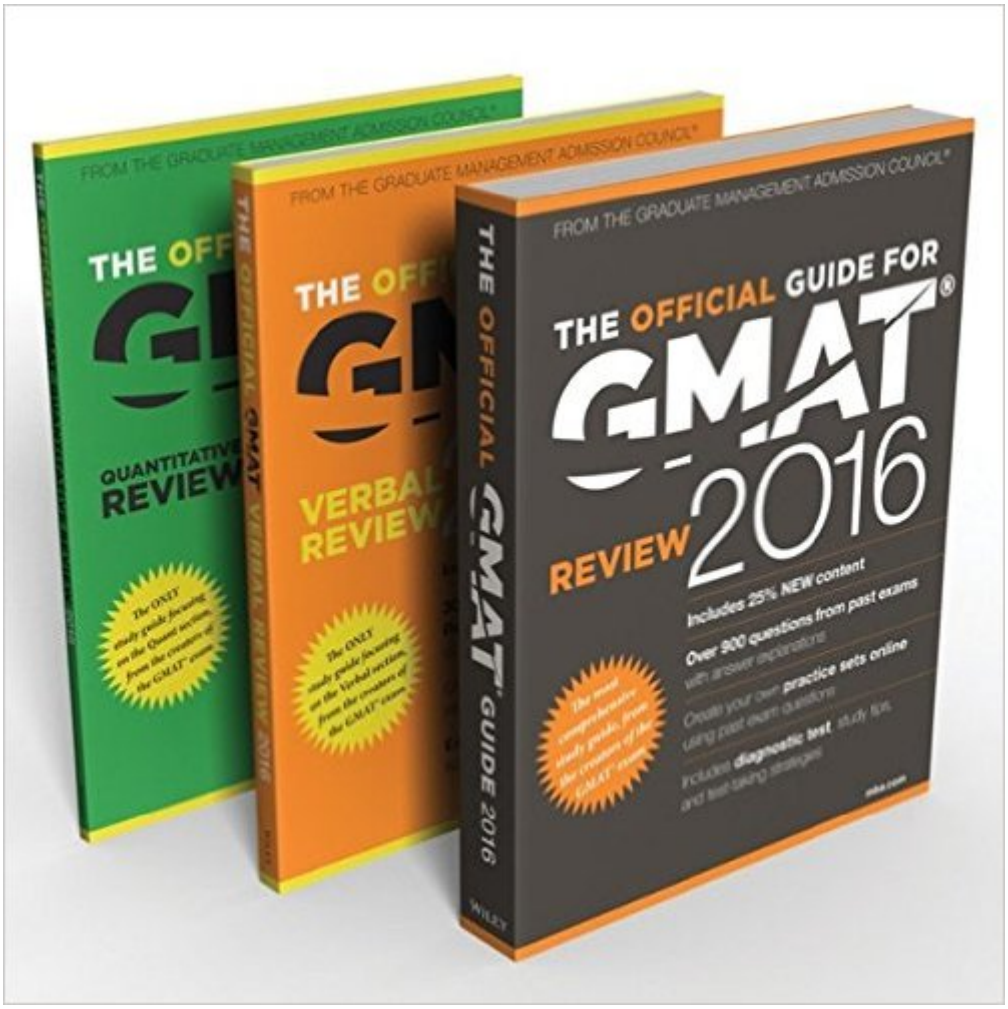
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Customer Reviews

I’ve been a GMAT tutor in NYC and online for over ten years and am the founder of Atlantic GMAT (100% GMAT 0%BS!). I’ve already reviewed all three of the 2016 Official Guides, so here are summaries along with new question breakdowns for each book (main reviews are on each book’s page).The GMAT Official Guide 2016 bundle is an excellent deal. If you are near the start of your GMAT preparation this is pretty much a no brainer purchase. Keep in mind that this is essentially a question bank MEANT FOR PRACTICE and has VERY LIMITED TEACHING MATERIAL. That said, the questions in these books are absolutely the best thing to practice on. Avoid third party/non-official questions as they lack the nuances of the real deals (especially verbal questions). Even though there are small annoying issues with it, I’d buy the Kindle version to best approximate how the test will be. You can download the corrected Kindle answer key from my website.HereÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s what weÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢re going to cover in the review:Official Guide 2016 vs Official 2017. Is it worth buying new Official Guide?Kindle vs. Paperback -Which version is better and why-What are the issues with the Kindle version. (The corrected Kindle answer key can be downloaded from my website).What other official GMAT resources should you consider buyingNew questions broken down by category**********Official Guide 2016 vs Official 2017**********The short answer is: if you can get it at a significant discount, buy the 2016 edition! The new guide (2017) has some unreleased questions but those questions arenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t necessarily any better than the questions that they are replacing in the older guide. Will doing that handful of newer questions actually impact your score? I seriously doubt it.HereÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s the exception: Are you the type of person who will not rest easy knowing that there is the possibility of having the slightest, basically undetectable, only theoretical edge? Do you need the absolute best of the best, newest of the new? Are you fine with paying the surcharge? Rest easy. Buy the new edition!The point is: no harm will come from sticking with the 2016 bundle or from buying the new one. But, why wait and pay more for essentially the same thing?Will I be getting the new guide? Of course! I have an archive of every GMAT question from the last 10 years. But, IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m a GMAT tutor looking for every advantage possible for my students regardless of cost. And for me it isnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t 2016 vs 2017. I buy everything (except for AWA and IR materials).**********Kindle vs. Paperback**********Kindle by a mile! You will be taking your GMAT staring at a computer screen so practice as you will play by staring at a computer screen while working on HW. This makes a difference. Beyond that, the kindle version is in the cloud so you can access it anywhere. No need to carry around a massive set of books. And: save some trees!THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH THE KINDLE VERSIONS. These issues are mostly related to the Kindle

format, not the guide itself. Some of the math equations are small. That said, I have been using the kindle versions for years without an issue. Neither I nor any student has EVER been unable to read an equation.The other issue is that the answer key numbering is wrong. Well, not really wrong, but hard to read. It looks like this: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and then instead of ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“10ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• the key flips back to ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“0ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•. Then ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“11ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• isnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“11ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• but ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“1ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•. So you can find the answers but it is annoying. But (drum roll please), I created a new CORRECTED ANSWER SHEET for Official Guide 2016. I canÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t post links here but you can download it from the OG 2016 review on the Atlantic GMAT site.**********Besides OG2016, Official GMAT resources you should consider buying**********For most people, these four resources are essential:GMATPrep Question Pack 1 [Online Code] (big question bank that lets you sort questions by difficult and type. You can create mini-tests that are great for getting you close to competition mode).GMATPrep Exam Pack 1 [Online Code(Official GMAT Practice test with official questions and scoring algorithm. This is the same as a real GMAT).Exam Pack 2 (Same deal as Exam Pack 1. Two more Official Tests)Atlantic GMAT Practice Pad + 2 MarkersÃ Â (You should do all of your tests with the same GMAT scratch pad that youÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ll use on test day)In addition, these last two are for students who want to eak out that last 1%:GMAT Focus Online Quantitative Diagnostic Tool: Bundle of 3 [Online Code] (These are computer adaptive Quant quizzes. Buy the bundle of three.)GMAT Paper Test Set 1 [Download] (Retired GMAT paper tests. The Quant is too easy but the verbal is helpful. DonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t do the reading comprehension as it overlaps with the GMAT Prep 1 and 2).Official GMAT resources are limited (especially practice tests). DO NOT WASTE THEM!!! Before you start blasting practice tests go ahead and make a study plan and consider at what point it would make sense to take tests. In general, take one test at the beginning of your studies to get a baseline score and to get a sense for the exam. Then, work on your fundamentals. Have a good strategy for most of the GMAT questions types. After you are in a good rhythm, start taking practice tests. Every case is different, but consider getting into practice test mode about 4 weeks before your GMAT.**********Official Guide 2016 Question Breakdown**********-201 brand new questions (I recognized a handful but couldn't quite place them - could be from tests I've taken, from some legacy product, or actually a new question that is a very close clone of an old one).-Problem solving questions mostly centered in medium difficulty (no new questions past #153)-Lots of substitutions in PS Geometry. Slight boost for combinatorics and overlapping sets.-New Reading Comprehension passages mostly long and

difficult. Excellent additions.-Critical Reasoning Assumption based reasoning got a major facelift. Difficulty level increased a shade.-No big news on Sentence Correction or Data Sufficiency-Same very limited teaching material from the old edition. This is a book for practice not a book for learning.PROBLEM SOLVING - 57 New Questions/24.7%:1, 2, 3, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 25, 27, 30, 31, 33, 38, 39, 43, 44, 45, 55, 56, 57, 59, ,60, 61, 63, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 73, 76, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91, 97, 99, 107, 108, 111, 114, 117, 122, 125, 134, 136, 137, 139, 142, 153-Percents 1 (Percents), 11 (Percents), 55 (Percent/Word Problem), 30 (Percents/Arithmetic/Word Problem), 99 (Word Problem/Percent)-Work/Rate 59 (Work/Rate), 76 (Work/Rate),-Ratio/Proportions 19 (Ratio/Proportions), 134 (Proportions/Word Problem), 114 (Mixture)-Algebra/Arithmetic 2 (Arithmetic/Fractions), 3 (Algebraic Translation), 14 (Arithmetic), 21(Algebra/Arithmetic), 25 (Algebra/Multiple Equations), 61 (Inequalities), 66 (System of Equations)-Exponents 56 (Exponents/Word Problem), 57 (Exponents/Roots/Number Properties), 83 (Exponents), 85 (Exponents/Roots/Arithmetic), 67 (Arithmetic/Exponents), 68 (System of Equations/Exponents),-Number Properties 38 (Number Properties/Digits), 107 (Number Properties), 108 (Number Properties), 17 (Number -Properties/Absolute value/Exponents), 43 (Number Properties), 87 (Consecutive Integers)-Overlapping Sets 69 (Overlapping Sets/Percents/Word Problem),89 (overlapping sets), 91 (overlapping sets)-Combinatorics 117 (Combinatorics), 136 (Probability)-Statistics 137 (Average), 15 (Average), 88 (Average), 111 (Average)-Functions/Sequences/Formula 39 (sequence),63 (Functions/Exponents), 82 (Formula/Arithmetic), 97 (formula), 27 (Data Interpretation)-Geometry 13 (Geometry/Quadrilaterals/Word Problem), 18 (Geometry/Triangles), 31 (Geometry/Mixed Shapes), 33 (Geometry/Triangles), 44 (geometry/coordinate), 45 (Geometry/Quadrilaterals), 60 (Geometry/Coordinate), 70 (Geometry/Mixed Shapes), 73 (Geometry/Quadrilaterals), 86 (Geometry/3D Shapes), 122 (Geometry/Mixed Shapes), 125 (Geometry/Quadrilateral/Word Problem), 139 (Geometry/Quadrilateral/ratio), 142, 153 (Geometry/Coordinate),DATA SUFFICIENCY - 44 new questions / 25.2%7, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 29, 34, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 46, 48, 49, 51, 54, 55, 60, 64, 67, 73, 77, 80, 83, 84, 86, 92, 94, 115, 121, 134, 135, 136, 137, 150-Combinatorics 7 (probability), 73 (Geometry/Combinatorics)-Exponents 20 (Exponents), 37 (Square Root/Match the Expression/Special Quadratic), 39 (special quadratics), 41 (Exponents/Inequalities)-Geometry 136 (Coordinate), 137 (Triangles), 26 (Mixed Shapes/Quadrilateral), 27 (Coordinate), 49 (Quadrilaterals), 51 (Quadrilaterals), 115 (Mixed Shapes), 86 (3d Shapes), 77 (Geometry/Number Line)-Work/Rate 134 (Threshold/Rate/Word Problem), 84 (Average Rate)-Counting Equations 10 (Translation), 21 (Interest/Word Problem), 23

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123-Algebra/Translation 4, 8, 13, 16 (inequalities), 31-Statistics 41, 42, 63-Overlapping Sets 19-Combinatorics 121-Geometry 2 (quadrilaterals), 10 (triangles), 24, 26 (cube), 120 (coordinate), 124 (parabola)-Sequence/Function/Formula 15, 25-Threshold 5(rate), 110-Counting Equations 6, 33******VERBAL REVIEW 2016 DETAILS******-Reading Comprehension passages are mostly easy and not long.-Sentence Correction update focuses more on easy questions as well. For content, parallelism is still dominant.-Critical Reasoning got an excellent update adding a worthwhile amount of tougher questions.-Not an amazing update but the Verbal Review 2016 improves upon and already worthwhile skill builder especially in the Critical Reasoning.VERBAL REVIEW READING COMPREHENSION26 new questions/24.7%Page 22/23 (short)-Questions 1-4Page 26/27 (medium)-Questions 11-17Page 30/31 (short)-Questions 23-26Page 38/39 (long)-Questions 39-42Page 58/59 (medium)-Questions 99-105VERBAL REVIEW CRITICAL REASONING25 new questions / 30.1%3, 7, 16, 21, 25, 28, 33, 35, 38, 43, 46, 50, 52, 53, 55, 60, 62, 64, 67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 78, 83ASSUMPTION - 18Strengthen 7, 38, 67, 78Weaken 21, 25 (best criticism), 68, 72, 83Assumption 75Flaw 62Evaluate 46 (wordy prompt), 52Fill in the Blank/Strengthen 3, 28, 43, 50, 71CONTENT - 7Boldface 60, 64 (long)Inference 16, 53 (two person)Paradox 33 (wordy prompt), 35, 55VERBAL REVIEW SENTENCE CORRECTION25 new questions / 22.1%2, 3, 8, 11, 14, 19, 23, 26, 30, 33, 37, 38, 42, 43, 47, 48, 50, 55, 63, 65, 73, 80, 92, 99, 103-Agreement/Verbs/Pronouns 11, 19 (past perfect), 30 (tenses), 43, 48, 80 (tense), 103 (tense)-Parallelism 2, 23 (list), 33 (list), 38 (comparison), 55 (comparison), 65 (list), 92 (comparison, modifier)-Modifier 3 (like vs as), 8, 14, 37 (list), 47, 50, 63 (comparison), 73 (comparison), 99-Other 26, 42I hope this is helpful! If you are looking for more GMAT Study Strategies, Study guides, GMAT Question of the day, or just some inspiration have a look at the Atlantic GMAT site. Comment with any questions!

I am a Harvard grad and professional GMAT tutor with 15 years of experience, and am fairly obsessed with this test. I also take the GMAT at least once a year to stay up-to-date, including a recent score of 770 (48 V/47 Q). These books receive my strong recommendation because they provide a great source of real GMAT questions at a decent price (they normally retail for about $45).One aspect of these books that you must understand is that they are not meant to teach you GMAT test-taking strategy. For that, look elsewhere (see product links below). However, they include some of the very best practice materials available, straight from the test-maker, and although the answer explanations are often convoluted, they are still useful in understanding how the GMAC thinks.Why are the 2016 Official Guides the very best place to start your GMAT preparation, other than the free GMATPrep software? Because the questions in these books are

super-realistic. They are just like the questions on the real GMAT, because the book is written by the test-maker and uses actual, retired GMAT questions. Don't waste your time and money practicing on questions made by any other companies--these are merely inferior imitations of the real thing. If you must use other materials for test strategy, then that's fine, and in most cases necessary, but try your best to stick to official questions whenever possible.Pro tip: You can take each of the 6 GMAT Prep CATs more than once, because the GMAT is an adaptive test (it adjusts the difficulty level of later questions based on your previous responses). There are about 4 to 16 times as many questions in the GMAC's question pool as there are in any given test, which means that every test you take will be different. Tests 1 and 2 draw from a (gigantic!) pool of about 1,500 questions, and tests 3, 4, 5, and 6 draw from a more modest pool of about 400 questions each. To re-take your GMAT Prep tests, click "reset" in the lower-left hand corner of the GMAT Prep software window, but make sure to take screenshots of your previous test sessions beforehand--frequent screenshots are a good idea anyway because the software is prone to crashing and losing your data. For your screenshots, use either the "Print Screen" (Windows Key + PrtScn) button on a PC or (Shift + Command + 3) on a Mac.It's important to remember that although these physical GMAT books are extremely helpful, the GMAT is still a computer-based test, which means that you should still do the majority of your work on a computer. For this reason, consider buying the Kindle versions of the guides, as well as making full use of the computer-based practice options available from the GMAC. Or, if you prefer to buy the physical books, then you can also use the access codes located in the sealed pouches in the back covers of the books to access a free web-based version of the books, where you can try most of the questions in the books in an online format, and organize quizzes by question type / difficulty level (easy, medium, hard). You will also have to create a Wiley account, which is worth it because it allows you to travel without the physical books, so long as you have internet access and a computer.One annoying aspect of the 2016 version of the Wiley site is that it automatically logs you out due to inactivity after a very short amount of time. Hopefully the 2017 version of the software will fix this bug.Instead of giving you a paper and pencil, the GMAC also requires you to use a water-based maker and a laminated sheet like this one:Ã Â Manhattan GMAT Test Simulation Booklet w/ MarkerÃ Â I don't recommend always using the laminated sheet, because it's messy and harder to keep track of your notes that way. But it makes sense to at least use it a few times, just to get the feel of it before test day.As was the case with the 2016 editions in comparison to the 2015 editions, 25% of the questions in the upcoming 2017 editions of the OG will be new. Since the 2017 versions havenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t been released yet, I obviously havenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t had time to comb through the 2017 versions and compare them precisely

to the 2016 versions, but IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m sure that either I or someone else will compile a full list of the new questions in the 2017 editions ASAP, along with links to their explanations on the GMATClub forum and similar sites. (For explanations and classifications of every question in the 2016 Official Guide, google "GMAT Club Guide to the GMAT Official Guide 2016.")Are the questions from the 2017 versions any better than the questions they are replacing from the 2016 edition? No, not really. Yes, some of the additions might technically be ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“newÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• questions, but many others are simply retired questions from past GMAT exams, so there is no guarantee that these questions are either any newer or any better than the questions they supplant. Moreover, early adopters of the 2017 editions will find that certain questions are so new that itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s hard to access online explanations until GMAT tutors like me (username: mcelroytutoring) start posting them, which could take weeks or even months.While I will concede that the questions in these books are roughly ordered from easy to hard, there are some curious places where low-numbered questions are quite difficult for most of my students, and vice-versa. Thus, I think that we canÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t necessarily take GMAC at their word here, especially since there has already been evidence in past official guides of the GMAC moving the exact same questions to radically different locations in the books, which suggests that we shouldnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t trust the GMAC at its word in this regard. If the questions are truly ordered from easy to hard, for example, then why would a question numbered in the 30s suddenly show up in the 90s on the next edition?It is important to note that the difficulty level of questions in this book is sufficient for most test takers, but is admittedly a bit lacking on the high end. If you are going for a GMAT score of 700-plus, then you should spend more time practicing on questions from the GMATPrep software and Exams Pack 1 and 2, which offer more difficult questions that will be closer to the ones you see on your actual test day.Remember: the GMAT is an adaptive exam. If you answer a lot of questions right, then the test keeps getting harder (as your score rises), and if you answer a lot of questions wrong, then the test keeps getting easier (as your score lowers). And the questions on the test are ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“front-loadedÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• so that the first 1/3 of questions have a much larger impact on your score than does the final 1/3 of questions.If you do run out of official GMAT Prep computer tests (the first two are free, and you can buy four more from GMAC), then I can recommend the Manhattan GMAT CATs (computer adaptive tests). Just buy one book from the Manhattan GMAT series, and it will give you access to all 6 online CATs: GMAT Sentence Correction (Manhattan Prep GMAT Strategy Guides)For free video explanations to all the math questions in these books, google "GMAT Quantum," or if you prefer to read your explanations, then

just try google searching the first few lines of your question's text. I would also strongly recommend that you check out informative websites such as GMAT Club, Beat the GMAT, and Atlantic GMAT, and that you consider retaining the services of a qualified private tutor such as myself.For those of you who are just getting started, here is the overall structure of the GMAT:1) Analysis of an Argument Essay (AWA or Analytical Writing Assessment): 30 minutes, 1 question.2) Integrated Reasoning (Multi-Source Reasoning, Table Analysis, Graphics Interpretation, Two Part Analysis): 30 minutes, 12 questions. Please note: unlike the Verbal and Quantitative sections, the IR section is not adaptive.3) Optional 8-minute break4) Quantitative Section (Problem Solving, Data Sufficiency): 75 minutes, 37 questions (2 minutes per question)5) Optional 8-minute break6) Verbal Section (Reading Comprehension, Critical Reasoning, Sentence Correction): 75 minutes, 41 questions (1.8 minutes per question)Keep in mind that on the GMAT you cannot go back or skip any questions, and that the first 12-15 questions of the Verbal and Quantitative sections have the most impact on your score due to the adaptive scoring algorithm. A correct answer will yield a slightly harder question in most cases, and vice versa, and the GMAT will gradually determine your score as you go. The largest adjustments are made at the beginning of the test, which is why the first 1/3 of questions are so essential. Also, approximately 10 to 25% of the questions on the actual GMAT are experimentalÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •you donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t know which ones they are, and they donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t count toward your score.Here are my most essential GMAT Resources, ranked from most important to least:Practice:1) Free GMATPrep Software - 2 diagnostic CATs (Exams 1 and 2: 180 questions total) and 90 practice questions out of 1,500 possible questions2) GMAT 2016 Official Guide Bundle - 1 diagnostic test and over 1,500 practice questions and answer explanationsÃ Â GMAT 2016 Official Guide BundleÃ Â - about $453) GMATPrep Exam Pack 1 - 2 diagnostic CATs (Exams 3 and 4: 180 questions total) out of 400 possible questions -Ã Â GMATPrep Exam Pack 1 [Online Code] $504) GMAT Prep Exam Pack 2 (New Release with 2 New Tests -- not yet available on) - 2 more diagnostic CATs (Exams 5 and 6: 180 questions total) out of 400 possible questions - $50Please note: you can save $10 by buying #3 and #4 together as an Exam Pack Bundle from the GMAT website for $90.5) GMATPrep Question Pack 1 - 404 questions with answer explanations and ability to sort questions by type and difficulty - $30Ã Â GMATPrep Question Pack 1 [Online Code]6) The Official Guide for GMATÃƒâ Ã Â® Review 2016 Mobile AppÃ Â The Official Guide for GMATÃƒâ Ã Â® Review 2016Ã Â -$5 for 50 questions and $30 upgrade for an additional 800 questions7) GMAT Focus Quizzes - 24 questions per quiz (math only) - $30 per quiz and 4 total GMAT Focus Online Quantitative Diagnostic Tool: Single Use [Online Code]8) IR Prep Tool - 48 Integrated Reasoning QuestionsÃ Â GMAT IR Prep

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I started preparing for GMAT in 2013 using the 2013 official guide, took a break and resumed this year so purchased 2016 official guide. To my disappointment the diagnostic test is exactly the same, and regarding practice questions as it reads on the cover 25% new questions only. The quantitative and verbal reviews are helpful but the additional question bank online, which you can access using the code provided on the back cover, has the same questions as in the book! How is

that helpful? It creates an online test with timer and automatic scoring but that it not really an added advantage, I can time myself with a timer and score the test sheet. I purchased an opened unused copy for less and thus am not that disappointed. I guess buying an older used guide might prove to be equally helpful.

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