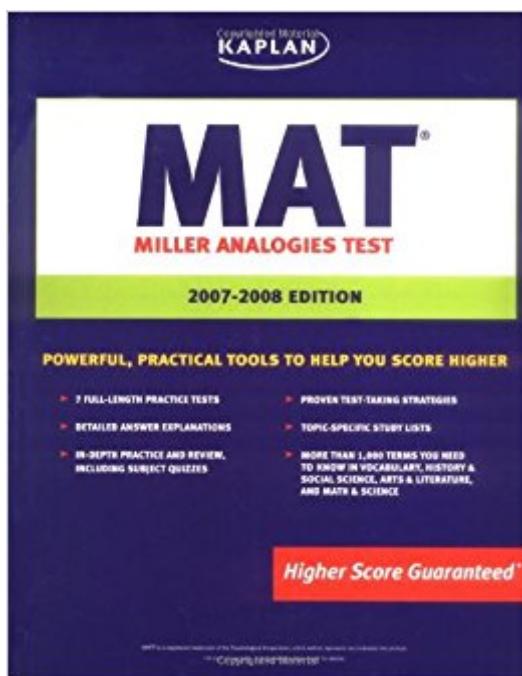


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## **Customer Reviews**

Everything you need to score higher on the MAT (Miller Analogies Test).

Ok, I usually do not review my purchases, but I have been out of college since 1995 and decided to finally go to grad school. I knew I'd need some serious review so I researched many study guides. This guide gives a thorough review of everything that you need to know. There were actual items on my MAT that were in this book. I was so nervous about taking this type of test when I got this book, but after studying it, I found that it was like a game trying to beat my practice scores. I scored in the 95th percentile. I do not think I would have scored so well without this guide. If it can help me, it can help anyone!

Good content within book, but analogies themselves are minutiae. If you compare with the Barron's book, you'll know what I mean. Buy the Barron's over this one.

Kaplan MAT, 2007-2008 Edition: Miller Analogies Test (Kaplan Mat) Very helpful! Informally written and well-organized. This book sorts the info in manageable info-bytes blocks that prepare you well

for the test structure and content. The book has initial partial-length tests and final full-length tests, which provide a good measure of preparedness for the test-taker. Highly recommended.

I ordered this to help me study. I applied to grad school at the last minute and had 2 1/2 weeks to study for the test. I had it fast shipped so I had 2 weeks to cram. This was a great book. It not only gave the correct answer, but told why as well. It had multiple tests to do and word lists. I did great and got into grad school.

I can't say that this book helped me pass the MATs but it definitely gave me an idea of what the test was going to be like.

Some say that the MAT is a test that you cannot "study" for. And this may be true, but only to a point. Because the MAT is so broad, you cannot possibly work to know what is on the test. The best that you can really do is prepare yourself to take the MAT with a guide like this one. I just took the MAT earlier today and feel that I did very well. My initial reaction after the test was that the practice tests included in this book were actually more difficult than the MAT itself. I credit this book in helping me to be well prepared for the test. I know for sure that reading/using this book has helped me to achieve a higher score than what I would have gotten on my own. Another reviewer noted some errors in the text, and here is one more: the Saffir-Simpson scale attributed in the text to earthquakes is actually used for Hurricanes. Aside from some small inconsistencies like the one above, I do feel that this book helped tremendously in familiarizing me with what to expect on the MAT. The book itself consists of study lists and content areas to concentrate on - and these will give you a decent amount of information that may appear on the test. But, the real leap forward (for me anyway) was in the practice tests themselves. In taking the tests you obviously get excellent practice in working with the analogies. On top of that, my own gains were found in reviewing each answer to the practice tests (even the correct ones). First, you get an idea of how well you are doing. And second, by reading each answer you get even more material related to each subject area than is included in just the study lists. I'd highly recommend this book for MAT preparation. The cost is more than reasonable and the benefits for me have been certainly tangible.

I purchased a few books to study for the MAT's and quickly realized that this book was the most useful. Unlike other books, this book provided strategy, a manageable amount of information (as opposed to the hundreds of pages found in other books), and a non-distracting layout. The MAT's

are daunting because there is a seemingly endless amount of knowledge covered on the test, but this book allowed me to hone in on the pertinent information. The practice tests were extremely helpful and had a lot of the vocabulary I encountered on the actual test. I wanted to note a few errors that I found in the book. Please do not let these errors deter you from purchasing this book--the other 3 MAT books I purchased had many more errors. I am simply listing the errors as an aid in studying the correct information: 1) Page 46, # 108 has an equal value for Celsius and Fahrenheit 2) Page 225, # 41 caliper is written when caliber is meant 3) Page 226, #52 Franklin Roosevelt's program was the New Deal, not Theodore Roosevelt's. I took the MAT as an alternative to the GREs because standardized testing is quite difficult for me. With the help of this book, I scored in the 97th percentile. I recommend it for anyone taking this test.

I just received my scores for the MATs and was really pleased with them. I wanted to write a glowing review for this book right away! Between the pre-tests and the study guides nothing caught me off-guard when I got to the actual exam. In fact, the only criticism, which actually worked in my favor, was that I found this book's tests more difficult (referencing more obscure knowledge) than the actual MAT I took. I think it's a generally well-written and researched guide. The intro. is actually quite witty and entertaining, and the authors certainly appreciate the antiquated and often frustratingly broad-based knowledge required for the MAT. It's the only guide I used and I think it really gives you all the tools you'll need for this beast of a test. Good luck!

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