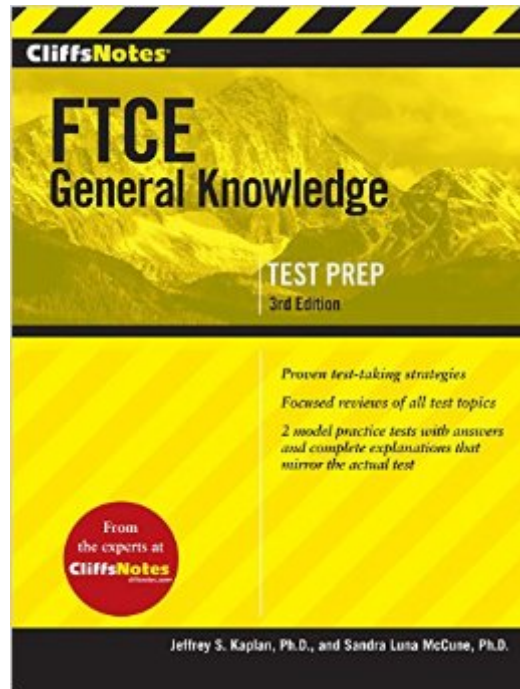


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# CliffsNotes FTCE General Knowledge Test, 3rd Edition



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## Customer Reviews

The book was helpful in some ways. It did go over all of the competencies. However, like some other reviewers stated, the practice tests were not at all like the questions on the actual exam (I took it today, by the way). For instance, the questions in the study guide math practice test were very straight forward. I didn't struggle with any of them and they were worded in a very straight forward manner. In the actual exam, some of the questions weren't so straight forward. Instead of providing you with the measurements, and asking you to calculate area, the exam might tell you the total, and then give you one equation, and you have to substitute one equation for the other (in order to eliminate one variable) to get either the length or the width (whichever the question is asking for). Or another example would be instead of asking you if lines are perpendicular, what are their slopes, it might ask you a more complex question where they only give you the two lines. You have to know

to calculate slope and then also know what the slope would be if the lines were perpendicular, parallel, etc... In other words, it's not just straight calculations. I also did not think the math sections explained the concepts very well and the actual layout of the math problems and sections weren't easily digestible. The writers of this book should read some math textbooks and see how they are laid out and how they present information in a more logical fashion. Additionally, there were a lot of vocabulary terms not even mentioned in the book. Luckily, I have a strong foundation in these other subjects so I was able to pass, but if I hadn't, and had relied on this book alone, I don't think I would have been prepared well enough to pass this exam. Also, there were parts of the book where the ink was completely blurry and the text was illegible.

Excellent guide!! Failed twice- bought this, and passed three weeks later!!

Well, I passed! So, that's good news. I was surprised by how much of this book did not even show up on the test, though, but the test is randomized so I guess I got lucky that there weren't any questions related to volume or surface area. But overall, the book is an excellent study guide and offers everything you would need to study (and pass) the General Knowledge exam. Good luck!

I purchased this book and one other text, which proved worthless. This book goes through the FTCE exam systematically, addressing each of the test's subcomponents, in turn. I got nervous after reading some of the other reviews of this text last night (I took the exam today), especially regarding the math portion of the exam, but luckily the actual exam proved surprisingly easy and followed this guide very well. My experience might differ from others' experience, though, because they are revamping the test at this time, and maybe I got a different version of the test than what you will get. Actually, I did have problems with one section of the exam - the reading portion, of all things. I didn't think that the questions were strong questions, and the responses for the questions were quite absurd, at times. I barely finished it in time. Because they are revamping the test, I was only able to get a Pass verification on one section (the reading section, which was the only one I was concerned about). But, in short: this is a great guide. It just FEELS well put-together, and in my experience, it prepared me for the version of the exam I received (and then-some; my math portion was incredibly easy). Wishing you the same luck!

The book was easy to read however, the exam was much harder :(

I liked the way this book is set up. Each section has a test at the end. What I did to help study for the GK Test was to take those tests at the end of each section and then go back in to study whatever I missed. This worked out great because I was able to pass all the sections of the GK on the first try. I have since passed this book on to my fellow teachers to help them with their GK scores.

The competencies are covered, but practice test questions do NOT mirror the actual wording of the actual test questions

bought this book to practice after failing the math portion. It was really helpful and covered certain topics that were not in my other practice book. I can't speak for the other sections, but the math section was very helpful and I passed! I highly recommend this book.

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