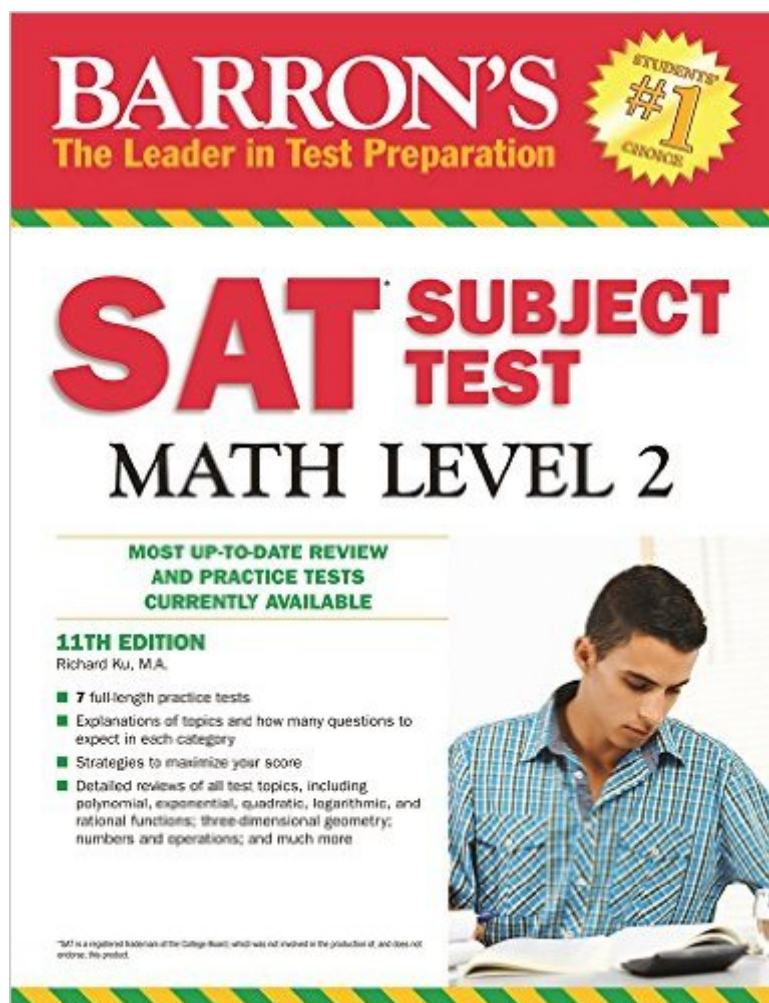


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This manual opens with a diagnostic test that includes explained answers to help students pinpoint their math strengths and weaknesses. In chapters that follow, detailed topic reviews cover polynomial, trigonometric, exponential, logarithmic, and rational functions; coordinate and three-dimensional geometry; numbers and operations; data analysis, statistics, and probability. Six full-length model tests with answers, explanations, and self-evaluation charts conclude this manual. The manual can be purchased alone or with an optional CD-ROM that presents two additional full-length practice tests with answers, explanations, and automatic scoring.

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Customer Reviews

Other reviewers have hinted at it, and I'll go ahead and state it explicitly: this book is overkill. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, though. The book provides a very detailed review of the math on the test, and the practice tests are far more difficult and involved than the actual test. If you're looking for a good score on the Math Level 2 Subject Test, you don't need this book. The review is too detailed and the tests are too demanding. If you're looking for an 800, though, this is exactly the book you'll want. It prepares you for the one or two questions on the test that most test-takers won't even attempt, the one or two questions that could be the difference between a 790 and an 800. You'll cover things, like the latus rectum of a hyperbola, that probably won't show up on the test, but you'll be ready if they do. The real strength of this book is in its solutions. It provides detailed solutions to

each example problem and each problem on the practice tests. I found it very helpful to read through these solutions for every problem, even those I got right. In several cases, I found that the authors used a faster and more efficient technique. The book really emphasizes these techniques as a way to increase both speed and accuracy. In particular, it places heavy emphasis on leveraging the graphing calculator to solve problems. I've come to expect that a test prep book will give a basic review of material, some generic "tips" (make educated guesses, use the process of elimination, etc.), and provide a couple of practice tests. This book goes far beyond that with a detailed and comprehensive review, clever techniques and methods that are actually helpful, and six challenging (but in the style of the subject test) practice tests with detailed solutions. If you want the 800 and you're willing to put in the effort, this book is the way to go.

I used the book to prepare for the Math SAT II after being told that it was way harder than the actual test. It was! The highest score I got in the book was a 690 (I took four of the seven practice tests), but on the actual test I got an 800. I can't not recommend the book after getting that score, but I'm pretty advanced in math and for anyone who has more difficulty, the book would have been very frustrating because it covers more complex material that may not be on the actual test. A great review for anyone determined to get the top score.

This is the best SAT II math 2 prep book out there. Although the problems were a bit challenging and some trivial than of the actual test, this book is perfect. It provides lucid explanations and it is very thorough. Also, don't be too discouraged when you don't do too well on the practice tests. For me, I scored around 670 on my first practice test and my highest score in this book was 720. On the day of the test, I was able to finish the test with around 10 minutes left over. I only missed one problem and omitted a question, nevertheless I still scored an 800. This book with unequivocally is the best there is for SAT II Math level 2.

Get this book if you really want to be prepared. Generally speaking, Barron's books are great for all tests, whether it's your AP Calculus test or the (evil) subject tests. The review sections are comprehensive, with the exception of probability. I had trouble with that section and the review was a bit skimpy, though I absolutely suck at probability. So it might be different for you. However, the other sections are incredibly helpful. The practice tests are HARD-- the worst possible situation you could get on test day times ten. So your score on those tests will likely be lower than your actual score, for example, the highest I got was a 720, and that was after correcting silly mistakes like

forgetting 6×2 is 12, not 8. On the actual test, however, I got an 800. Get this book. It's cheap, and it really helps. Excellent deal. And good luck on your test!

I purchased this book one week before I had the SATs... actually, less than that. I opened it on Tuesday, and the SAT Subject Tests were on Saturday. Bad idea- I know- but planning things out in advance isn't really my thing. First thing, I took Barron's "Diagnostic Test". What a disaster. I got half the questions right, if that. Panic mounted as I realized I had five days to learn all the material in the book. Yes, it was slightly painful as I marched through the book page by page. Barron's took at least ten hours of my life away from me, as I reviewed parabolas, functions, and integer sequences- but it was necessary review. Barron's also taught me topics that we had even begun to cover in my honors math class. The review questions at the end of the chapter made sure I actually understood what I was doing, so when I finally got to the last page on Friday night around 8pm, I felt like half the battle had already been won. And as I took the Math II in a stuffy classroom early on a Saturday morning, I realized that the Barron's book had saved my life. The first half of the test was a breeze, and although the second half was more difficult, I was able to do the majority of problems with very little trouble due to the rigorous preparation that one book- Barron's- had put me through. Some of the topics in the Barron's book didn't even show up on the test, as many reviewers before me I am sure have pointed out. But really, what's the harm? On my diagnostic test, I'm pretty sure my score was in the low 500s. I got a 780 on the actual thing. If you want that score, and you're like me- procrastinating, underprepared junior- then get this book. It takes some discipline to get through the whole book, but this is your future we're talking about, and seriously, Barron's will help you to get there.

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