PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW

Book Title: *PgMP® Exam Test Preparation: Test Questions, Practice Tests, and Simulated Exams*

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Introduction

This book is about the PgMP® certification exam preparation. It has been written for candidates who are interested in appearing for the PgMP® certification exam. It has practice questions which can help candidates in preparing for the Project Management Professional (PgMP®) exam.

The questions in the book reflect the changes that have been made to the PMI’s Standard for Project Management, Fourth Edition (2017).

The book has a total of 520 test questions which includes two practice tests of 170 questions each. The questions have been arranged by sections covering all the knowledge area domains of the PMI’s Standard for Project Management, Fourth Edition (2017).

Overview of Book’s Structure

The book has been divided into 13 Sections as follows:

Section 1 – Program Strategy Alignment
Section 2 – Initiating the Program/Program Formulation
Section 3 – Planning the Program
Section 4 – Executing the Program/Program Delivery
Section 5 – Controlling/Program Performance Monitoring and Controlling
Section 6 – Closing the Project
Section 7 – Program Benefits Management
Section 8 – Program Stakeholder Engagement
Section 9 – Program Governance
Section 10 – Practice Test 1
Section 11 – Practice Test 2
Section 12 – Appendix: Study Matrix
Section 13 – References

Sections 1 through 9 contain 20 multi-choice sample questions each related to a specific subject domain as listed above. These 20 questions are followed by an answer sheet on which the candidate can mark his or her choice of the correct answer.

This is followed by an Answer Key, which give the correct answer to each question, explains the rationale behind the selection of the correct answer. This is very helpful in understanding the logic behind the correct answer.

Sections 10 and 11 contain two practice tests of 170 multi-choice questions each. The candidates are required to complete each practice tests in 4 hours. These tests are followed by an answer sheet, on which the candidate can mark his or her choice of the correct answer and an Answer Key, which explains the rationale behind the selection of the correct answer which is very helpful in understanding the logic behind correct answer.

Section 12 is the Appendix which includes a study matrix which can be used by the candidate to list down questions that need more attention.

Section 13 gives the list of references that have been used in writing this book.

Highlights

The book is very useful for candidates who are interested in passing the PgMP® exam. The main highlight of the book is the selection of the practice test questions. The questions reflect the revisions that have been carried out in the PMI’s Standard for Program Management 4th Edition (2017).

Another highlight of the book is that it gives online access to two 170 multi-choice question practice tests. The questions are the same that are given in the book in Section 10 and 11. These tests are set for 4 hours each and simulate the actual exam environment. The candidate can take these tests as many times as they like. The question also include rational for the correct answers.

The score for the tests can be seen by the number of correct answers for each domain and the level the candidate has achieved, such as “Above Target, Target, Below Target or Needs Improvement”.

Highlights: What I liked!

The book is very useful for anyone who is preparing for the PgMP® exam. It covers all domains that are given in the Standard for Program Management Fourth Edition. The sample questions are valid and with varied difficulty level. The explanation and rationale given for the correct answer are a good help in understanding the logic of the correct answer.
What I liked most about the book are the on-line practice tests of the 170 multi-choice questions each. The practice test can be very useful preparing for the PgMP® exam as they simulate the exam environment and the time. It is somewhat similar to taking the actual exam.

Who might benefit from the Book?

Anyone who is preparing for the PgMP® exam can benefit from this book. The book has 520 questions and has access to two online practice test which can be very helpful in preparing for the exam.

Conclusion

The book PgMP® Exam Test Preparation, Test Questions, Practice Tests, and Simulated Exams, authored by Ginger Levin, PMP, PgMP is a very useful book for anyone who is preparing for the PgMP® exam. With 520 questions and 2 on-line practice tests it is a very useful aid for preparing for the PgMP® exam. The book would be one out of a number of books that would be required for the preparation for the PgMP® exam.
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