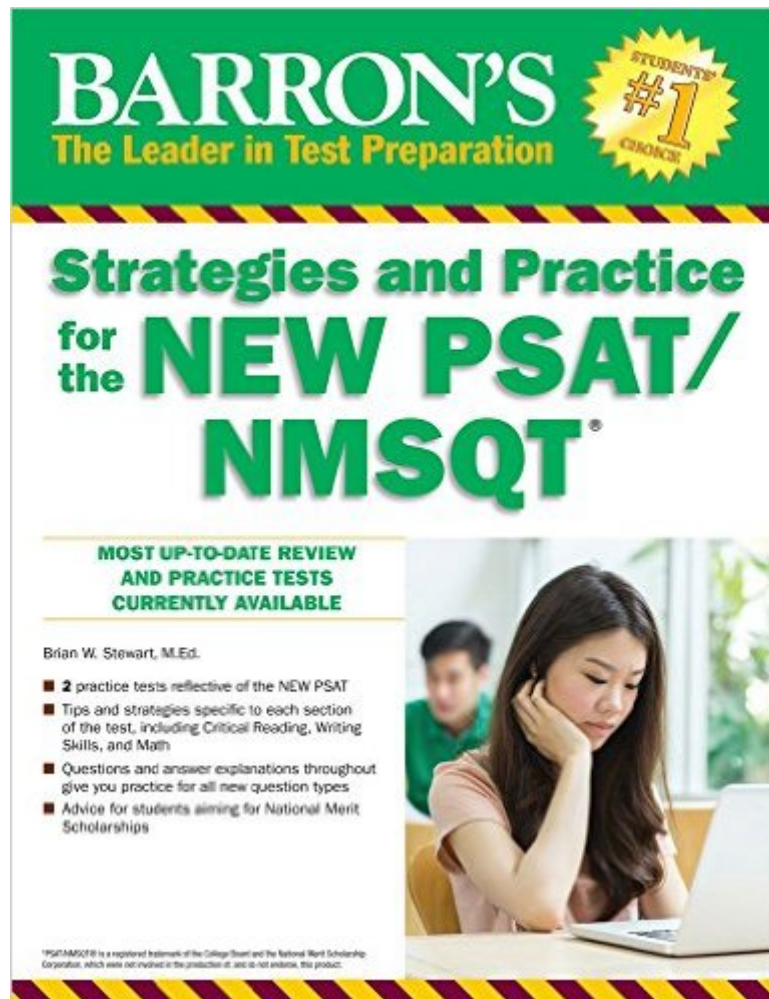


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# Barron's Strategies And Practice For The NEW PSAT/NMSQT (Barron's Educational Series)



## Synopsis

This completely new test prep manual introduces high school students to the newly redesigned PSAT/NMSQT test and prepares them to get the best score possible. This book features: 2 practice tests reflective of the NEW PSAT Tips and strategies specific to each section of the test, including Critical Reading, Writing Skills, and Math Advice for students aiming for National Merit Scholarships. Much more! Students will learn strategies that can take them from a good score to a great score, and find everything they need to succeed on the new test.

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## Customer Reviews

While I am not a tutor like many of the other reviewers, I am going to be a sophomore in high school and have used this book to prepare me for my psat in october. I have managed to achieve the projected score for qualifying as a semifinalist for the NMS after the second practice test! Great asset!

I used this to coach my PSAT students for the October 2015 PSAT. I was very pleased with the text. In particular, the math review is excellent. The practice math exams are also challenging enough to sufficiently prep students. How do I know? One of my students scored in the top 1% nationwide. I really like this author, and I also use his Barron's ACT text. Using that text, my ACT students are consistently scoring in the 30s.

Where the workout book provided by Princeton Review is topic based drill on 300 questions with

sample tests for each section, this book from Barron's, also a quality test prep publisher, focuses on helping the student prepare for the TEST and how to take it. There are not only drill questions, but COMPLETE PSAT tests you can take to get the feel of it. The focus in this book is not just material mastery, but strategies and tips to help you navigate the test with understanding and how you can best use your time and approach to take it successfully. Very worthwhile. And this is for the "NEW" PSAT and the national merit scholarship qualifying test.

I'm a full-time SAT / ACT tutor, and I recently got very familiar with the new PSAT because I recorded a video training course for it. I'm happy to say that Barron's new book is a helpful companion to the College Board's revised PSAT and SAT materials. The strengths of this book stem from the fact the author is an experienced tutor. The strategies rang true for me, and I found the answer explanations and insights about the test to be helpful. The practice test question quality is good, and students should find the review of grammar and math concepts helpful. I also liked the tips for building foundational skills for the subject matter. All in all, this is a very good book to include in your PSAT test prep.

I liked this book for PSAT review, and my thoughts on each section are as follows: The writing section was especially good for going over each facet of grammar that is going to be tested on the new PSAT. However, be aware that this is a "catch all" type of book, and by that I mean that although the writing section does list a lot of rules that one should be aware of, it by no means offers a thorough and comprehensive publication of each grammar subject. For example, it will list a writing topic to work on and then will list one rule and one example. Then it will go over a few more related writing topics and cumulatively test your understanding with a 10 question fill in the blank practice section. However, these fill in the blank sections do not tell you to which topic the error corresponds to, it will simply tell you the corrected sentence, which is not very useful for someone looking to target specific areas of weakness. The reading section was okay. The book offers the pretty straightforward structure of going over each type of passage (history/reading/etc) once, and then having a student go through the problem set. However, the answer explanations seemed to be pretty intuitive and didn't really offer any insight on how to be super successful at the reading section other than providing some practice. The math section was good. It covered the new data/statistics portion that will be tested on the PSAT, and it offers more in depth explanations than the writing section on each topic. There are also step by step solutions, which I found to be helpful. All in all, if you are looking to buy one general book to briefly review everything on the PSAT,

then this would be it.

As a student, this book was formatted in a logical, comprehensible way. It's separated into writing, reading, and math sections and then there are practice tests in the end of the book similar to the real thing. The only problem is that I thought that the actual PSAT I took this October was more challenging than the problems in this book. This book's format mirrored the PSAT very well, but I do not believe that I will become a semifinalist or merit scholar due to this book.

Bought this for PSAT prep for my son. I looked thru a few other guides and reviews and decided this was what I was looking for. It did a good job of covering the test subjects. My son is not a great tester so I needed one that did a good job of breaking everything down. What I liked about this one is it gave examples for each subject and how test is laid out and pointers. It then tested and finally provided answers and explanations. Very detailed. My son's scores went up 200 pts from practice test given in class!

I used this book to study for the PSAT about 3 weeks before the test. It's pretty average, actually. I remember about a week before the test I just took practice tests of the redesigned SAT on the CollegeBoard website, since the new PSAT is like the new SAT except the SAT is more difficult, and I wanted to prepare with harder problems. I got a 1490 out of 1520, perfect score of 760 on the math section. This book helped familiarize me with the format of the test, such as the kinds of passages and the timing of the sections, and the practice tests were decent, but I think taking the redesigned SAT practice tests had a bigger effect on my score.

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