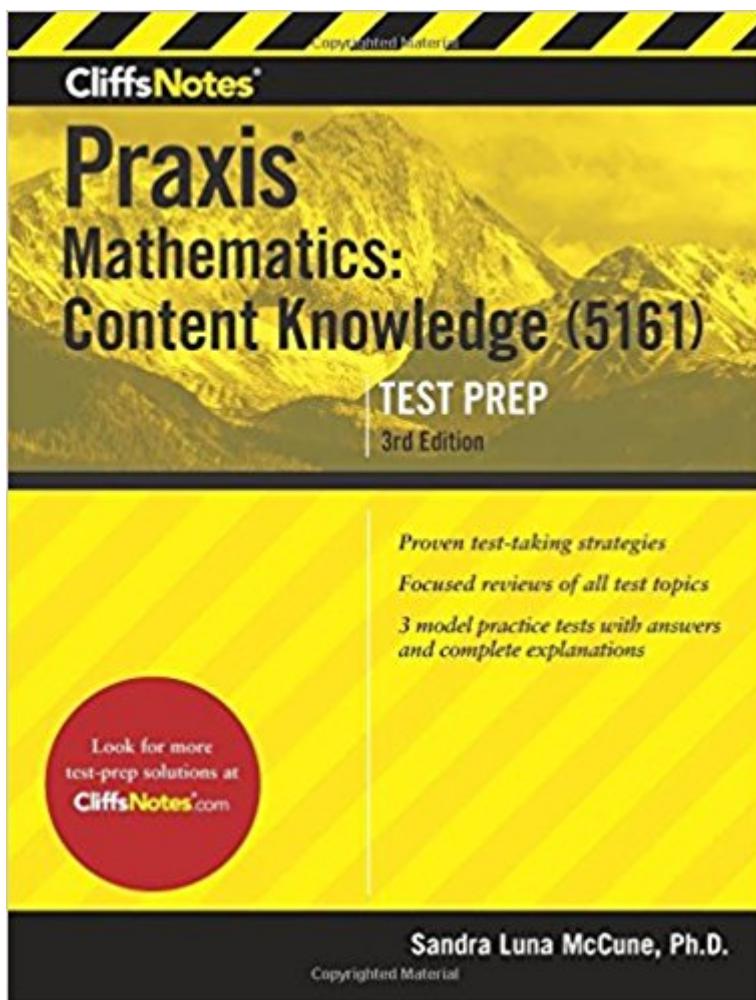


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This textbook highlights everything you will need to know for the praxis II mathematics content knowledge exam (5161). It includes three practice exams with detailed solutions to each problem and the practice exams are almost identical to the real thing, some of the practice questions are even the same on the real exam. I did not pass my exam, but I also did not start studying early enough. The book recommends breaking the studying up throughout six weeks and I think that would have helped me immensely.

Excellent review book and study guide. It's very comprehensive in the topics covered. One improvement would be to have practice questions built into the end of each major topic or chapter to reinforce comprehension of concepts. Otherwise, it is a great book to prepare for the exam. I supplemented this book with the following sources: 1) Precalculus Demystified (for detailed practice with conic sections and matrices) 2) Calculus Textbook (any recent text should be sufficient for brushing up on first and second derivative tests) 3) ETS website's package of two practice exams for Math CK 5161 (very good source of study and actual past exam questions). I used the above stated resources extensively, made a review sheet of definitions, concepts and formulas for each chapter of this review book, and scored a 187 on the exam (which I was okay with). I spent about five to seven hours daily studying for one week. If you need to brush up on math or have not taken math classes in a while, I highly recommend, as a math educator, that you set up a minimum of a one-month study plan involving one to two hours of studying daily. Spending one week studying intensively as I did is stressful, so if you have more time, spread out your studying over a longer period of time in order to have time to revisit and review concepts and be able to build and absorb skills and content knowledge. Though I am a math teacher, the exam is challenging and rigorous as it not only covers a wide range of topics from high school algebra I to college calculus and statistics, but also assesses some concepts involving critical thinking, logic, and reasoning that goes beyond simple memorization of facts and formulas. Most questions on the assessment are recall-of-facts type of questions, but many require connections among multiple concepts. If you use this review book along with the sources stated above very comprehensively, you are setting yourself up for much success.

This book really helped me prepare for the Praxis. It has 3 practice tests in the back and covers all of the necessary topics to pass the Praxis.

A good place for practice exams. The chapters are a very concise review of concepts you will need to know for the exam.

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