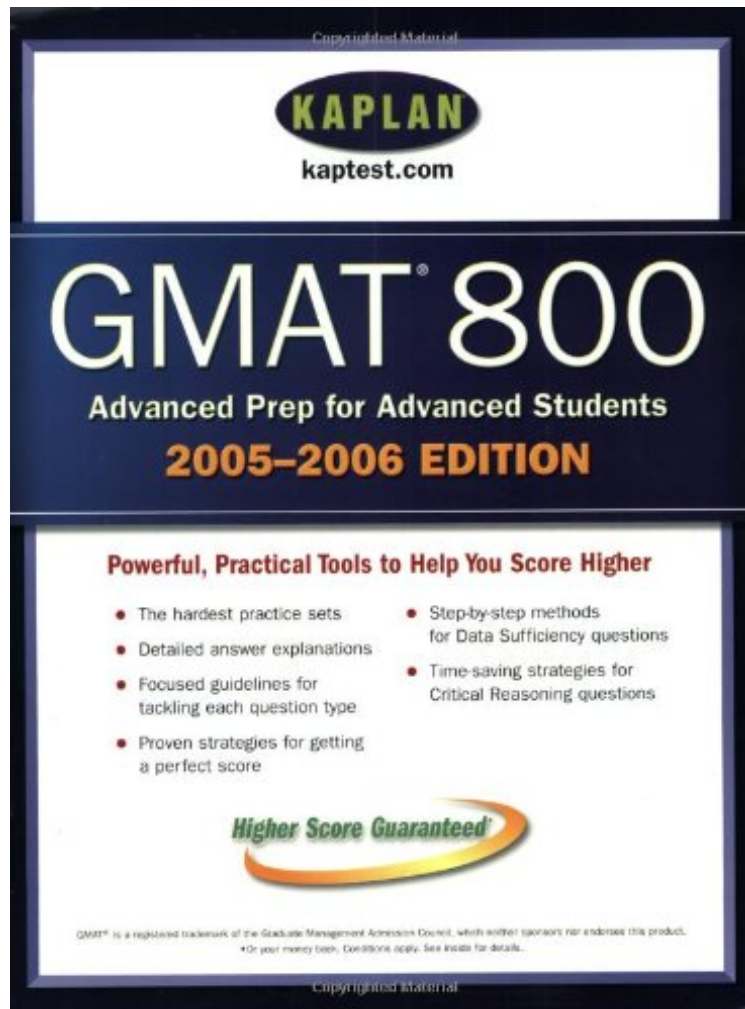


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Kaplan : Kaplan GMAT 800, 2005-2006 (Kaplan GMAT Advanced) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Kaplan GMAT 800, 2005-2006 (Kaplan GMAT Advanced):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Mediocre and Has MistakesBy Shannon H.It is fine, nothing amazing, but I found for a guidebook that is supposed to showcase the most difficult questions you will encounter that the questions are actually quite easy. The GMAC Official Guide provided more explanation/review, as well as more difficult questions. Most troubling, however, is that the guidebook is riddled with errors. One problem-solving question, for example, shows you two ways to solve a problem and gives two different answers as the correct choice. Other answer explanations seems to ignore the basic set-up of the problem (ie, saying x and y must be equal and then suggesting that you make x=2 and y=3 to solve). I have found at least one mistake in every section so far, which I find unacceptable.It covers a lot of ground and I appreciate that it highlights common categories and mistakes, but its hard

to trust the explanations and the format of 2-4 questions followed by explanation and answers followed by more questions makes it hard to get into the test-taking mode of needing to answer many questions in a row. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The math section of this book is really quite good. I think I improved as a result of ...By Natalia Pudjiadi

The math section of this book is really quite good. I think I improved as a result of using this book. In particular, the math questions near the end are much harder than those up front. In my opinion the questions aren't 800 level questions but more of challenging ones that are good to learn from. The verbal section is quite good as well. The best part of this book is that the explanations are right after each question so don't have to flip thirty something pages to see the solution and explanation unlike in other books.

49 of 49 people found the following review helpful. Poor Guidebook but a Good Question Collection

By GMAT Club (Expert) I am not blasting this book - I am giving you a rating based on the expectation that the description of this book sets. It does not live up and you are bound to be disappointed. However, it is actually a valuable book but you need to be aware of what you are buying and probably how to use it best when you buy it:

As a pure guidebook - 1 star
As a question collection - 4 stars

What You Will Find Inside: 28 Critical reasoning questions 31 Reading comprehension questions 110 Sentence correction questions 107 Problem solving questions (only 7 of which cover combinations and probability) 37 Data Sufficiency questions 100 + questions in the online question bank

***** CONS ***** No review of math principles or grammar rules. This book assumes that you have gone through the Kaplan's main GMAT book. If you need help with basics look into getting the Math or Verbal Workbooks before getting this one.

* Illogical structure. Instead of the typical approach of providing a rule and then questions to practice that rule on, this book just lists questions in each of the sections. All of the valuable information and tips are scattered around the explanations section. The book assumes you will read/review explanations for every question. In defense, the main point is often emphasized, so they are not too hard to find.

* Question difficulty. Fewer than 50 people per year score 800 on the GMAT, and most of the lucky guys get past 700. To appeal to a broad audience, Kaplan designed this book at a 650/700-level

* Math section is fairly easy and lacks meaningful practice in advanced subjects such as probability, combinations, or coordinate geometry, statistics. If these are your weak areas, you should look elsewhere

* No Integrated Reasoning

***** PROS ***** The book does what it was supposed to do - provide advanced selection of questions, giving the necessary practice with relevant questions. Though Kaplan's questions are not one-for-one official GMAT questions, I found them fairly close overall. I also liked the explanations - they were very detailed

* Good verbal section with valuable RC practice; huge selection of SC's

* Good quality publishing and paper; good layout

* Price - I thought it was worth every penny

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Bottom Line: This is not a guidebook or a book to start with - if you need to get better in a certain question type, then get it but don't expect it to be sufficient to give you the background often needed to score 700+.

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Here is the list of the hardest questions in the book (if this is all you are looking for).

CR tough questions: Chapter 2: Prob # 3, 7 Chapter 3: #9,10,11 Chapter 4: #1,2,4,7,9,10,13,16,20,21,27 RC tough questions: Chapter 5: Has no questions Chapter 6: Passage 1: #1, #4, Passage 2: #1, #3, Passage 3: #4, Passage 4: #3 Chapter 7: Passage 1: #2, Passage 2: None, Passage 3: #3, #4, Passage 4: #1, #2. Sentence Correction Chapter 8- no questions Chapter 9: Ques #: 8,10,13,15,16,19,20,25,27,29,32,35,36,37 Chapter 10: Ques #: 44,45,46,49,57,58,59,60,62,63,64,66,67,68,72 Chapter 11: Ques #: 2,6,11,14,16,23,25,27,29,34,35,36,37,39 QUANT/MATH Chapter 12: no questions Chapter 13: #14 Chapter 14: #3 Chapter 15: #13 Chapter 16: no questions Chapter 17: #3,16,17,27,28,29,36 Chapter 18: #9 Chapter 19: #1,3,7 Chapter 20: No questions Chapter 21: #7 Chapter 22: #4,8,16,17,18

FYI: This book is the re-branded edition of a book previously called Kaplan GMAT Advanced. The two books are identical in terms of content (very minor changes); for exact changes see: CHANGES IN THIS EDITION:

* No changes have been spotted in the book from the 8th edition

* Online question bank access was added with 100 or so questions

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