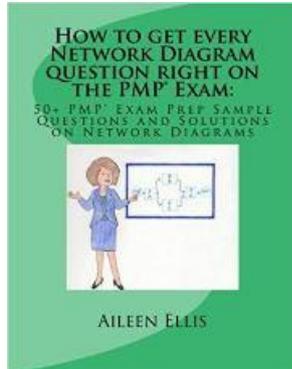


PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***How to get every Network Diagram Question right on the PMP Exam***

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Introduction

How to get every Network Diagram Question right on the PMP Exam - PMP Exam Prep Simplified - One in a series of mini-books (50+ PMP Exam Prep Sample Questions and Solutions on Network Diagrams) – Now that's a title!

Aileen's view on PMP Exam Preparation

To learn to ride a bike, a person must ride a bike. To learn to pass the PMP Exam, a person must practice with hundreds and hundreds of PMP Exam Prep sample questions.

This book is the third book in her series of mini- books - PMP® Exam Preparation Simplified Series. Over the last 20 years Aileen has helped more than 10,000 project managers in her workshops obtain their PMP credential. Often the participants in Aileen's workshops are successful project managers who may lack experience in specific topics on the PMP Exam. The topics that participants seem to struggle with the most include:

- Earned value Management (EVM)
- Contract types and calculations (FPIF, CPIF, PTA, etc.)
- **Network diagrams including float, free float, project float, leads and lags**
- Financial based questions (IRR, ROI, etc.)
- Statistical based questions

There is one thing all of these areas have in common and it is math.

Overview of Book's Structure

- **Part One-** Some basic ideas on Network Diagrams and a short Video Class for purchasers of the book (<http://aileenellis.com/network-diagram-example-for-pmp-exam-and-capm-exam-from-aileen/>).
- **Part Two-** 50+ Network Diagram Questions and Solutions. Her approach is to do the questions one at a time with a solution explanation. Readers learn from one question before moving on to the next question.

Highlights

It is an easy read and very understandable. After Part One (Definitions), Part Two provides 50 questions with the solution and commentary. She also provides three Bonus questions/solutions on EVM, Contract Computations and Financial Analysis

Who might benefit from the Book?

Aileen has created mini-books in each of the math problem areas so that students preparing for the exam can gain both the knowledge and the confidence to get those questions right.

Unfortunately, many project managers want to study just enough to pass the PMP Exam and not one second more. Aileen's view is to practice on enough sample questions in each area so that the project manager is confident he/she will never get a question in that area wrong.

While the primary goal of this book and Aileen's workshops is to help students pass the PMP Exam, Aileen hopes that reader will also walk away as a more knowledgeable and successful project manager.

The author also has mini-books on:

- Contract Calculations - <https://www.amazon.com/every-Contract-Calculation-question-books/dp/150076678X>
- Earned Value - https://www.amazon.com/every-Earned-Value-question-right/dp/1502494760/ref=pd_lpo_sbs_14_t_0?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=H50YS0RAQ2H506DHW2NG

Conclusion

Many of the math questions on the exam require more than a reading of the PMBOK to gain understanding and comprehension of the issue. This book tackles one of those areas: Network Diagrams. It does a great job of explaining the concepts.

For more about this book, go to: <https://aileenellis.com/>

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