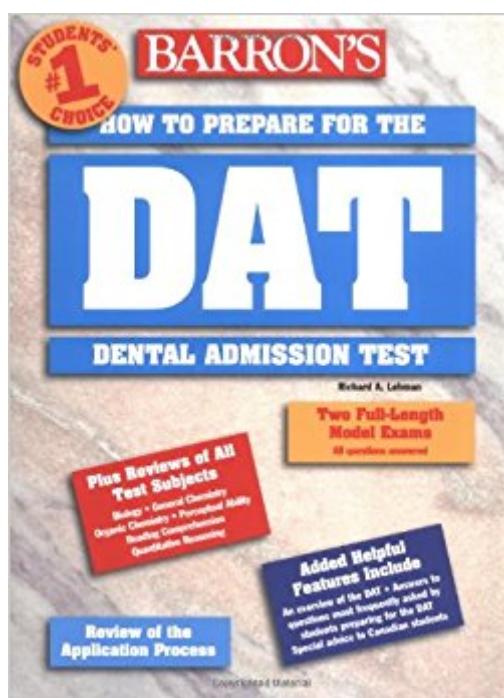


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Customer Reviews

This book is absolute crap (but). there are so many errors its not even worth skimming through. Although the PAT strategies are EXCELLENT. May seem basic at first, but if you use them, you'll learn faster. Even these have many errors so be careful. ONLY USE FOR PAT!!! ONLY ONLY ONLY USE FOR PAT!!!! - well worth the few dollars for the PAT section

First of all, this book is not as bad as others make it out to be. But I think people should realize that this book is NOT a complete guide for the DAT. The science review sections were condensed...very much like preliminary lecture notes. However, the PAT section was very helpful. I found the level of hardness on the real test very similar to the book's. What I suggest is you use Kaplan or TopScore (some very heavy duty review books) along with this book for the PAT section. Then, a few days before the test, flip this book open to go through the materials quickly to keep your brain in science

mode. And, of course, constantly practice the PAT section. My preliminary PAT score was 13 when I signed up for Kaplan (which was useless btw), and with this book I got an 18 on the real PAT.

I used this along with Kaplan and TopScore to prepare for the DAT. This book was helpful for the PAT section only. The PAT section offers several tips on how to finish the questions quickly and accurately. The perceptual section on the actual DAT was more difficult than in this book however, so I still didn't score as well as I would have liked, but I think this book helped some. For the price, it's worth buying for the PAT section, but look to Kaplan for better science review, and topscore for better practice tests. The practice tests in Barrons are worth doing to get a feel for the types of questions, but they are all on paper, which is much different than a computer, and also cross-check every question you are unsure of with a textbook; there are numerous errors! The last comment I have is that the reading sections in the book are not very representative of the types of passages on the real DAT. Nearly every Barrons passage focused on some study or detail within the field of dentistry with which I was unfamiliar making them difficult to follow. On the DAT I had questions about broader topics in science that were much more familiar from my college science classes and thus easier to follow.

Ok, this is the first book I bought because I thought, this can help. It doesn't. You might as well get a 6th grade bio book and read that, which would have more information than this book. This book gives you one-line facts about things that you seriously need to know in-depth for the DAT. As mentioned by another ian, the PAT is probably the ONLY reason to get this, and it's probably a poor reason because this book has sooo many typos. It's not even the typos that makes me so disgruntled... the book will answer questions with wrong answer! or it'll provide you with 2 "right" answers, but choose the lesser true of the two. i.e. How does a catalyst work? There was an answer of "Lowers Activation Energy," which should be right, but was not! ummm, are this is for the DAT? Sure, the title says "How to prepare for the DAT." Yeah, this only prepares you to PREPARE for the DAT.

This book has faults (sample exam errors, etc.) that have been abundantly pointed out by other reviewers, but the hints for the PAT are worth the money alone. I found the PAT on the DAT to be more difficult than some other prep products's sample tests would have you believe (Although, I did score well on the PAT). This book alone takes a methodical approach to finding the right answer, but also getting it fast, which was my problem. The science review sections were not as complete as

some other books, but I found many of the explanations helpful in clarifying things that I had never learned well in my prereq classes, especially in the O Chem section, where the idea of using acid and base chemistry to solve problems was emphasized in a very helpful way. I would not recommend using this as your only review material, but in conjunction with TopScore Pro and my textbooks, etc., it helped me get very good scores on all sections of the DAT.

I have been going through this book and recently took a practice test. I was incredibly frustrated to find out that there are numerous mistakes in their answer keys. There were several answers that I knew for a fact were correct and upon checking my answers to information in recent text books, I was indeed correct and the answer key was not. It is very annoying to pay money for a test preparation tool just to find out that they did not take the time to double check everything. The information contained in the book before the practice tests is helpful, especially the PAT section, but don't waste your time with the tests unless you want to look up every answer to verify whether or not your answer is correct. Stick with Kaplan or other big name test preparation books.

...This book gave me some excellent pointers for the PAT. For the PAT review, I give it 4 1/2 stars (minus 1/2 a point for a few obvious errors of course.) If you're looking for a good science review, this book will not help AT ALL. Not only were a few things it said totally opposite of what my o-chem book said (eg Sn2 and Sn1 reactions), but the review itself is so short and vague that it doesn't help with the numerous details you have to know for the DAT. I strongly recommend an MCAT book - such as the Betz Guide ("Complete Preparation") - for science review. These books not only provide detailed review but also many, many practice questions as well as explanations for each one. This book does not solely focus on the DAT though, and I enjoyed it for the extra material it included such as sample essays and interviews with dentists.

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