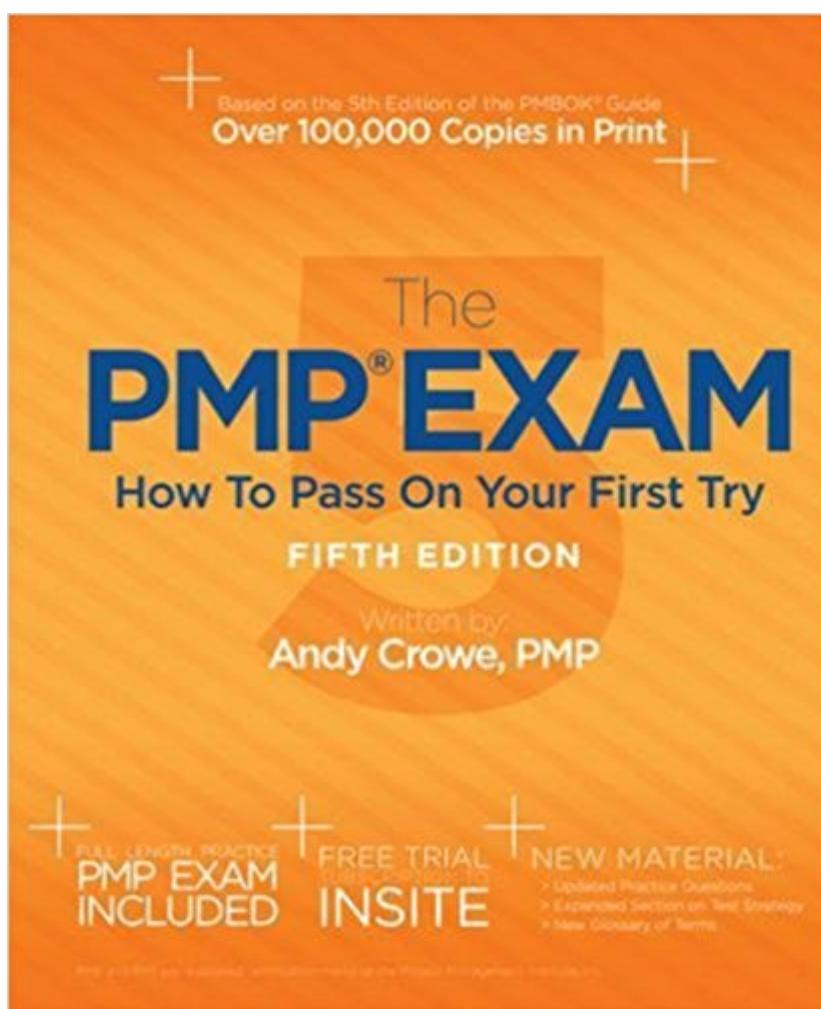


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# The PMP Exam: How To Pass On Your First Try, Fifth Edition



## Synopsis

A study guide for the Project Management Professional (PMP) certification exam, this book provides all the information project managers need to thoroughly prepare for the test. Review materials cover all the processes, inputs, tools, and outputs that will be tested, and extra help is offered with insider secrets, test tricks and tips, hundreds of sample questions, and exercises designed to strengthen mastery of key concepts and help candidates pass the exam on the first attempt.

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This book was by far the most useful asset I had in studying for the PMP Exam! The PMBOK alone will not be enough to pass the exam. This book really helps you dive deep into understanding the

project management processes as well as informing you about information the exam expects you to know but isn't covered in the PMBOK. I think the thing I enjoyed the most however was how the book teaches you how to respond to questions relating to best practices the PMBOK way! Personal experiences made those types of questions harder for me to respond to but the information provided by Andy Crowe helped me understand what the exam was really looking for. If I could I would give this 6 stars. If you are taking the test, this is the book for you, though you may want to wait for a new version as the PMP exam changes January 11, 2016!

I'm so happy to have found this book to help me prepare for the PMP exam! My process:--Read through chapter--Took corresponding quiz--Tallied results (and moved on without reading the explanations)--After I had completed all of the chapters, I went back through and retook the quizzes (I noticed my score had dropped on almost each quiz because it had been weeks since I originally read the chapters)--Read the description for each answer regardless of whether I got the question right or wrong--Took practice exam (scored well, didn't read answer descriptions)--Studied additional materials from a separate class I had taken, my notes, etc.--Retook practice exam (scored even better, felt great, read through each answer description)--Took a different Practice Exam online the night before the PMP (did NOT do well, freaked out)--Studied notes I had taken from this book, practiced formulas, felt betterBottom line, this was very helpful, but I do feel that the questions on the practice exam were much easier than I encountered on the actual PMP exam. I believe this is because they come directly from the text, so they're top of mind. Be sure to supplement your studying with additional resources. Which seems obvious. Also... relax, get organized, drink some whiskey, and focus.

I previously used the 3rd Edition of Andy Crowe's PMP and CAPM study guides, and loved them! I'm currently a CAPM studying for my PMP, and pre-ordered this book since I liked the way the information was presented to me in the prior editions. The problem I'm having so far (I'm currently on Chapter 7, Cost Management), is that it feels like a quickly put together cut & paste job from the previous editions. The 5th edition of the PMBOK renamed, removed and added some process. I've found a couple of places with references to a process that no longer exists in the 5th edition. These are just some examples I was able to go back and find again: - Page 228: The chart with the 13 key earned value management formulas has incorrect formulas. Specifically, the value for Cost Variance is listed as  $CV=EV/AC$ . The right formula is  $CV=EV-AC$  as listed on page 230 and the 3rd Edition of the Andy Crowe PMP book. Schedule Variance, Estimate to Completion and Variance at

Completion formulas are also wrong. - Page 111: The last sentence of the output for Work Performance Information ends with "...are used in the communications process, Report Performance." In the 5th Edition, this process no longer exist. I am not sure what it was called in the 4th Edition, but in the 3rd Edition it was called Performance Reporting, and it was a Monitoring and Controlling process of Communication Management. - Page 106: There are several references to the process "Perform Quality Control" which in the 5th Edition has been renamed to "Control Quality." That's not such a huge difference, but i'm already trying to memorize 47 processes, and don't want to get stuck asking, what's the correct name of that process? - Page 89: The 3rd to last paragraph on this page (under Requirements Management Plan) ends in "...and not the requirements themselves.ww" with two W's at the end of the sentence. - Page 84: The answer to question 24 is not listed at the beginning in bold like the rest of the answers. You have to read the explanation to get it. - Page 45-46: The last 3 paragraphs are the same paragraphs from page 44. (again, minor, but sloppy) - Page 24: "RIsk" is misspelled in the graph. (minor issue, that shouldn't impact your studies, but sloppy.)What I LOVED about Andy Crowe's book was that it had key information that was not on the PMBOK, but was on the exam. Now, I don't know if the reason I'm not seeing that info is because the PMBOK doesn't have it, or because it's a copy and paste from the older edition that no longer applies to the new edition. For instance, there was a question about Heuristics at the end of the Time Management chapter. The only reference I found to this was a mention in the Summary of Key Terms on page 181. I'm just not confident with the book and find myself doubting it at times.

I had attended a class where they simply reviewed the PMBOK which did not tell my why certain formulas were used or tell me much about understanding the data. It was simply memorization. After reviewing the PMP Exam book I better understood the formulas and why they are used. I also better understood the many aspects of inputs and outputs of the many processes. Without this book I could not have passed the PMP exam. I should have spent the money on your book first. I would not have needed the \$1800 4 day class!!!

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