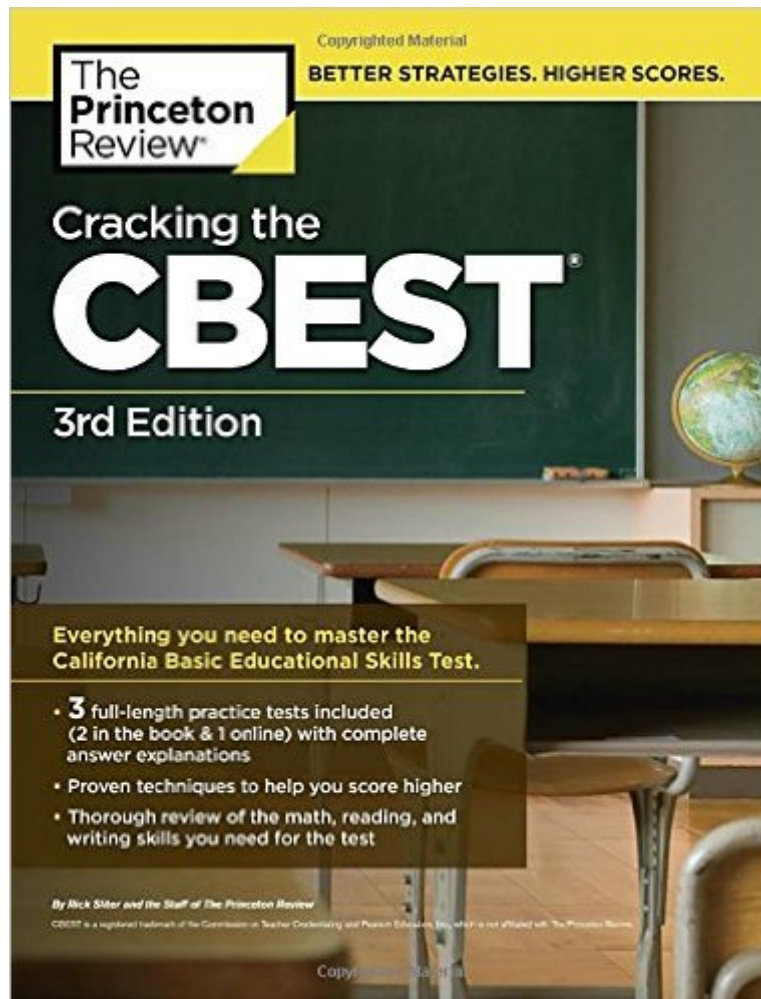


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This book is extremely helpful in prepping for the CBEST. I used it extensively prior to taking the exam and am quite glad that I did, considering the depth of material tested. I hadn't done some of that math in over 15 years. Having said that - I just wanted to forewarn anyone who purchases this edition to be aware that there's actually an answer error in the first practice test. I notified the

Princeton Review and they are adjusting the problem. Here is their response: "Thank you for bringing this to our attention! We apologize for the inconvenience and confusion this caused. You're correct-- question #24 should read D. Please see our Book Corrections list attached to this email where we address this misprint. Thanks again for taking the time to email us and best of luck with your preparation for the CBEST!" Page Current Text Amended Text Page 268 Answer key of Math Section, Question #24 reads A, \$24. Page 276 Question #24 answer reads A. Answer should read D. Question #24 in math section should read D, \$168

After using a different CBEST study book and not passing the test I decided to use this one. The difference was incredible. The questions were practically identical to the ones I had on the test. The tips were incredibly helpful and helped me pass the test. My only minor criticism with the book is that it comes with two tests and one online. I would rather have three tests inside the book. But it helped me pass the test and worked wonders.

I'm 51 years old and I stink at math. I studied for about a month and I passed my first time with a strong score! Right in the middle of the pack, no scraping by! Now on to the CSET. I will be getting that next. Couldn't be happier.

I bought this book because it was so highly reviewed. I glad I made that choice. I studied the Reading and Mathematics section the last four days and took my test via computer today. I got a 52 on the English and a 62 on the Math, I just have to wait for my essay results. I glossed over the essay review because I felt confident in the essay department. The reason I gave this test 4 stars is because the math section had me studying things that weren't on the test. Please believe them when they talk about time management. Do yourself a favor and time yourself when your doing the practice test. I got to see where I needed extra time. When I took the test I spent an hour and ten minutes on the reading, an hour and twenty on the math and 30 minutes for each essay. I had plenty of time to review my essay and problems I flagged. Now I just need to sit and wait for my essay results.

I used this book to help me prepare for and pass the CBEST test and get my California teaching credentials. I like that this book has very detailed topic reviews. It was very helpful but I found it necessary to use other study guides (the Teaching Solutions CBEST book and the Cliff notes CBEST book) to make sure I covered as much information as possible for the test. The CBEST

book from teaching solutions has very good practice tests. This strategy to use more than one study guide worked for me as I did pass when I took the test.

The strategies in this book are so helpful when it came to taking the CBEST exam. I felt well prepared for it even though I was nervous about passing the sections. This book is geared towards trying to take all three section at once, but if you feel like doing one or two sections at a time, you can do that. I took two sections first because writing two essays took very much of my time. For the essay section in the prep book, I didn't practice writing the essays because attempting to grade your own essay is pointless. There is a very specific essay layout you should follow for argument (why you agree or disagree on a topic) and experience (tell me about an experience where you did something) essays. I followed them during the actual exam and passed that section very easily. The essay topics for the CBEST exam are modern and easy to relate to; however, if you're someone who doesn't use modern technology and technology related trends, some topics may be very difficult for you. I was thrilled I passed the reading section because I thought this section was the most difficult. The book teaches you the strategies, but you think a different way as oppose to the people who created the exam. You think you had picked the best answer, but it turns out, it's the other answer... What you practice in the book will be similar on your CBEST exam. You'll be reading a one page topic to answer a few question, which is kind of annoying. Some topics you'll be unfamiliar with thus making it hard to pick the correct answer to the questions. I felt this section was a big gamble as if I was rolling a dice on each of the questions I had to read over and over. I finally took the last section and passed the math section on the first try too. The strategies for the math section are very helpful because my mind went blank when attempting to do fractions problems. Just because I forgot how to do them doesn't mean I should panic. The book teaches you other strategies to answer the math questions. Overall, I strongly recommend this prep book for the CBEST exam for providing me with easy-to-follow strategies on passing all three sections. When I went to take it twice, I spoke with other people who were there taking it too. Many of them didn't use a prep book and some of them used videos on YouTube to help them prepare for the CBEST exam, but these people have taken it more than five times. You should also register on their website to get access to additional practice exam and bubble sheet. They also have the correct answers on there too.

This book was a great review and also helped understand how to deduct the correct answers if caught in a bind. For me the best part was seeing a format that is best used when writing the

essays, I have a good outline now of how to start and finish. Otherwise, the book contains a lot of useful information that is easy to read and understand.

This book gives you samples and teaches you about each section of the test. I thought I would just wiz through the test without studying, but I am glad I studied this book. I tried to fly through the reasoning questions without really trying (thinking they were easy) but the book made me see I need to slow down and pick the BEST possible answer, not just the one that seemed right at first!

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