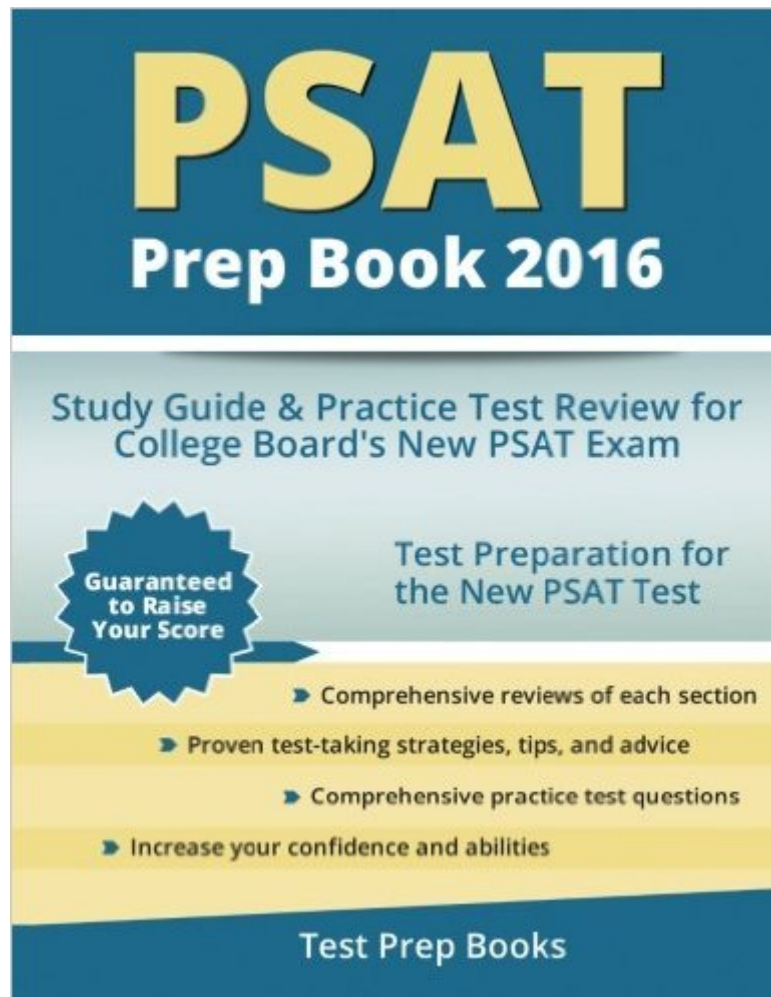


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# PSAT Prep Book 2016: Study Guide And Practice Test Review For College Board's New PSAT Exam



## Synopsis

PSAT Prep Book 2016: Study Guide and Practice Test Review for College Board's New PSAT Exam Developed for PSAT test takers trying to achieve a passing score on the PSAT test, this comprehensive PSAT study guide includes: • Quick Overview • Test-Taking Strategies • Evidence-Based Reading • Writing and Language • Mathematics • PSAT Practice Test Questions • Detailed Answer Explanations Each section of the PSAT exam has a comprehensive PSAT review that goes into detail to cover all of the content likely to appear on the PSAT test. The practice test questions are each followed by detailed answer explanations. If you miss a question, it's important that you are able to understand the nature of your mistake and how to avoid making it again in the future. The answer explanations will help you to learn from your mistakes and overcome them. Understanding the latest test-taking strategies is essential to preparing you for what you will expect on the exam. A test taker has to not only understand the material that is being covered on the test, but also must be familiar with the strategies that are necessary to properly utilize the time provided and get through the test without making any avoidable errors. Anyone planning to take the PSAT test should take advantage of the review material, practice test questions, and test-taking strategies contained in this PSAT study guide.

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This text states it is for 2016 and was published in November 2015, but it has NOT been updated since 2014. There have been significant changes to the PSAT since then. This text attempts to prepare a student - poorly - for a test that is no longer given. For accurate and helpful test prep,

check out Brian Stewart's study guide or Ivy Global.

If I could give this PSAT Prep book 0 stars I would. I have a lot of experience with SAT, PSAT, and ACT books and I think by far this has been the worst one I have ever seen. I admit that there have been typos and incorrect answers in other books as well BUT this book is also badly organized and the overall formatting is horrible. The one good thing about this book was that it looks like all the bases are covered. It seemed like all the concepts that needed to be known for the exam was all written in the book BUT the bad part is that since everything is so squished together the book was rather hard to read. After going over the reading section of the book I had such a large headache that I couldn't read the rest. I had to take a large break before I could look over the rest of the chapters. I did enjoy the fact that the math section was divided into the appropriate sections. Heart of Algebra, Problem Solving, Advanced Algebra, and Additional Topics were nice. The overall organization was horrible though. I couldn't really figure out why the ordering was so weird. Usually in the SAT/PSAT test, you have reading, writing, then math. In the review sections, the book goes through reading, math, then writing. I think if the order was kept the same as the actual test it would be better. Also, the math section starts out with Algebra stuff which is fine but later after the advanced algebra topics it goes into numbers, negatives, positives, etc. I feel like these vocabulary words would fit more appropriately at the beginning of the math review section. I think if the math section was organized so that it was based on easy to harder topics it would be better. Maybe order it with Algebra, Geometry, Problem Solving, Advance Algebra, then Additional topics. I do not know if I missed it but I do not recall a section on volumes at all in the entire book which is odd. Also in the math vocabulary part, it does not mention that "0" is an even number and it also doesn't mention in the negatives and positives portion of the math section that "0" would be considered a neutral number either. I did not like that there was only one practice exam in the book. Also, there aren't really any practice questions for each topic. There were examples but I think practice problems at the end of each section would be much more helpful. The layout of the practice exam doesn't even coincide with what the actual exam and practice exams that collegeboard released look like. The math calculator section came before the non-calculator section. There were no formula sheets for the math sections nor were there any bubble sheets either. The book goes into describing how to bubble in the test sheet for student-produced grid in questions but there is no example to illustrate this nor is there an actual grid in sheet students can practice on. The Practice test doesn't even have the timing for each topic either. How are students supposed to time themselves for this test if they don't know how long each section is supposed to take? I was extremely disappointed by the

practice exam provided in this book. On page 31 of the book, it describes what types of problems are in each section. BUT in the non calculator part of the practice exam, there were literally NO student-produced questions at all. Not realistic at all. Since, the formatting makes the words so squished together it was weird to transition from reading to math to writing. It was like one moment I was reading about reading comprehension and all of a sudden I was in the Math review section without realizing it. They should divide this book up better, use better font, use spacing, and also just start out a different section with more space so students know where they are in the book. Plus, I found it very ironic that a test prep book had so many grammatical errors. In the writing section you are teaching students how to decipher whether test questions use correct grammar or not and yet throughout the book there were so many errors. There were a lot of mistakes in the answers for the practice test as well. In the no calculator section, The 3rd question is about the total cost of a taxi but if you go to the answer in the back, the answer description talks about probability. On page 168 in the calculator part of the test, the answer for number 15 talks about probability again when the problem is about inverse functions. So disappointed with this book. I feel like no one even edited this book at all. It feels like a rough draft was published and was put to sell even though the product is not ready. There are more errors. Tons more in fact. I wrote them all down in the book and I would like to share all the errors but it would literally take more time than it took me to actually sit down and go through the book. It's really bad. I would not recommend this book to anyone. If anything, I would actually advise students to stay away. I feel like because there are so many errors it's not a question of whether the book is worth the money or not. At this point I feel like ordering this book and using it would do more harm than good. I felt like my brain was melting away as I used this book. It was absolutely horrible! I received this product at a discount for my honest and unbiased review. As you can see, just because I received this item at a discount does not mean my review changed at all. I always leave an honest review guys. I hope you guys have found this review helpful.

This PSAT prep book is one of the tools you can use to prepare for your 2016 PSAT examination - but it shouldn't be the only tool. While this study guide can definitely help you with many areas of taking the test, no exam can be perfectly summarized by one or two study guides. I strongly recommend reading about other people's experiences online, checking out multiple review books and study guides, and taking as many practice exams as you can to familiarize yourself with the process. These are the things I typically do before a big examination and I usually fare alright. Having said that - onto the review of this particular study guide. As most study guides, it is broken down into sections. These sections are:- Quick Overview (how to use this book, what is the

PSAT, etc.)- Test-taking strategies (there are a lot of strategies and it really depends on you as a person and what kind of a test-taker you are. For some people it works really well to take as many practice tests as possible while others function much better if they see the test for the first time. The tips are always the same - study over time, do not cram, hydrate and eat well before the test, get a good night's sleep, etc.)- Evidence-based Reading Test (now we are getting into the content of the exam itself. This section describes the types of questions you will be asked in this section and how to prepare)- Writing and Language Test (types of questions, how to prepare, etc.)- Mathematics Test (basic math you have to know to pass the test)- Practice tests and answers. It is strongly recommended you take a full test at once and grade yourself afterwards to see how you would fare on the real test. Do not fret if your score are poor when you first start studying - that's the process of learning from your mistakes. Good luck on the PSAT! Disclaimer: I have received this product at a discount in exchange for an honest review.

This is a very good, concise, useful book. It comes brand new and looks exactly like the picture. There are 177 pages and the font is very easy to read. There are 3 sections: evidence-based reading, mathematics, and writing & language. It goes through every type of math problems including: geometry (with diagrams), algebra 1 & 2, the basics, statistics, problem solving and more. In comparison to the official PSAT College Board Study Guide, this is a much thinner textbook though I would say it's as useful if not MORE useful because it actually teaches you about types of problems and how to solve them instead of just sample problems. It also goes through the English sections: writing, grammar, literature analysis, etc. At the end of the book there is a very useful practice test (with correct answers and explanations to each problem) that is similar to the actual PSAT, though the majority of the book teaches the material. It also lists some general test taking strategies. In summary, I would highly recommend this book to everyone studying for the PSAT!! I received this product at a discounted price in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own and based on my unbiased experience using the product. I only test things that I'm truly interested in, and I do not recommend products I don't believe in. Thank you for taking the time to read through this review, and have a wonderful day!

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