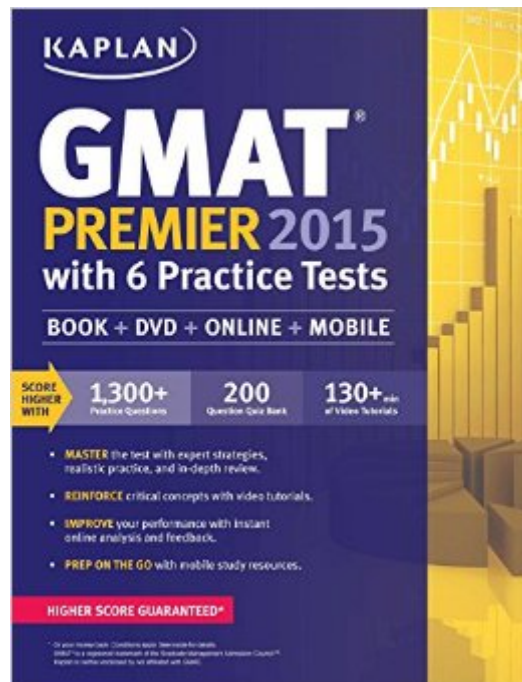


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# Kaplan GMAT Premier 2015 With 6 Practice Tests: Book + DVD + Online + Mobile (Kaplan Test Prep)



## Synopsis

Kaplan's GMAT Premier 2015 is a comprehensive prep system that includes both book and mobile-enabled online components. Get access to in-depth strategies, test information, and practice questions to help you score higher on the GMAT. Kaplan's GMAT Premier 2015 contains 1,200+ total practice questions with detailed explanations, covering the Verbal, Quantitative, Analytical Writing, and Integrated Reasoning sections, and strategies for handling all the question types you'll encounter on Test Day. It also comes with study plans to help you make the most of your time preparing for the GMAT. Kaplan's GMAT Premier 2015 features:

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- 6 full-length practice tests (5 realistic Computer Adaptive Tests available online and 1 in the book)
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This book was extremely helpful in preparing for the GMAT. I took the initial diagnostic test and made a 600. I dedicated approximately 5-8 hours/week for 10-12 weeks and was able to raise my score to 700 (47Q, 39V) on the official test. In my opinion, the book is stronger in the quant section than in verbal. However, I started off very strong in verbal so when I tried to use the Kaplan method my verbal score dropped (so I tried to forget everything I learned from the book and just follow my natural method). I went over the quant chapters twice and I'm very glad that I did, the first time just wasn't enough to re-familiarize myself with the content, learn the tips and tricks, and become familiar enough with the question types that dictate using those skills. The online portal that comes with the book is helpful. I was able to read chapters online, watch tutorial videos, and take practice quizzes at work over my lunch break. This was a lot easier than lugging the book back and forth between home and work. Overall, I think the Kaplan book is a good guide for studying for the GMAT and can really help you raise your score.

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