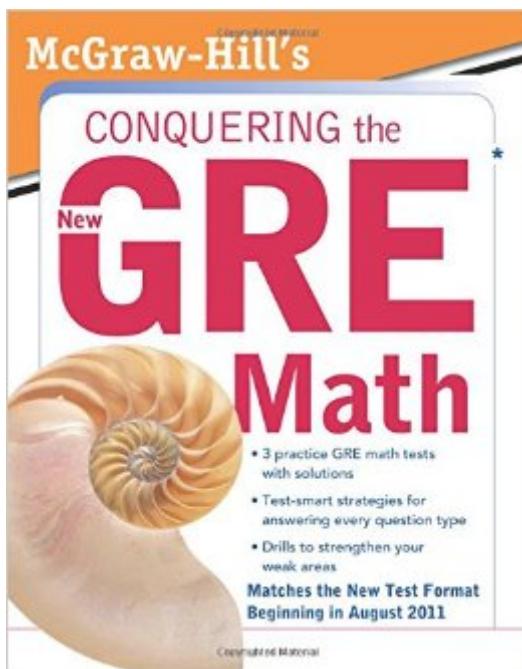


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# McGraw-Hill's Conquering The New GRE Math



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Be ready for the mathematics sections of the GRE General Test--scheduled to be revised in August 2011 McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* offers you intensive review for every kind of GRE math question. Within each topic, solved problems of gradually increasing difficulty help you build your problem-solving skills. Exercises show how each math concept is tested on the GRE. Full-length GRE math sections provide practice with questions just like those on the real test.

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## Customer Reviews

I took the revised GRE yesterday. Several weeks ago I was feeling really weak on my math skills, even though I had worked through a Princeton Review book. The PR book was just too much strategy and not enough actual math. This book walked me through examples of math that I just

didn't remember, and had lots of practice problems for every skill. It was absolutely phenomenal and I would recommend it to anyone who feels shaky on GRE math. I was feeling pretty confident going into the test yesterday after working through this book over the past few weeks, and I knocked it out of the park!

This book is great for refreshing your math skills, however it should not be your only resource. Of all the GRE prep materials I've used to study for the quant section, this is clearly the easiest. It provides good overview of number properties, quadratic equations, standard deviations, square roots etc. However, I did notice that most geometry principles are explained in pros without presenting a figure for illustrating the concept. This seems like an incredibly inadequate way to present geometric laws. Either way, after starting with this book, move on to the Kaplan and Nova books for an accurate depiction of the real math on the GRE. After taking the practice tests under timed conditions and getting all 800 scores with McGraw Hill New Gre Math, I knew something was wrong. And I am NOT great at math. Therefore, this book has only limited value. Supplement supplement and practice practice, just one resource is seldom the best resource.

I used this book to review math concepts before looking at the math portion of my Barron's GRE book (which covered all portions of the test, not just quantitative). The McGraw-Hill book felt tedious at times, in part because of how much information they cram onto each page without diagrams. In comparison, I liked the Barron's math chapters much more and found them better organized and easier to understand. The McGraw Hill book unfortunately lacks the test-taking tactics that Barron's provides, which I found extremely useful during the test. Having not taken math since high school, I did re-learn important quantitative concepts from the McGraw Hill book, but I felt like I didn't thoroughly learn them until I reinforced the same concepts with the quantitative section of the Barron's general GRE prep book. Regardless, this book contributed, to some extent, to my (hallelujah!) high score in the 98th percentile. If you're going to use it, use it in tandem with another study resource.

This book is a great review of all the topics covered on the math portion of the GRE. It's got great concise explanations of all concepts and plenty of practice problems. After all, the best way to get better at math is to do it.

I haven't taken Math for many years, and since I am not from this country originally, I have never

taken Math in English. This book is great! It has everything from easy stuff to much harder stuff, and there are plenty of exercises to strengthen weak areas and feel confident about taking the GRE. I would recommend this book to everyone wanting to get a great score!

This is a good introduction, but don't rely on it to give you a truly good quantitative score. The questions offered for practice are far less tricky than actual GRE questions, which often involve not just knowing how to perform the math in straightforward ways, but to apply some more obscure knowledge or techniques in addition to the simple stuff. If you only need a decent score (ie your prospective program isn't heavy on the quantitative) this book is easy and relaxing and could help you, but it doesn't even get you remotely prepared for a high percentile score. Try Magoosh (website) and Manhattan Prep's 6 Math books for more comprehensive preparation. This book is for liberal arts majors. An anecdote: I did a chapter in this book and got all the problems correct, then immediately did some practice problems in the same subject on Magoosh and got 50%. Granted it was one of my worst subjects, but that is how little it prepares you.

It is difficult to trust this book when there are so many basic math errors printed. Working through GRE test questions and finding the answer key to include incorrect answers and typos really puts a dent in studying. I've been forced to check, and recheck answers through multiple sources just to make sure I wasn't going crazy. I looked to the website for a list of corrections but did not find any printed. Save your money and time and try other resources.

Get supplemental material if you're not 100% sure how to already do most of this. It doesn't do that great of a job explaining step-by-step. I used it in conjunction with the Magoosh site, which is a recommended material. Decent review though.

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