PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW

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Introduction


Overview of Book’s Structure

The book contains 277 questions and answers with explanations and references to the PMBOK 6th edition. All 13 sections of the PMBOK have targeted questions. Since sprinkled into each Knowledge areas are sections for Agile/Adaptive environments, Key Concepts for the Knowledge area, and Tailoring Considerations, there are also targeted questions for those topics. There is also a question/answer section for the Glossary.

Highlights

What better place to get practice questions than from the organization that prepares the exam? The questions do not target just the updates. It is a realistic test preparation situation. The actual test may only be 200 questions with 175 scored, but the books goes beyond that and provides 77 more questions.

Highlights: What I liked!

The book is purely a set of Questions and a set of Answers. Not only is the correct answer with a PMBOK 6 reference given, but the associated text from the PMBOK 6 is also given. Doing practice tests is an excellent preparation to the exam. There are no extra opinions. All of the answers are supported by the PMBOK.
Highlights: What was Missing?

The “Q and As” only cover the PMBOK 6th ed. There was not a section for the Ethical Responsibilities. Although that topic is in a separate publication, the PMP exam covers Ethical Responsibilities of PMP credential holders.

Who might benefit from the Book?

Candidates preparing for the exam will get the most benefit from the book. Already credentialed PMs can benefit from a review of the extensive changes in PMBOK 6.

Conclusion

Q and A’s for the PMBOK 6th edition gives excellent practice questions. There is no extra commentary or opinions. Just questions (and answers)!

For more about this book, go to: https://marketplace.pmi.org/Pages/ProductDetail.aspx?GMProduct=00101605301

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