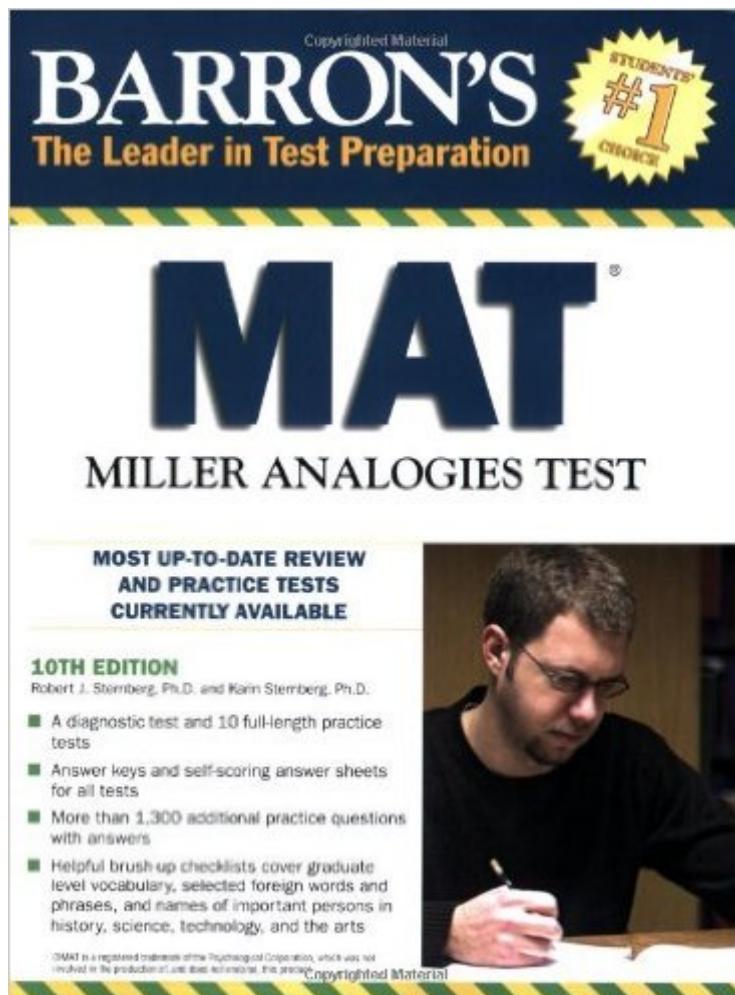


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# Barron's MAT: Miller Analogies Test



## **Synopsis**

This updated manual prepares prospective MAT test takers with a diagnostic test and ten full-length practice exams. Self-scoring answer keys follow each test and answer sheets for test-takers' use are located at the back of the book. Also presented are approximately 1300 additional practice exam questions with answers, plus advice on solving analogy problems. Helpful brush-up check lists cover graduate level vocabulary with brief definitions, selected foreign words and phrases used in English and their meanings, and names of important persons in history, science, technology, and the arts that test-takers should be able to recognize. The Miller Analogies Test is a timed word-association test widely used to screen applicants to graduate level academic programs and as a placement exam for management positions in many businesses.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is filled with errors not minor errors either but significant ones that derail any progress you might have made. In all of the sample tests, there are two sets of answers, one set simply lists the answers and the other set gives a full explanation. Needless to say, the two sets should give the same answer. Well, not so. On one of the tests, the answers given in one set do not match those given in the second set. It just so happens that the first set gives the wrong answers to the questions on the test. On many questions throughout the book, the answer choices are mislabeled

so there might be two Cs or two Bs. There is hardly a page that does not have an error of some sort, usually a major error. I have worked through the 9th edition and it does not suffer from these problems. I would, therefore, buy that edition until a newly edited version of the 10th edition comes out.

There are some editorial errors in this test prep that need to be addressed. I can't disagree with the other reviewer on that point. I would, however, highly recommend this test prep book. I took the pretest and calculated the percentage of correct answers once I finished. After reading chapters 2, 3, and 5 I took several more practice tests and averaged 13 percentage points higher than the pretest. The helps are invaluable. I needed to score at least a 419 on the real MAT and scored significantly higher than that. I attribute a lot of that success to this prep book and would recommend it to anyone.

I just finished taking the MAT after preparing with this book as my main guide for 2 weeks. This book definitely helped me learn some terms I was not familiar with and brush up on some faint knowledge of certain subject areas. I can say it definitely helped me get at least 4 more questions right than I would have before studying, however, those four points may not make much of a difference depending on where your score falls naturally. Unfortunately I was unable to take a paper version of the actual test, and part of me wishes that all study guides came with computerized versions of the test that buyers could take online. The experience of taking the test via computer versus paper feels and behaves quite differently. The practice tests in almost all the study guides I found had a nice readable sized font, but when I took the test on the computer, the font was maybe 8pt high?! It was much smaller than I was used to reading from the practice tests. Also, in the practice tests in this book, all of the regular terms are in full caps, but on the actual computer test, the regular terms only had the first letter capitalized and the question options were only capitalized if they were proper nouns, which was different from the guide. Not that it makes a huge difference, but it does infer additional information about the question options when the capitalization matters. I found the actual test to be MUCH harder than the practice tests- even outside of all the reasons already mentioned. The test did NOT seem to follow the idea that easy questions were first and harder questions were last. I realize people have different knowledge bases, but because I was expecting easy questions up front, I spent more time up front trying to figure out why things seemed more difficult to me and ended up finding much easier questions near the end of the test. In all of the practice tests I had taken in the book, I never, ever, ran out of time- and I always timed myself while

taking practice tests. For this reason, I didn't pay as much attention to the clock count-down on the screen as I normally would have until I was over half-way through and realizing that I was much further behind than I needed to be. Ultimately I ran short of time on the actual test and near the end just gave random answers in order to have something scored before time was up. This upset me greatly- because it was not a difficulty that I had anticipated based on finishing the 10 practice tests in this book with an average of 5 minutes remaining each time. The practice tests don't give you an estimate of what your scaled score would be, so it's hard to compare to the results you get from practicing to how you do on the actual test. Since scaled scores and raw scores are not a 1:1 relationship because they are based on the difficulty of the tests, I understand why it's not possible to provide a raw score to percentile or scaled score estimate, but it would be nice if there were some clarity in this department- not just from Barrons, but from ALL study guide sources including Pearson's official MAT site. The vocabulary guides are helpful, but I think the Kaplan version of this study guide may provide better organization for the vocabulary studying. The tips for analyzing analogies in this guide were about equal to that of the MAT guide provided for free online. If I could spend my money differently all over again, I might have spent it on an online practice test from the MAT site and checked out a study guide from the library instead of buying this guide. There are some blatant errors in this book, but they don't affect your scoring or learning if you're paying attention. Overall- I did score better than I would have because some of the questions on the test were directly related to questions in the practice tests, however, I do believe there are better guides and ways of improving your score.

Item was received so quickly and it contains great info. I recommend everyone to buy from this seller whenever they need a product like this. Thank you very much!!

Very Helpful if you're about to take this test. It's going to be harder than you think. My husband took it twice. Used this book before the second time. It helped.

Barron's MAT: Miller Analogies Test seems to me a Good book, although I have not completed it yet. It came as stated as was. The shipment was delivered on time.

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