books published by Peterson's.

It was excellent. I took the practice tests and I passed the exam, it was a piece of cake. You need to get this book.

I am applying for a job at the City of Dallas and am scheduled to take their civil service test soon. I bought the book because I failed a civil service test several years ago. This book has the same format of questions so Iâ Â[™]m looking forward to seeing how it helps me. So far, it has proven to be extremely helpful and I am confident with more practice tests it will take away some test anxiety.

This is a good book to start studying for exams after years of being away from school. Highly recommend this book for anyone taking city or county exams. You may view the table of contents of this book .

It was very helpful. I Haven't been to school in almost 10 years, this gave me the refresher I needed in order to pass; which I did.

the explanations for the math problems weren't thorough enough. I had to look them up online for most of them

Well the book helped me pass the test. Well getting a job? different story.....

I bought this book before taking the test for a clerical exam. Due to the fact all of the other books are so outdated, talking about typewriter ribbons and such. This book gives sample questions for a few different positions. I felt it helped me rank 3rd on the promotional test list.

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