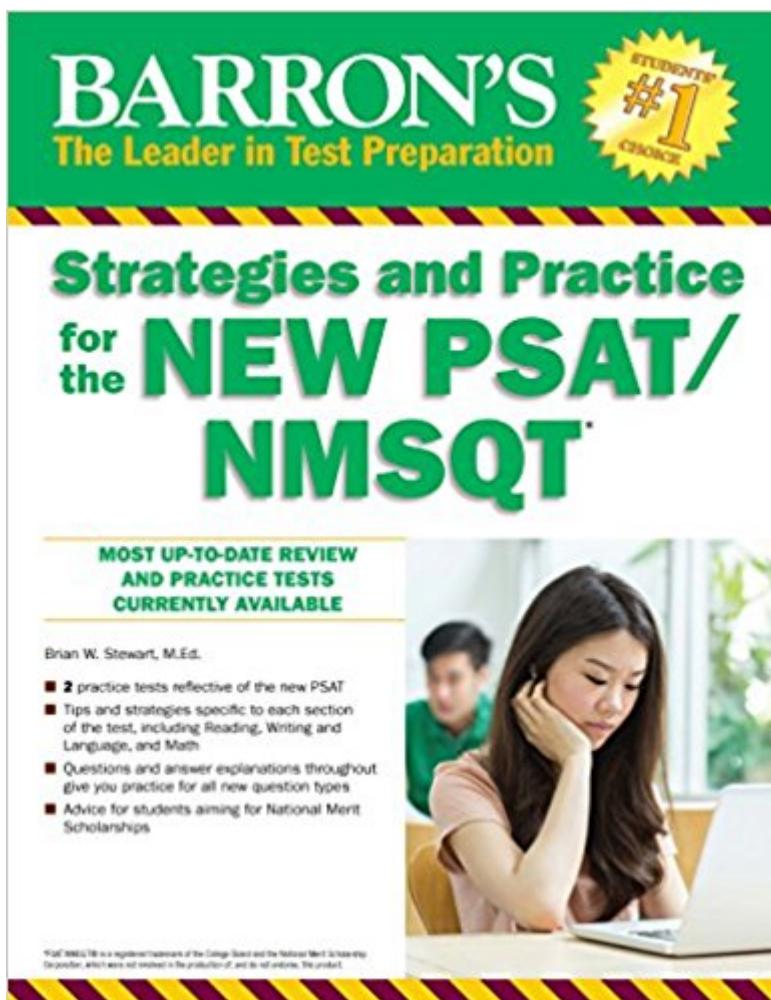


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# Strategies And Practice For The New PSAT/NMSQT (Barron's Educational Series)



## **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 two 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; and 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**

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.

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!

Has very good information about the New PSAT; some basic test taking strategies; I bought this for my 11th grade daughter who will be taking the test in a couple of months.

Really prepares you for that test; the math portion is especially helpful. Definitely recommend it.

When my daughter scored very well on the Freshman version of this test I encouraged her to try studying a bit and seeing if she could improve her score. She increased her score by 8 points and scored in the 99 percentile for her Sophomore version of this test. Side note: She used this and other free online materials. Hard to say which specifically was a contributing factor but I am of the opinion that using different sources will only help. Seemed to work for us. Good luck to you..

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.

This is something my son did use. He said it was helpful. High praise from this 17 yr old!

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