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Master the Civil Service Exams offers complete test preparation for the written exam so you can pursue a government job. Math, verbal and clerical exercises, plus four full-length practice tests, build skills and confidence, while experts in the field provide an inside scoop on how to become a first-rate job candidate. You will also find up-to-date information on the civil service job market and projected areas of growth.

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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 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.

Useless. Save your \$\$\$

Excellent book! and easy to follow. I strongly recommend this book, because it is easy to follow. Thanks! I recommend this book! I finish reading this book, and I feel ready!

This book was what I was looking for and had the information I need. I like this book for what it is.

most of it....great info and great practice tests....some learning lessons confusing and some tests have typos

I found this book very simplistic and not as broad in subject areas as what I expected.

Great book to review for any civil service exams.

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