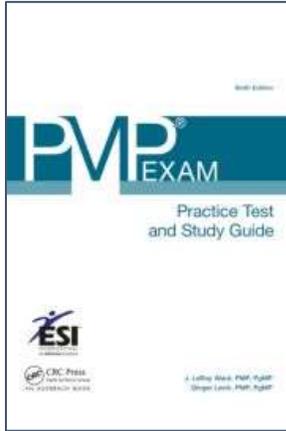


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## PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



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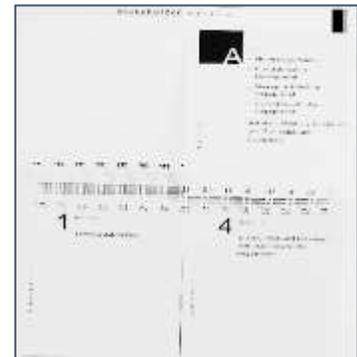
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### Introduction to the Book

The *PMP® Exam Practice Test and Study Guide, Ninth Edition* and the *PMP® Exam Challenge!, Sixth Edition* are two books designed to assist anyone studying for their PMP exam. They are some of the first study guides based upon the recently released PMBOK® Guide, Fifth Edition, released mid-year, 2013.

As its name implies, the "*PMP Exam Practice Test and Study Guide, 9th Edition*" provides separate test chapters of 40 questions each focused on each of the 10 PMP Knowledge Areas, a total of 400 questions, as well as an overall 200 question practice test.

The "*PMP Exam Challenge!, 6th Edition*" provides a series of flash cards – 60 per Knowledge Area – 600 in total, designed to aid in preparing for the PMP exam.



The books are relatively small, 7" x 9¼" for the Test and Study Guide and 6" x 8" for the Exam Challenge! Both books are approx. 1¼" thick and are bound with double wire/twin loop/Wire-O bindings.

### **Overview of Books' Structure**

While the two books can be used in a stand-alone fashion, clearly they are designed to complement one another.

Each chapter of the Exam Practice Test and Study Guide includes a basic overview that includes chapter "Study Hints" and a listing of "Major topics" addressed by the Knowledge Area addressed in the chapter. Each chapter also includes a single page answer sheet and An "Answer Key" with explanations of why the answer was selected.

The *PMP Exam Challenge!* Is laid out to viewed horizontally, landscape view. Pages are cut in half with the top having the question and the flip side the answer, thus giving you two flash cards per page. Each of the cards is numbered.

### **Highlights: What's New in this Book**

The critical new feature to both books is alignment to the *PMBOK® Guide, Fifth Edition* that was released mid-year, 2013.

When studying for this new version of the certification test it is critical to find study materials that reflected both the updated terminology in *PMBOK® Guide, Fifth Edition*, but also scenario-based questions that address the new Knowledge Area.

In addition to a hard copy 200 question test, the Exam Practice Test and Study Guide includes an online test to help you prepare for testing on a computer.

### **Highlights: What I liked!**

Dependent upon your learning style and technology preferences, the two book's highlights can be considered strengths or weaknesses.

Other than reflecting the changes in PMBOK v5, the books are small enough to be carried in either a backpack or laptop case. While some may favor an online-centric solution, the ability to make margin notes or use some form of sticky notes is a real plus when compared to using a tablet or laptop.

Probably the best feature of the *Exam Practice Test and Study Guide* is that each answer includes the page reference to the PMBOK Guide so you can remediate any questions you missed / topic areas you are unfamiliar with.

## Shortfalls: What was Missing!

Many studying for the PMP exam own a tablet computer of some type. Since PMI makes available to members a .pdf version of the PMBOK Guide, it is quite common to always have the PMBOK v5 with you for quick studying whenever you have some free time. While the hardcopy books are great, having at least the Exam Challenge's flash cards in a basic applet form would really enhance it usage.

## Who might benefit from the Book?

Anyone studying for the PMP exam would benefit from either book. Having the two-book set allows you to approach your studies from different ways based upon where you are in your studies and how much time you have in each sitting.

## Conclusion

As anyone that has taken the PMP exam will tell you, test, test, test! The "*PMP Exam Practice Test and Study Guide, Ninth Edition*" and the "*PMP Exam Challenge!, Sixth Edition*" give you the ability to do just that. Combined they provide 1,000 questions that should go a long way in helping anyone prepare for the exam.

Wish me luck!

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