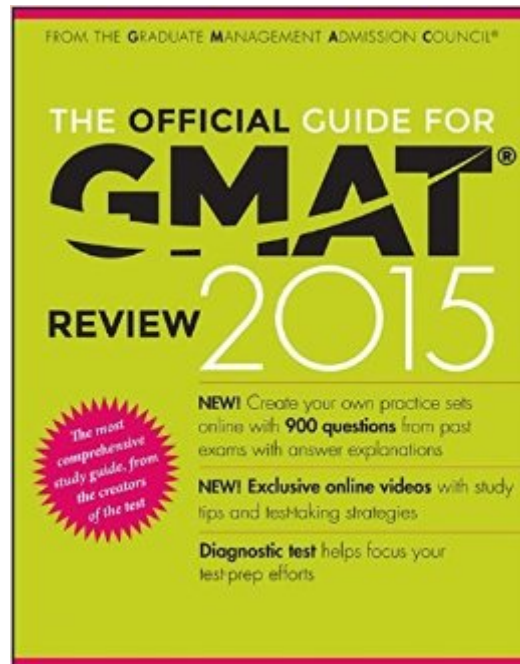


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# The Official Guide For GMAT Review 2015 With Online Question Bank And Exclusive Video



## Synopsis

This is the only official study guide from the creators of the test and delivers more than 900 retired GMAT® questions and answer explanations and a 100- question diagnostic exam to help focus your test preparation efforts. NEW to The Official Guide for GMAT® Review 2015: Access to the online Question Bank including more than 900 practice questions of all types with answers and explanations, math review, essay topics, and a diagnostic test, as well as access to 50 online integrated reasoning questions. Exclusive access to videos from real test takers and GMAC staff who share insight and tips on GMAT® preparation.

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First of all - if you own the previous version (13th edition), there are no new questions in the this book. The only reason you may want to purchase these is to have the online quiz engine available to you but it is a pretty bad system and not worth buying the guide for.~~~ Strengths ~~~1. Real GMAT questions retired from past tests - 907 real GMAT questions retired from past tests.2. Online quiz engine allows you to build practice sets using the OG but it is very weak and cumbersome (more below)3. Practice questions follow actual GMAT test patterns (it's great to have one's ear trained, esp. in verbal)4. Overview of the Integrated Reasoning section (50 questions online)~~~ Weaknesses ~~~1. The quiz system is too simplistic and cumbersome. For example I have no idea how to start working on question 10. I have to restart from the beginning every single time and it

seems it is not even tracking what questions I have attempted??? Very odd... perhaps I have been spoiled with good GMAT Prep and other CAT Test interfaces. I am struggling here. The exclusive videos are also not much to write about; it is very similar to what you can find on GMAC's youtube channel.2. Questions are EASY in general (only about 5 questions are really a 750 level) based on GMAT Club member feedback. Here are the hardest ones: (V Diag 25, PS 218, DS 129, DS 131, DS 141).3. Does not include any test-taking strategies. Though it has a few short review sections for each area, they are weak and very unfriendly4. Questions are predominantly low to medium in difficulty which is often not representative of questions one encounters on the test5. We really could have used some new questions. The official Guide questions are generally on the EASY side.6.

As confirmed by GMAC ---- "the new edition does not contain any new questions." They never said it did -- so the marketing is accurate. It's just that --as a new edition -- users generally expect something substantial.As GMAC has been phasing out certain questions over time and putting more emphasis on other questions (i.e. fewer and fewer idioms, and more and more meaning-based SC, for example) -- it would have been nice to see more examples of these "newer" questions so students can get a sense of where the exam is shifting towards in terms of what is being tested.So if you already have OG13 and are specifically looking for new content, stick to what you have because you won't that here.Here's what it boils down

to:=====OG2015 = OG13 + Online question set tool + Exclusive videos=====Online question set tool = lets you create customizable question sets from the pool of existing 900 OG13 questions and spit it out to you on a computer screenExclusive videos = "exclusive videos from real test takers and GMAC staff who share insight and tips on GMAT preparation" - I wouldn't get too excited about this.Now, the quality of the questions is as good as you can get. But since OG13 already exists on the market, I have to give my rating in terms of what the average customer's expectation is -- hence the 3 stars. We gave the original OG13 book 5 stars on , but unfortunately, we believe the two additional components in OG2015 are not enough to get the rating higher than 3 stars.That said, i do have to give some credit to the online interface design. It's decent and clean.

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