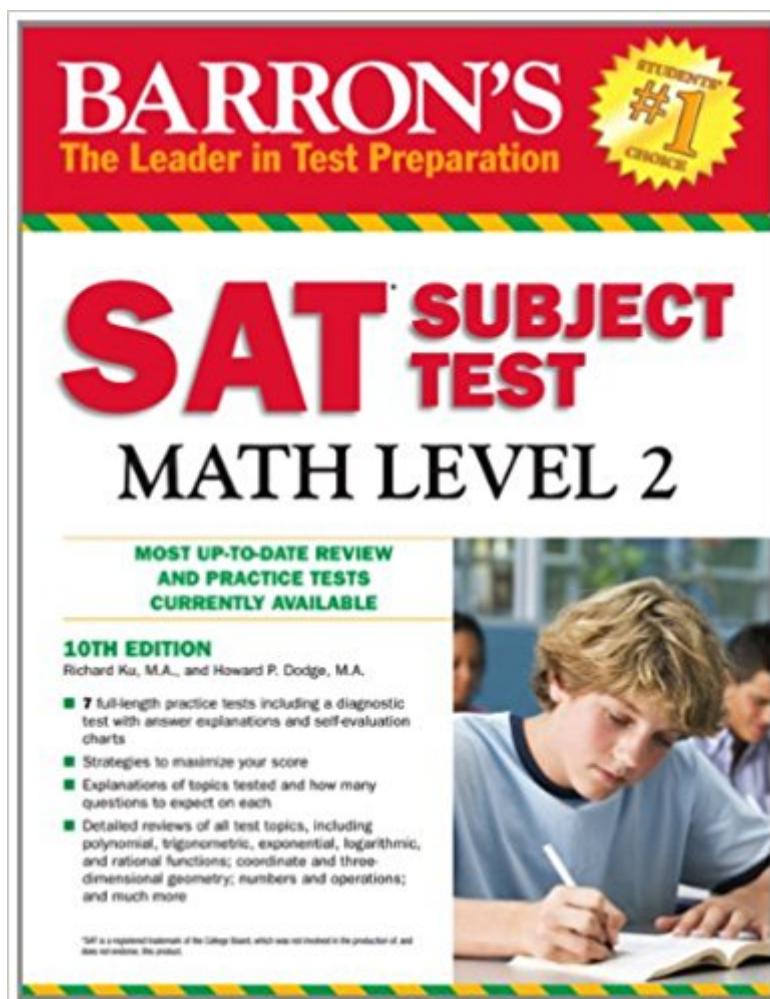


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Customer Reviews

Wow, there's already an 11th edition. Anyway, pretty good to review concepts. I think 10 practice tests are provided, one diagnostic included. When I studied this book, I did a diagnostic test (.. I think I got mid 500's which freaked me out a little), read through the review section in one weekend before the test, and then did four practice tests. At the time, I thought there were only two practice tests and spaced two tests throughout the week before the test, but then I realized there were actually ten! So I crammed in two more practice test and took the real test that Saturday. For my practice tests, I could only get in the low 600 range. I think my highest score was 670 (and I think I kind of cheated and gave myself pity points). For the actual test, I got 770. The practice tests in this book is def harder than the actual test, but it's good practice. (Note: I got 730 for both practice tests in the CollegeBoard Math book.) Other details:- I'm not REALLY GOOD at math, but I'm also not

horrible at it. My pre-calc teacher did a horrible job teaching, which was why I felt I really needed to take advantage of the review section of this book. - My SAT subject test was taken in June of 2014- Haha I actually didn't finish with a bunch of time like other people. I remember not getting enough time to figure out the last question of the test- This book makes you use the calculator more than you would on the actual test- Learn to use your calculator, learn all the shortcuts!- There were a few typos and errors in this book. On one page it would say the answer is "A" and in the explanations it'd say the answer is "D".- In my personal opinion, Dr. John Chung's is not helpful at all. I thought the 53 tips were some miracle advice that would get most people a high score, but they're actually a collection of equations. I'm not someone who can just understand equations and properties well, so I ditched this book after reading the first two pages. Also, the practice tests were EVEN HARDER than Barron's (how?!?) so it was definitely not for me.- REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR GRAPHING CALCULATOR

If you're taking this test after a Pre-Calc course, you might take one of the practice exams in this book and feel like you've learned nothing. No worries! The tests in this book are much much more difficult compared to the actual exam. I liked how this test gave seven practice tests, more than enough for sufficient practice, but don't feel disheartened if you score lower than you expected. I have read forums from other students and many who got 650-700s on these practice tests scored close to, if not, 800 on the real thing. What I didn't like about this book was the structure. The book teaches everything through different types of examples, but sometimes it's better to have written explanations especially in more difficult to comprehend areas of Pre-Calc. Just giving examples with single sentence explanations didn't seem adequate to me. I found myself referring to my class notes instead, since they were more logical to follow and easier to review with. This book assumes that you remember something about all the topics and just need a little nudge to remember everything else. It would have been better if the book gave a comprehensive review of everything in a more logical manner.

The main issue with the Barron's SAT Math 2 Book is that it is unrealistic and hard. Many of the questions require use of calculator functions, switching between degrees and radians multiple times, and cover topics that are not actually covered on the real test, such as matrices and ellipses. The book is helpful in that it prepares you and gives you many examples of the tougher 10 questions that you may find at the end of the test, but in doing so neglects to cover the basic stuff that the rest of the 40 questions will ask you. Buy the book only if you already have taken Precal or higher,

because you will already have the background for most of the basics and will thus be able to focus on the harder questions that Barron's focuses on. Also, don't worry if you often go over the time limit for practice tests by even up to 30 minutes; the Barron's questions are hard and time consuming, and most likely on the real test you will have 10 minutes or more to spare at the end. One thing that was good about the book was the sheer quantity of practice tests included. You may find only 1 or 2 practice tests in PR books, but this includes 7 (including the diagnostic test).

If you are aiming for 800, this is the book for you. I have used both the Princeton Review book and this book. I find that the information in this book is very concise, so it is best if you already know your stuff before using this book. At times, the explanations for answers to questions may be unclear, but in general, everything is explained quite nicely. Be warned, though, that the tests in this book do not reflect the difficulty on the actual test. Barrons is known to over-prepare you and this ensures that you can score at least 700. I like that the book has so many practice tests (7 in total, including 1 diagnostic!), so that you can hone your skills, but I do wish that they had more practice questions after each section. Overall, this was a very good buy - I got this for around \$9 in total! If you want to get 750 and above on the test, this is the book for you!

This book does basically everything one needs it to do. A few practice tests and review of the material presented on the test. I got an 800 on the SAT Subject Test after using this for the practice tests and review problems. The problems in here are generally more challenging than those on the actual test, but it is good to practice all sorts of problems and get the timing down for when you take the actual test. If I had to recommend one study guide for the SAT Math level II, I'd go with this. Barron's has historically done very well for me, and I love it.

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