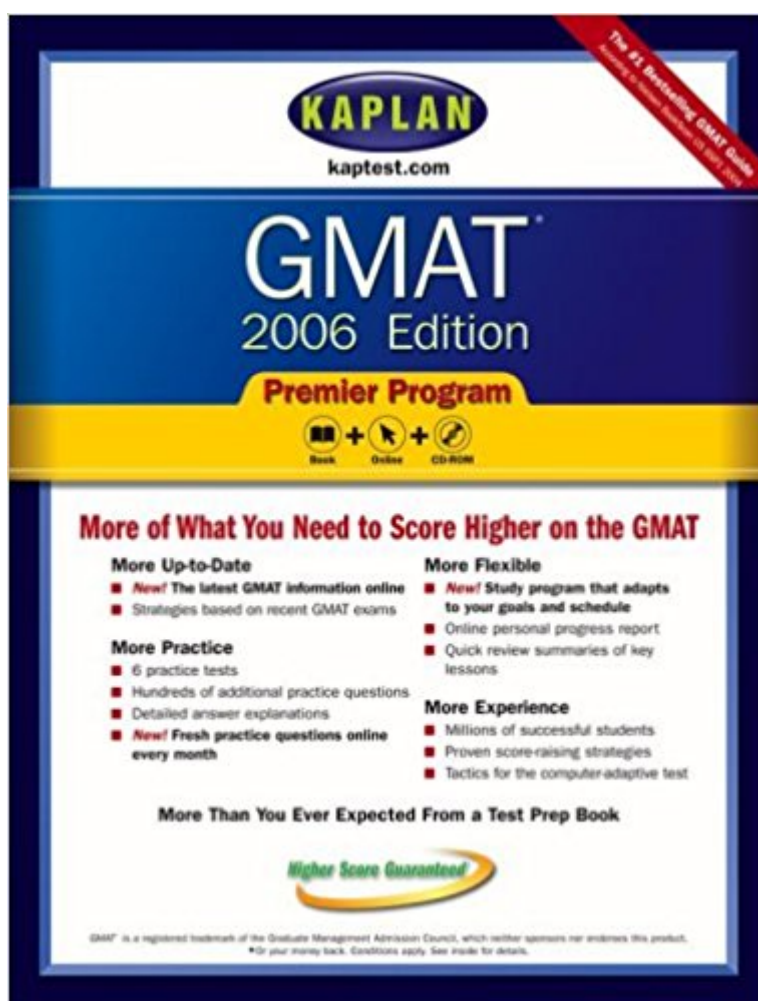


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TOC, Chapter 1

I didn't want to take the GMAT more than once, so it was essential that I knock it out the first time. I used three books to study (I would recommend completing all three, in this order):- the official GMAT review book & PowerPREP software- the Kaplan premier program & CD-ROM tests- the Kaplan GMAT 800 review book  
Kaplan practice test scores: 580 to 630  
Actual GMAT score: 710  
I wouldn't start with this book because the math questions can be frustrating at first, that's why I'd begin with the official GMAT book. The sample electronic tests that come on the CD with this book are essential as they really helped me get my pacing down on the quantitative section, where I needed the most help. 2 minutes to do some of these problems is not a lot of time, so you have to either quickly solve it or get a best guess and move on. Doing these problems out of a book is just not the same as the computerized test you will take, so I think the included CD is worth the price of this book alone. The "premier" website that you get access to with the book was worthless and I didn't bother doing anything with it. As others have stated, the practice Kaplan tests are much harder than the real test (especially the math) - so don't be discouraged if your Kaplan scores seem low. I would alternate my studying between the book and the practice tests to keep things interesting, but save two of the practice tests for the days before the actual test. I took the exam on a Saturday, so I did one practice test on Thursday and Friday night right before. This was helpful for me to refine my timing on the quant section. If you complete this review along with the other books listed above, I think you will be in good shape for the exam.

### Good exercises

I used this guide to prepare for the GMAT but I find that it is only useful as a reference as to how the GMAT is mechanically structured. Whatever skills you need to achieve your required score will depend on your grasp of the different mechanics called out in the exam. Therefore, I recommend the Kaplan guide to be used as a tool to help you succeed and not to be used as a "pass the GMAT in 5 days" program. You receive sample exams after registering for the GMAT, and those exams are much more realistic than the Kaplan exams. The Pearson GMAT Prep software is 99% identical to the actual exam, but the Kaplan guide provides many more sample tests and tests for the different sections. I recommend pounding away at the sample tests and just practice. I raised my practice test scores by over 100 points just using the CD and GMATPrep programs, and the actual exam score exceeded my expectations.

The good: The book itself has some fairly good explanations of things and useful tricks. The practice questions are nice to have, especially the data sufficiency questions which are so unlike anything the average college student has previously encountered. The mediocre: Much of the explanation is \*too\* much, I think, for a book that's supposed to be geared at people who either have graduated or will be shortly graduating from college, but I may be nitpicking with that. What I definitely find irritating is that the book seems to have been poorly proofread; I caught one reference to 'going back to a question later' or something similar which must have been from a version predating the CAT! The bad: The internet portion offered works very poorly and doesn't give you much that the book and CD don't, though they certainly hype it enough. And the practice questions are generally of easy-to-moderate difficulty, even though it's an adaptive test, probably to get high-level test takers to purchase their separate GMAT 800 book. The gist: If you just want to survive it, this'll probably do you fine. If you're expecting to expand on your preparation with other books, question sets, or prep programs, this seems like a good place to start. But if you want to really do your best, you're going to have to do more than just this book. Since it's a \$250 test, you can probably afford a few other books, if it means not having to take the test twice!

After reading most of the reviews here, I was amazed at how many people seem to fare so well while taking this test. Considering the percentile rankings. Where are the other 90+ percent of average test takers out there and what are they doing. Sad to say, I am quite close to barely adequate and don't mind saying so. I'm a working professional that plans to get an MBA in a part-time program offered by a local University. It's not a top ten program, but it's well known and very respectable in my area. I purchased the Kaplan premier book as well as the Princeton book. I did not purchase the GMAC book, but did download the Power Prep tests. My scores were as follows: Power Prep 1 590 Kaplan CAT 1 560 Kaplan CAT 2 530 Power Prep 2 590 Actual GMAT 620 I found the instructions from both books to be very informative and helpful. If I had needed a higher score than 600 to get into my program, I would have sprung for the GMAC books and spent more time working through my weak areas. As it was, I earned a score well above the expectations of the program that I am applying to. Read through most of the other user posts, they are fairly accurate with regard to what each of the books lack. If you don't need close to a 700+ to get accepted to your respective program, I'd recommend that you pick up one or two books and see how your pretests fare. You may not need to spend as many sleepless nights as you thought to prepare for this test.

The CD that comes with the book is what makes it all worthwhile. What I don't like is the

explanations that accompany the book's answer section. When you turn to see how you did, they give you the explanations of why each answer is wrong, but they don't write out what the correct answer is (other than providing A,B,C,D,E.) I found I had to do alot of unnecessary flipping around to get a good understanding of where I went wrong.

I wish it was better...

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