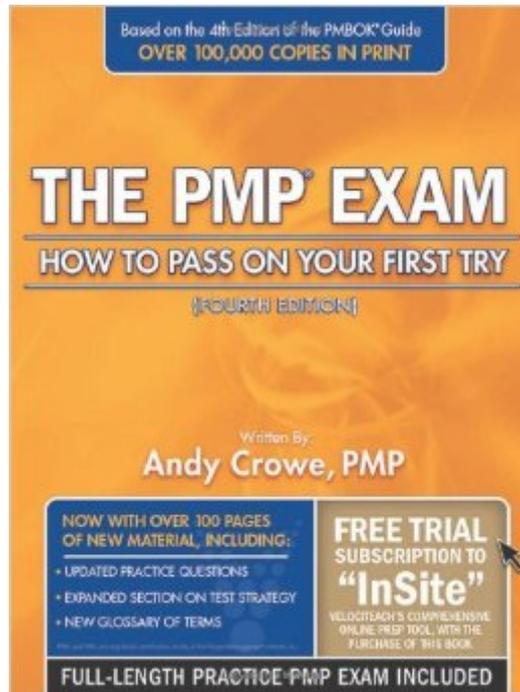


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# The PMP Exam: How To Pass On Your First Try, Fourth Edition



## Synopsis

A study guide for the Project Management Professional (PMP) certification exam, this book provides all the information project managers need to thoroughly prepare for the test. Review materials cover all the processes, inputs, tools, and outputs that will be tested, and extra help is offered with insider secrets, test tricks and tips, hundreds of sample questions, and exercises designed to strengthen mastery of key concepts and help candidates pass the exam on the first attempt.

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Yes! I passed the PMP 4th Edition Exam on the first try today! I studied for 3 months, using PMBOK® Guide--Fourth Edition, Andy Crowe book and the free full length PMP Exam @ PMStudy.com. Here is how I studied:A) Dedicate 1 Day Per Chapter with Andy Crowe book(No More, No Less)B) Dedicate 1 Day Per Chapter with PMBOK® Guide--Fourth Edition (After each chapter, go directly to Andy Crowe book to take chapter quiz.)C) Spend 2 Days reconstructing chart on page 36 in Andy Crowe book, from memory.D) Spend 2 Days writing down 3 Point Estimate, Communications Channels, Earn Value and TPA formulas, from memory. Put emphasis on calculating  $EV=$  and  $EAC=E$ E) Spend 1 Day working EMV from decision tree diagrams.F) Dedicate 1 Day Per PM Knowledge Area using both books. Putting emphasis on common Inputs, Tools & Tech or Outputs i.e. Expert Judgement is common tool in all Project Integration Mgmt Processes. Also, observe how an Output from one Process becomes an Input to another Process. And slow down to understand the purpose & advantage of certain diagram/charts i.e. control, pareto, tornado.Let me

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It works - I cleared my PMP exam last week :) This is what I did to prepare :-1. I used Andy Crowe as my only study material - (had the old PMBOK) could not read the new PMBOK, however it would be a good idea to read the PMBOK as I found many terms and concepts in the actual exam which were not covered in Andy's book (I still don't know if these concepts are there in the new PMBOK or Rita )2. Took all chapter tests in Andy and Rita, which I borrowed from a friend (my scores varied from 50% to 85 %)3. Took some online test papers from Andy's website4. Took all the Rita tests once again (3 days before the exam - my score varied from 70% to 90%)5. Reread the concepts behind the questions I got wrong6. Read the glossary of PM terms in Andy's book - this really helps to refresh your memory regarding the concepts7. Rather than memorizing all the formulae, I studied the concepts behind the formulae - this helped me to reproduce/reconstruct the formulae easily8. While studying each chapter, I wrote down all the important concepts, inputs, outputs etc - this really helped me understand & memorize them

The Exam :1. I found the exam not too easy or tough2. There were lot of direct questions about inputs/outputs and tools & techniques( around 20-30)3. There were atleast 10-15 formulae based questions4. The exam I took had lot of questions from EV calculations and quality management5. there were atleast 75-100 case based questions where you had to apply the PMI concepts-- I used the elimination method a lot .6. I finished all 200 qns in 2+ hours and used all the remaining time to review my answers(upto the last minute)7. I did find myself changing many of my answers while doing the review :) Lessons learned :1. Based on my experience, I think the way to go for this exam is to cover the material & take as many test papers as possible.2. Hone your skills in eliminating wrong answers - you will use it a lot3. Memorize/learn all the formulae - these are sure shot questions which you can get right4. Leave enough time to review the answers5. try to memorize input/outputs/tools/theories - direct questions did come6. Read the questions atleast twice before looking at the options - I used to make a lot of careless mistakes

while doing practice tests.7. Once again, take as many tests as possibleMy take : The book is good and reasonably priced.Use it to your advantage.Hope this helps - let me know if you have any questions...:)

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