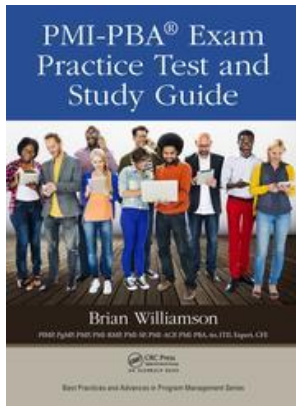


PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***PMI-PBA Exam Practice Test and Study Guide***

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Introduction

PMI-PBA Exam Practice Test and Study Guide by Brian Williamson is a book to prepare a candidate to successfully pass the PMI-PBA exam the first time. It cannot be used alone. This guide is aligned with other PMI publications including: *Business Analysis for Practitioners: A Practice Guide*, *Requirements Management: A Practice Guide*, and the *PMI-PBA Examination Outline*. This guide also references the *Project Management Book of Knowledge*.

Who Might Benefit from the Book?

PMI-PBA Exam Practice Test and Study Guide will benefit anyone preparing for the PMI-PBA exam.

Overview of Book's Structure

The chapters of *PMI-PBA Exam Practice Test and Study Guide* are organized to walk the reader through the process of a 65-Day Study Plan.

- Chapter 1 Introduction
- Chapter 2 Needs Assessment
- Chapter 3 Planning
- Chapter 4 Analysis
- Chapter 5 Traceability and Monitoring
- Chapter 6 Evaluation
- Chapter 7 About PMI and the PMI-PBA Credential
- Chapter 8 Preparing for the Exam
- Chapter 9 Ready, Set... Exam Success
- 200-Question Practice Exam

Highlights

Chapters 2 through 6 start with study hints for that topic, chapter exercises, and conclude with 20 topic specific practice questions. An informative answer key details why each potential answer is correct or not. Chapters 2 through 4 also include memory games to help with retention.

Recommended Steps to Follow

I would start with chapter 7, About PMI and the PMI-PBA Credential. It explains the “Why” of the exam and the eligibility requirements. The preface also recommends reviewing the technique for predicting your overall exam score in Section 8.2.9.1 on page 190 before attempting your first domain quiz.

Highlights: What I Liked!

Business Analysis applies to virtually every industry and profession. *PMI-PBA Exam Practice Test and Study Guide* was written to combine sources from different disciplines in a cohesive way that emphasizes the role of the business analyst.

Conclusion

Change is inevitable with the advances and innovations of technology and the rapid globalization of industries. Continuous learning is required to remain relevant in today’s rapidly-changing world. *PMI-PBA Exam Practice Test and Study Guide* provides a 65-Day Study Plan to build knowledge of business analysis and how it fits in the project life cycle that is necessary to pass the exam.

The publisher, CRC Press, provides additional information about this book including a preview at: <https://www.crcpress.com/PMI-PBA-Exam-Practice-Test-and-Study-Guide/Williamson/p/book/9781138054479>.

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