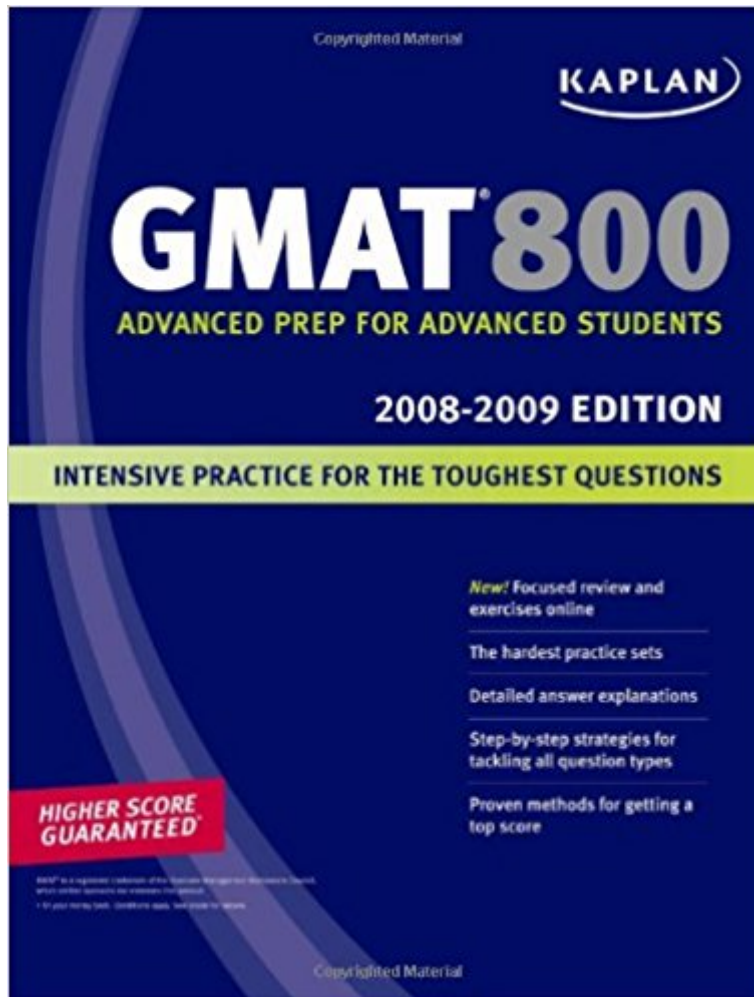


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Synopsis

The challenging practice and proven strategies you need to get a perfect score on the GMAT!
Everything you need to achieve your ambitious goals on the GMAT is in this book. No long-winded lessons - just the strategies and practice you need to achieve an optimum score.

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Customer Reviews

I am finally over with the GMAT... what a nice feeling :)I decided to try and save some money and study on my own using all the books I could find. I used:* Kaplan 800 (2005-2006)* Kaplan 2005* Princeton 2003* The Official Guide* Barron 2000* Kaplan and Princeton CD-ROMs.I found the GMAT 800 very useful, especially in the verbal section. While doing the drills I was getting about half of them wrong, which allowed me to improve by learning from my mistakes. The Reading Comprehension passages are simply the ugliest one can imagine - Very good preparation for the exam.The critical reasoning questions also had some nice edges to them and confusing answers to choose from (Reading the explanations removed the confusion and helped me understand the reasoning behind the answers)Oh, and the Sentence Correction... These were a joy! Some very tough ones in that section and they touch all the types of questions that can be found in the exam.The math section was o.k. It has the toughest math questions from all the books, but still not close enough to the real exam, and here I really felt there were too few question.If had to choose two books to study with, I would choose this book and the official guide (and the CD-ROMs)Overall

this is an excellent book, either as a first book to introduce the different types of questions, or as a review of hard questions a week before the exam.

I am not blasting this book - I am giving you a rating based on the expectation that the description of this book sets. It does not live up and you are bound to be disappointed. However, it is actually a valuable book but you need to be aware of what you are buying and probably how to use it best when you buy it: As a pure guidebook - 1 star As a question collection - 4 stars

What You Will Find Inside:

- 28 Critical reasoning questions
- 31 Reading comprehension questions
- 110 Sentence correction questions
- 107 Problem solving questions (only 7 of which cover combinations and probability)
- 37 Data Sufficiency questions
- 100 + questions in the online question bank

***** CONS *****

- No review of math principles or grammar rules. This book assumes that you have gone through the Kaplan's main GMAT book. If you need help with basics look into getting the Math or Verbal Workbooks before getting this one.
- * Illogical structure. Instead of the typical approach of providing a rule and then questions to practice that rule on, this book just lists questions in each of the sections. All of the valuable information and tips are scattered around the explanations section. The book assumes you will read/review explanations for every question. In defense, the main point is often emphasized, so they are not too hard to find.
- * Question difficulty. Fewer than 50 people per year score 800 on the GMAT, and most of the lucky guys get past 700. To appeal to a broad audience, Kaplan designed this book at a 650/700-level
- * Math section is fairly easy and lacks meaningful practice in advanced subjects such as probability, combinations, or coordinate geometry, statistics. If these are your weak areas, you should look elsewhere
- * No Integrated Reasoning

***** PROS *****

- The book does what it was supposed to do - provide advanced selection of questions, giving the necessary practice with relevant questions. Though Kaplan's questions are not one-for-one official GMAT questions, I found them fairly close overall. I also liked the explanations - they were very detailed
- * Good verbal section with valuable RC practice; huge selection of SC's
- * Good quality publishing and paper; good layout

Price - I thought it was worth every penny :)

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- Chapter 3: #9, 10, 11
- Chapter 4: #1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 13, 16, 20, 21, 27

RC tough questions:

- Chapter 5: Has no questions
- Chapter 6: Passage 1: #1, #4, Passage 2: #1, #3, Passage 3: #4, Passage 4: #3
- Chapter 7: Passage 1: #2, Passage 2: None, Passage 3: #3, #4, Passage 4: #1, #2

Sentence Correction

- Chapter 8- no questions
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- * CR Section: Several questions have been clarified/corrected
- * RC Section: Half-page write up about Road Mapping passages; periods have been added at the end of each answer choice
- * SC Section: Unchanged
- * PS Section: Extra note added to the strategy section to double-check answers at the end
- * DS Section: New sentence in the DS strategy section; several explanations have been clarified/corrected.

Parentheses added for answer choices-----I regularly review all and every GMAT book - do not hesitate to post your questions here; I reply to comments!

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