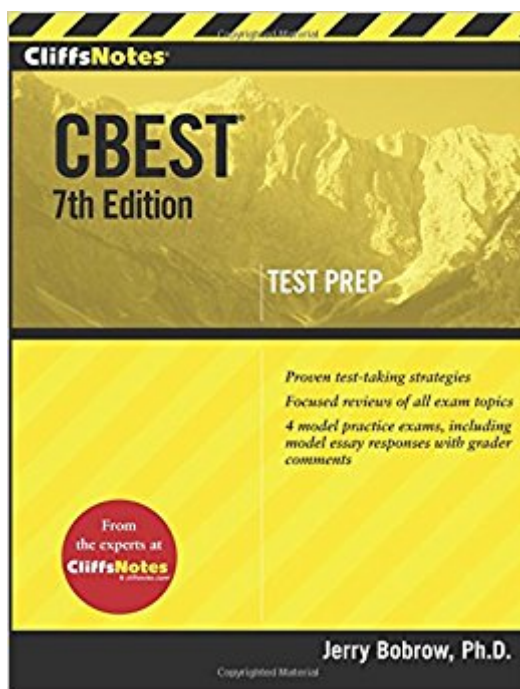


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# CliffsNotes CBEST, 7th Edition (Cliffs Test Prep CBEST)



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## Customer Reviews

JERRY BOBROW, Ph.D. was a national authority in the field of test preparation. His test-prep company, Bobrow Test Preparation Services, administered test preparation programs at over 25 California institutions.

The 7th Edition of CliffsNotes CBEST does an adequate job of describing the content of the CBEST, and it gives quite an exhaustive review of the math you need to know on the test. Unlike what was stated in a previous review on here, examples for math problems ARE given, which is good. The

problem mostly lies in the reading comprehension portion of the book. Compared to the practice CBEST items given on the official California credentialing website, the reading passages in this book are far more difficult. In fact, they're just as tough as the reading passages on the GRE test (which I took in 2006)! It's nice that CliffsNotes gives you some extra reinforcement, but they should adjust the difficulty level to that of the actual CBEST examination. Boosting the difficulty only makes you feel more intimidated when the actual test comes. Speaking of intimidation, take a look at their examples for the Writing section. The examples given for "well-written essays" look like they should be published in an anthology of sorts. No way can anybody be expected to write essays of that caliber on the CBEST....nobody. I definitely did not write like that on the Analytical Writing portion of the GRE, and I got a 5.5 out of 6 on that entire section. What does that tell you? For the essays, all they care about is whether you can specifically answer the question properly, formulate a logical sequence of opinions or events, and use correct grammar/punctuation/spelling. That's it! On a side note, regarding the practice tests in this book, they only give one writing sample as an answer for each writing section. There are 4 total practice tests with 2 essays per test; however, only one out of the two is provided as an answer in each test. It would have been nice if they gave sample answers for BOTH essay topics per test. In summary, should you buy this book? Yes, but only if you don't mind the difficulty being raised a couple notches. You can either see it as extra reinforcement so that you'll be beyond prepared for the test, or you can view it as more intimidating and a partial waste of precious time. Your call.....either perspective is equally valid.

LISTEN TO ME and LET ME HELP YOU PASS! ALERT! THIS BOOK SAVES LIVES! I seriously for lack of a better word, SUCK at taking tests. I am horrible at math and thought I was doomed. After FAILING the CBEST the first time, (mind you I did no studying at all) I thought I would never pass. Its not rocket science material, yet you need to brush up on the topics. I made that mistake. I bought 3 books on this go about. 1) This CLIFFNOTES gem, 2) CBEST Study Guide 2015: Test Prep and Practice Questions for the CBEST, (which was the first book I studied from. I sincerely did not learn much from this book. It didn't explain anything remotely helping me understand the questions, or how to solve them) 3) "Cracking the CBEST" By the Princeton review 3rd edition, (I didn't even bother opening because the cliff notes book helped me so tremendously.) The Cliffnotes book really helped me grasp the math that I had forgotten all those years ago. It goes through each question and shows you how to solve the answer. Trust me. Perfect study guide if you need to pass quickly.\*\*\* The great thing about the CBEST test is that they take your best scores of any test and apply it to your most recent score, and boom! I took the first test on the computer and failed. I found

the paper test to be more suitable for me. You need to get at least 127 and a minimum of 37 on each subject as long as the score balances out to 127. Hope this helps you guys out there! Thank God for this book. Thank you!

I cannot recommend this book enough for CBEST preparation. It is the primary resource I used to get ready, along with Kaplan to a lesser extent. I only had three weeks to study, but I felt that the CliffNotes covered everything that I needed to know to pass and gave me plenty of practice to do so. To any future test takers, definitely consider getting this when you're ready to study for the CBEST. FYI: Incidentally, I passed the test that I took back in January. Otherwise, my review might be less than favorable.

I highly recommend it, took the cbest twice before buying this, after ordering it I studied for about a month and passed it the next time I took it.

If you're struggling with passing the chest, get this book! It definitely helped !!

I bought this study guide in order to study for the math portion of the CBEST. I had read reviews on other study guides which complained that the math sections in these other books were much more difficult than the test itself. The best part about THIS book was that the math was right at the level that the test was. The math section did a great job of providing explanation. I passed the math section of the CBEST very easily. This study guide was a great review tool for the math section of the CBEST! The study guide also provides review sections for Reading and Writing- the 2 other sections that the CBEST will test you on. I cannot provide feedback on these sections because I did not look at them.

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