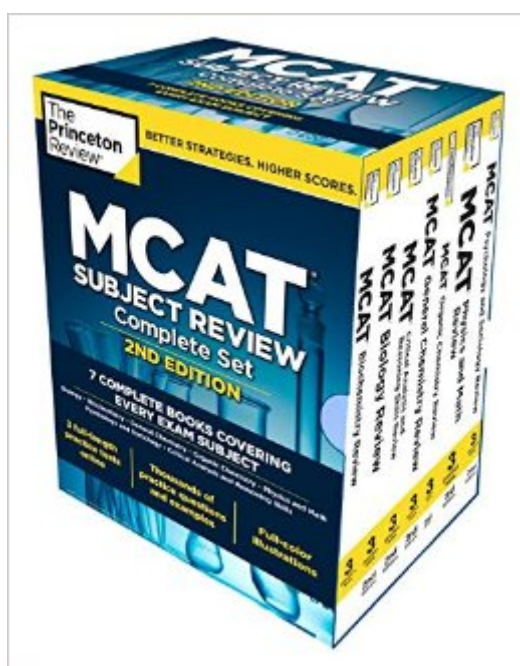


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So far I have Examcrackers, Princeton, and Kaplan (2015+ versions). After comparing the three, Princeton has the thickest books and there may be a lot of extra content outside the scope of the new MCAT. Seems to be following the AAMC guidelines. On the other hand, not all of the books are 2nd edition inside the package; for example, some are first, second, and even third editions. This is concerning because the package is labeled as "2nd edition", which may indicate Princeton slapped a label on their old books and updated a few. It may be for the best, however, I think it would be professional if all of the books were in uniform edition. Additionally, I purchased this package anticipating many practice questions, especially passage based passages. To my disappointment, there is only 1 passage at the end of each chapter for practice with around 5-9 chapters per book. This is really not enough for practice. As a good alternative, Examcrackers has 30 minute exams at the end of each chapter in their books. The EK exams consist of 3-4 practice passages per exam. The good news for Princeton is that they offer 3 full length practice tests for this package, which are brand new. However, because there are not enough passages, excessive content, and differing editions per book, I have to give it three stars. Kaplan seems to have a more concise review than Princeton. Examcrackers has more passages than Princeton. Overall, this Princeton package is good for its 3 practice tests. If I were to buy it all over again; First, I would purchase the Princeton Biology book because it will most likely cover everything. Second, I would buy the Kaplan Biochemistry and Psychology/Sociology book (these subjects yield 53% of the MCAT).

For those wondering how 1st Ed. compare to the 2nd Ed.: I was going to apply for medical school last cycle but I had a serious illness midway through MCAT prep and had to postpone to this year. So I have the unfortunate, but distinct pleasure of owning both the 1st edition and the 2nd edition of this set. _____ TL;DR (Better get used to reading long, excessive literature if you preparing for the MCAT) :) Get the 1st edition if \$ is tight. Save your money for the AMCAS/AACOMAS. The two editions are basically the same. I would recommend getting two books from the second edition â€” The Psychology and Sociology Review and the new Biochemistry Review. The Biology Review is pretty good too. _____ The second edition corrects glaring mistakes found in the first edition, such as one of the main kinematics equations in one of the example problems listed as $\Delta v = (v_0 - v)t$ on page 53; corrected to $\Delta v = (v_0 + v)t$ on the second edition. Thereâ€™s very few new content. Briefly skimming and picking random topics to compare in the two editions, the vast majority of

content is identical almost page for page â “ same exact paragraphs, diagrams, charts, images, example problems, explanations, etc. More importantly, the vast majority of review questions and single practice passage at the end of each chapter is the same. There are a handful of passages that are new to the second edition, but most are just recycled from the first edition. Iâ™m really disappointed because according to the AAMC, the new MCAT tests and focuses more on â œmultidisciplinary approach in critical thinking, data interpretation, and analysis applied to experiments and experimental researchâ •, and Iâ™ve read many students struggle on these type of passages.

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