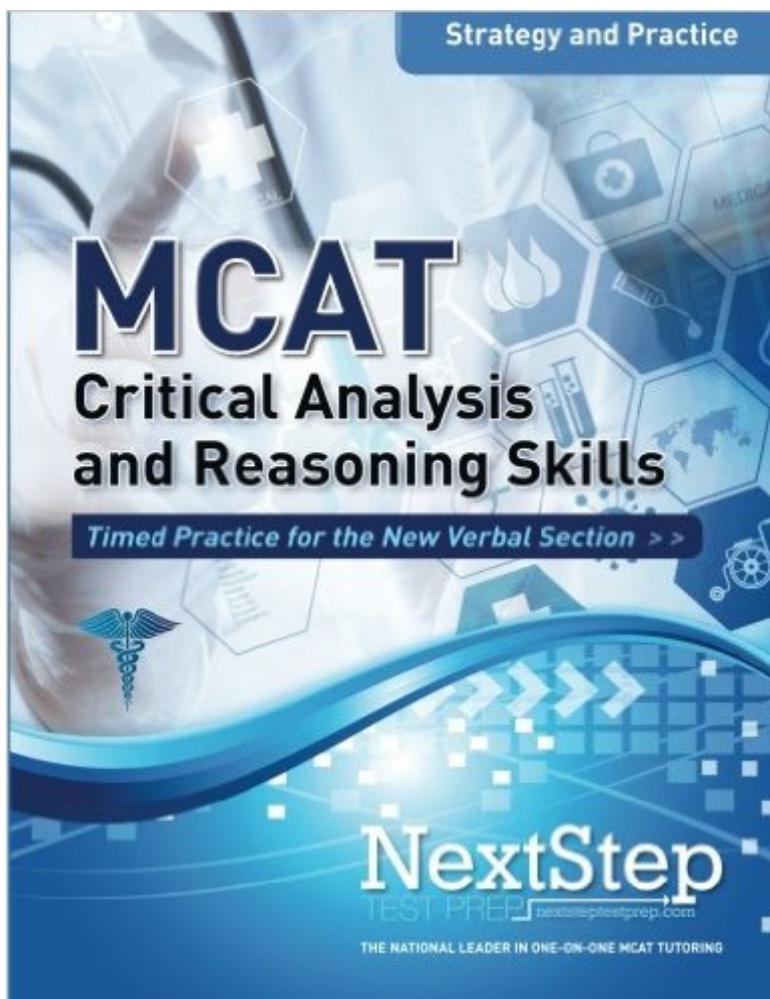


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# MCAT Critical Analysis And Reasoning Skills: Strategy And Practice: Timed Practice For The New MCAT Verbal Section



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I've used Princeton Review, Kaplan, and Examkrackers as prep - Examkrackers (9th edition) as my

main prep, TPR Psychology and Kaplan Biochem to supplement. In comparison, I can say that NextStep is written rather poorly -- It's examples are too long and not an accurate representation of MCAT questions- Explanations are lacking, and some answers seem ambiguous- The product itself actually has ads (a number for private tutoring) on the top right of every page. These factors themselves don't warrant the 1 star. What made me rate this product a 1 star was the fact that the company has seemingly planted positive reviews on this product, and several of their other ones. Read any of the (suspicious) 5 star reviews - not only are they worded like testimonials in some cheap product page, but if you click the reviewers, several of them have ONLY REVIEWED NEXT STEP PRODUCTS. And all of those reviews? 5 stars. Do not be fooled by the fake reviews, and look elsewhere for test prep - Kaplan, TPR, and Examkrackers are all solid choice. Check their actual reviews and decide for yourself. I for one won't be supporting an inferior product from a business with shady practices. Either take down the fake reviews or make a product actually worth 5 stars.

Worthless in every way. The questions are much longer and more ambiguous than what you will actually see on the test and the explanations often fail to deliver any kind of real justice or proof for choosing one answer over another. The number for "private tutoring" is at the top of every page. This is nothing more than a cleverly-concealed advertisement for tutoring sessions.

What I really liked about this book was its comprehensive practice and explanations for the passages. The book starts out with familiarization of several different techniques that students use on the MCAT CARS section. What I believe is most helpful and extremely beneficial here (and what I gained the most from) is their emphasis that no one strategy is best. We, as MCAT takers, should practice all of them in depth to give us a sense of what we like most. The variety and extent of practice passages in the different half sections in this book give us great opportunity to practice different strategies to see what works best for us. In addition, they provide detailed explanations to better understand and give us the tools to guide ourselves to the correct answer. I definitely recommend this book for anyone taking the MCAT.

I've gone through all the mcat test prep books. This is the only book that annotates everything from passage summary, key terms, main ideas, and reasoning for each question answer from front to back. I always wanted annotated passage guide.. and I'm really happy that they provided explanations for all the questions.

The passages were extremely longer than actual mcat 2015 passages and that didn't help me at all.

Purchased the book for my April 2015 test after I could not get a Jan date. I have the psych book too. Neither book has any color or cool illustrations but for these subjects it doesn't matter. As for the content, the strategy is great. They make it pretty clear what is and is not changing for the new test. My favorite has to be the passages and explanations. The passages are pretty tough and seem almost exactly like what the AAMC released in October so that is a good sign. I'll know more as I study. Only 4 stars due to the rather drab setup, no color, etc...

Great guide for the verbal section of the new MCAT. This is the second book that I have purchased with NextStep test prep - great books. The only thing is there is no color so the book looks a little boring. However, I found the explanations and tools in the appendices really helpful.

As a former MCAT taker I found this book to be invaluable. The texts are just as hard as the real thing and follow the same format. While not all of the questions asked perfectly reflect the real exam (which is true of any product from any test company), most of them are similar. This is a great start for those training for the verbal section of the MCAT exam.

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