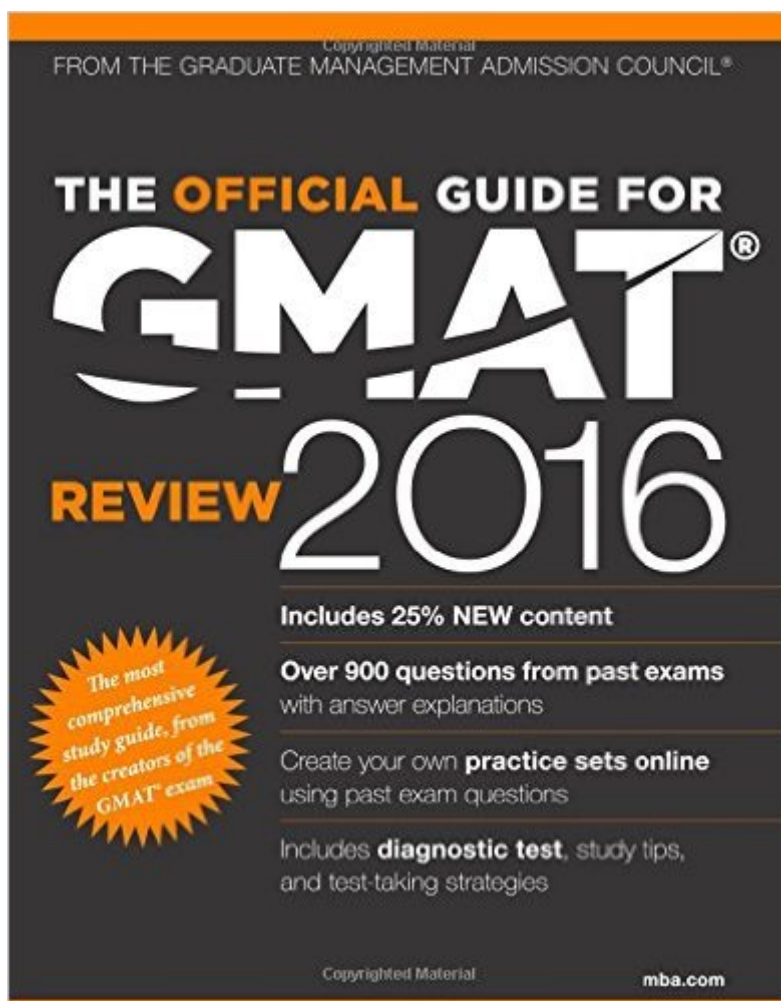


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# The Official Guide For GMAT Review 2016 With Online Question Bank And Exclusive Video



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Ace the GMAT with the only official study guide from the creators of the exam. With 25% brand new content, The Official Guide for the GMAT Review 2016 delivers more than 900 retired questions from the official GMAT exam, complete with answer explanations and a 100-question diagnostic exam to help focus your test preparation efforts. Also includes exclusive online resources: Build your own practice tests with the exclusive online question bank of 900 questions, with answers and explanations, math review, essay topics and a diagnostic test, as well 50 integrated reasoning questions. Exclusive access to videos with insight and tips on GMAT preparation from previous test-takers and from the officials who create the test.

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## Customer Reviews

I've been a GMAT tutor in NYC and online for over ten years and am the founder of Atlantic GMAT (100% GMAT 0%BS!). Comment with any questions! The OG 2016 is an excellent purchase for those seeking the best possible GMAT practice material. Keep in mind that this is essentially a question bank MEANT FOR PRACTICE and has VERY LIMITED TEACHING MATERIAL. That said, the questions in this book are absolutely the best thing to practice on. Avoid third party/non-official questions as they lack the nuances of the real deals (especially verbal questions). Here's what we're going to cover in the review: 1. Official Guide 2016 vs Official 2017. Is it worth waiting for the new Official Guide? 2. Kindle vs. Paperback - Which version is

better and why -What are the ISSUES with the KINDLE VERSION. (The CORRECTED KINDLE ANSWER KEY can be downloaded from my website).3. What other official GMAT resources should you consider buying.4. What you can/can't do with the online question bank (included with the book)5. New questions broken down by category\*\*\*\*\*Official Guide 2016 vs Official 2017\*\*\*\*\*The short answer is: Don't wait, buy the 2016 edition. The new guide (2017) will have some unreleased questions but those questions aren't necessarily any better than the questions that they are replacing in the older guide. Will doing that handful of newer questions actually impact your score? I seriously doubt it. The 2016 books will also likely be less expensive than the 2017 ones. I wouldn't fight the special.Here's the exception: Are you the type of person who will not rest easy knowing that there is the possibility of having the slightest, basically undetectable, only theoretical edge? Do you need the absolute best of the best, newest of the new? Are you fine with paying the surcharge? Rest easy. Buy the new edition!The point is: no harm will come from sticking with the 2016 guide or from buying the new one. But, why wait and pay more for essentially the same thing?Will I be getting the new guide? Of course! I have an archive of every GMAT question from the last 10 years. But, I'm a GMAT tutor looking for every advantage possible for my students regardless of cost. And for me it isn't 2016 vs 2017. I buy everything (except for AWA and IR materials).\*\*\*\*\*Kindle vs. Paperback\*\*\*\*\*Kindle by a mile! You will be taking your GMAT staring at a computer screen so practice as you will play by staring at a computer screen while working on HW. This makes a difference. Beyond that, the kindle version is in the cloud so you can access it anywhere. No need to carry around a massive set of books. And: save some trees!THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH THE KINDLE VERSIONS. These issues are mostly related to the Kindle format, not the guide itself. Some of the math equations are small. That said, I have been using the kindle versions for years without an issue. Neither I nor any student has EVER been unable to read an equation. The examples in some of the other reviews are cell phone pictures that are not representative and make the equations look far worse than they are. The kindle version is still the best option!The other issue is that the answer key numbering is wrong. Well, not really wrong, but hard to read. It looks like this: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and then instead of 10 the key flips back to 0. Then 11 isn't 11 but 10 but 1. So you can find the answers but it is annoying. But (drum roll please), I created a new CORRECTED ANSWER SHEET for Official Guide 2016. I can't post links here but you can download it from the OG 2016 review on the Atlantic GMAT site.\*\*\*\*\*Besides OG2016,

Official GMAT resources you should consider buying\*\*\*\*\*For most people, these four resources are essential:GMATPrep Question Pack 1 [Online Code] (big question bank that lets you sort questions by difficult and type. You can create mini-tests that are great for getting you close to competition mode).GMATPrep Exam Pack 1 [Online Code](Official GMAT Practice test with official questions and scoring algorithm. This is the same as a real GMAT).Exam Pack 2 (Same deal as Exam Pack 1. Two more Official Tests)Atlantic GMAT Practice Pad + 2 MarkersÂ (You should do all of your tests with the same GMAT scratch pad that youÃ¢ÂÂÂ use on test day)In addition, these last two are for students who want to eak out that last 1%:GMAT Focus Online Quantitative Diagnostic Tool: Bundle of 3 [Online Code] (These are computer adaptive Quant quizzes. Buy the bundle of three.)GMAT Paper Test Set 1 [Download] (Retired GMAT paper tests. The Quant is too easy but the verbal is helpful. DonÃ¢ÂÂÂ do the reading comprehension as it overlaps with the GMAT Prep 1 and 2).Official GMAT resources are limited (especially practice tests). DO NOT WASTE THEM!!! Before you start blasting practice tests go ahead and make a study plan and consider at what point it would make sense to take tests. In general, take one test at the beginning of your studies to get a baseline score and to get a sense for the exam. Then, work on your fundamentals. Have a good strategy for most of the GMAT questions types. After you are in a good rhythm, start taking practice tests. Every case is different, but consider getting into practice test mode about 4 weeks before your GMAT. \*\*\*\*\*Online GMAT Question Bank\*\*\*\*\*All of the questions from the Official Guide 2016 are available in an online question bank. At first I couldnÃ¢ÂÂÂ figure out where the question bank was located. I even googled it and found pretty much nothing. Frustration! Flipping to the back of the OG 2016 I noticed a secret pouch containing my personal access code along with the question bank website: GMAT.Wiley.comWhat you can do with the GMAT online question bank:-Set up a practice set with any combination of questions and order of difficulty.-Name your sessions so that you can return to them at a later date for review.It would have been nice if the questions were categorized so that you could set up targeted quizzes. I imagine that GMAC already has this information so why not include it? Also - no internet means no question bank. That is very unfortunate considering you really should be doing most of your practice eyeballing a computer screen as you will on the real GMAT CAT. Also keep in mind that you only have access to the online question bank for 1 year. \*\*\*\*\*Official Guide 2016 Question Breakdown\*\*\*\*\*-201 brand new questions (I recognized a handful but couldn't quite place them - could be from tests I've taken, from some legacy product, or actually a new question that is a very close clone of an old one).-Problem solving questions mostly centered in

medium difficulty (no new questions past #153)-Lots of substitutions in PS Geometry. Slight boost for combinatorics and overlapping sets.-New Reading Comprehension passages mostly long and difficult. Excellent additions.-Critical Reasoning Assumption based reasoning got a major facelift. Difficulty level increased a shade.-No big news on Sentence Correction or Data Sufficiency-Same very limited teaching material from the old edition. This is a book for practice not a book for learning.

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Shapes), 86 (3d Shapes), 77 (Geometry/Number Line)-Work/Rate 134 (Threshold/Rate/Word Problem), 84 (Average Rate)-Counting Equations 10 (Translation), 21 (Interest/Word Problem), 23 (Word Problem), 64 (Word Problem), 67 (Word Problem)-Number Properties 16 (# properties/Inequalities), 94 (Number Properties/Digits), 54 (Exponents/# Properties), 60 (# Properties),-Overlapping Sets 150 (Overlapping Sets), 29 (Overlapping Sets), 19 (Overlapping Sets)-Statistics 135 (Statistics), 14 (Statistics), 15 (Statistics), 92 (Average)-Threshold 48 (Threshold/Work), 46 (Threshold/Word Problem), 34 (Threshold), 80 (Threshold)-Translation 40 (Percents), 55 (Ratio/Word Problems), 83 (Threshold), 18 (Algebra)-Formula/Function/Sequence 12 (Sequence), 38 (Formula), 121 (Function/Number Properties/Exponents)OG 2016 READING COMPREHENSION- 6 new passages, 31 new Questions /22.3%Page 370 (Short)Questions 8-10Page 386 (Long)Questions 42-47Page 404 (Long)Questions 96-101Page 408 (Long)Questions 107-112Page 416 (Long)Questions 130-136Page 418 (Short)Questions 137-139OG 2016 CRITICAL REASONING - 34 new questions / 27.4%1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 21, 30, 37, 39, 41, 43, 48, 49, 53, 55, 57, 58, 60, 63, 65, 67, 70, 76, 77, 79, 81, 84, 94, 97, 100, 106, 109, 121, 124Strengthen/Weaken: 2, 3, 4, 21, 30, 37, 39 (oddball), 48, 55, 57, 60, 63, 65, 67 (oddball), 76, 77, 79, 94, 97, 106, 121, 124Assumption: 8, 37, 41, 49, 70, 84, 109Evaluate: 100Inference: 1, 53Paradox: 58Boldface: 81Fill in the Blank: 43Assumption Based: 29-Strengthen/Weaken - 21-Assumption - 7-Evaluate - 1Content Based: 5-Paradox - 1-Boldface - 1-Inference - 2-Fill in the Blank - 1OG 2016 SENTENCE CORRECTION - 35 new questions / 25%2, 4, 7, 10, 13, 18, 21, 23, 27, 28, 31, 35, 37, 42, 46, 52, 63, 66, 73, 80, 86, 90, 97, 101, 111, 116, 120, 124, 126, 128, 132, 133, 136, 137, 138

Equations do not render in the Kindle version what a ripoff! In other words, the equations are garbled to the point where you can't read them. (see photo). You have to squint your eyes to read superscripts and subscripts when dealing with exponents, for example. And that's if the values are even clear enough to begin with! Often times a you can't solve a problem don't know what the heck is written in the question stem.

If you are new to the GMAT, get this book - you need it whether you study on your own or take a course. If you own a previous edition, and evaluating ROI, getting a Question Pack from GMAC's site is a better value (\$30 for 404 questions in QP1). In case you are wondering about the question level/difficulty in this book - it is mostly Easy to Medium with few hard questions (not a bad thing necessarily)~~~ Strengths ~~~1. Real GMAT questions retired from past tests - 900 real GMAT

questions retired from past tests.2. Online quiz engine allows you to build practice sets using the OG but it is very weak and cumbersome (more below)3. Practice questions follow actual GMAT test patterns (it's great to have one's ear trained, esp. in verbal)4. Overview of the Integrated Reasoning section (50 questions online)~~~ Weaknesses ~~~1. The quiz system is too simplistic and cumbersome. For example I have no idea how to start working on question 10 or take only assumption questions for example, though it is an upgrade from the previous version... Perhaps I have been spoiled with good GMAT Prep and other CAT Test interfaces. I am struggling here.2. Questions are EASY/MEDIUM difficulty in general (only about 5 questions are really a 750 level) based on GMAT Club member feedback. Here are the hardest ones: (V Diag 25, PS 218, DS 129, DS 131, DS 141).3. Does not include any test-taking strategies. Though it has a few short review sections for each area, they are weak and very unfriendly4. Questions are predominantly low to medium in difficulty which is often not representative of questions one encounters on the test5. We really could have used some new questions. The official Guide questions are generally on the EASY side.6. There is a 75% overlap with previous edition. 2015/13th Edition has an 83% overlap with the 12th edition. 12th edition has a 66% overlap the 11th edition.~~~ Contents (number of questions per section - has remained unchanged since OG 13)~~~1. Diagnostic Test - 100 questions2. Problem Solving - 230 questions3. Data Sufficiency - 174 questions4. Reading Comprehension - 139 questions5. Critical Reasoning - 124 questions6. Sentence Correction - 140 questions7. Integrated Reasoning - 50 questions (not included in the 907 count)~~~ HOW DO I STUDY WITH THIS BOOK? ~~~In case it was not clear, you don't really study with it. You need other books to study and then you use this book for practice/quizzes. For example, you can get the Manhattan GMAT Set of Guides or the Veritas Prep Guides. These book sets come with 8-15 books that are targeting specific Math and Verbal areas. You have a much better chance getting a 700+ with those book sets (not guaranteed) but they also do require at least 2.5-3 months to cover them. The MGMAT Books come with 6 adaptive online tests. Veritas Prep books come with tests as well BUT only if you purchase from their website (Ugh). If you only have a month, you can get the Kaplan book set (Premier and Verbal/Quant workbooks if you need them - they can do the job done but not as exhaustive as MGMAT or Veritas Prep).~~~ What are some of the good study suggestions? ~~~- Start with a practice test (diagnostic test)- You need quality time. It is really the quality time (morning for some and evening for others) that provides the most retention and results- Don't skip or move past a section until you're able to solve 90% of the questions correctly (timed of course). That is if you want 700+- Never solve questions without timing yourself (unless it is quick drills)- Don't jump into the hardest areas first - build confidence instead with what you know and can

demonstrate progress at- Start every new day with the review of what you have learned the day before- Make notes for everything you cover - it helps tremendously to retain what you have learned even though you may never read them. The process of making notes is a very helpful learning experience. If nothing else works - use it- Finally, your practice tests are a usually a very good indicator of your performance. If you are getting 600 on your practice tests, there is about a 2% chance that you will get a 700 score. Do not be surprised when you score on real test a 600Let me know if you have any questions - i reply to commentsBB, Founder of GMAT Club750, q49, v42.

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