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SHSAT New Test 2017



Synopsis

The New York City Specialized High School Admissions Test is changing. This ultimate guide is designed to help current eighth- and ninth-grader planning to take the test in October learn all the skills they need to score their best on the revised test. Use this guide to -find out about the details of the new revised SHSAT test -take a diagnostic to identify your strengths and weaknesses -hone your verbal and math skills while building confidence -learn score-raising strategies to complement your prep -take practice tests and review the detailed explanations to improve your performance. This guide contains everything you need to master the test and gain admissions to New York City's specialized high schools including Stuyvesant High School; Bronx High School of Science; Brooklyn Technical High School; Brooklyn Latin School; High School for Math, Science, and Engineering at City College; High School of American Studies at Lehman College; Queens High School for the Sciences at York College; or Staten Island Technical High School.

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Customer Reviews

While I agree with the earlier reviews here about the mistakes in this book, I would condemn anyone who claims this isn't a valuable study tool. I took the test 7 years ago and got into Stuyvesant and am now tutoring my brother to get in too. After reviewing the new changes, I thought this book would be good (among others). I personally taught of this book and did every single question with my brother. The questions are sufficiently difficult and are targeted to common mistakes students make. Ultimately, its your decision. Yes, there are mistakes. No, that is not an appropriate reason to condemn this book.

As a professional SHSAT tutor for many years, I have found more than a few errors in preparation materials, which is to be expected. No one is perfect. However, question number one on the first practice test (not the diagnostic test) in this book contains an error - and it's not the error that is supposed to be fixed! After noticing and confirming this, I felt it necessary to disregard this book in its entirety. That may sound extreme, but since literally the first question on the first practice test was not properly vetted, I can't see myself recommending this book as a reliable source of information to any of my students.

This book has many mistakes, both in question phrasing and answers. Some questions don't have correct answer as a choice and the answer key explanations are as if for a different question. Some answer keys start explaining good but then shift to explaining the answer to a question that wasn't even asked. It is as if this book was not edited at all.

Speaking only for the E.L.A. section of this book, I find that the practice passages here are appropriate and relevant. There are a few errors that will hopefully be corrected in a later edition.

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