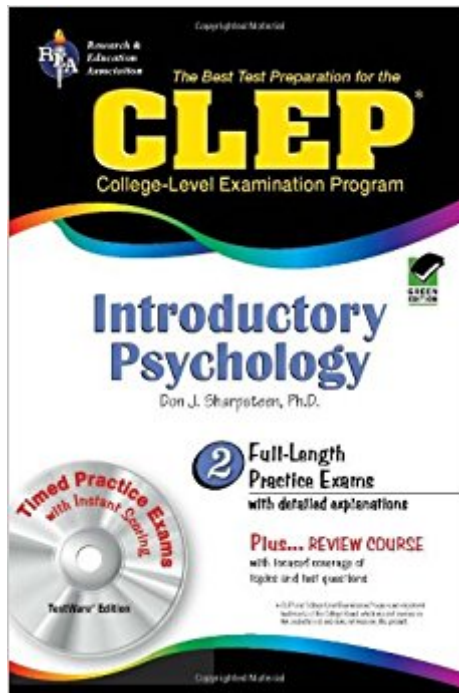


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Took the CLEP exam after studying this book and it was a breeze. I scored a 73. This book was very comprehensive and if you take the time to really familiarize yourself with the material you should do well on the test. I supplemented the book with wikipedia.com and flashcard testing from instantcert.com.

I had to take this exam to place out of intro psych, and I had never taken a psych class before. I used this book as my primary study source. I supplemented the information in it with the Barron's AP psychology review book because the clep book appears to be reasonably thorough but it could definitely use some extra stuff. Here are my recommendations for how to do well on the test.. 1) try not to wait until 2 or 3 days before like I did. 2) read and study this book thoroughly so you REALLY know the stuff.. not necessarily 100% memorized, but pretty close. 3) After you read through every chapter (all of which are short) Go through the same information in the AP book (the books are VERY VERY close in format) 4) After you finish studying the stuff in the books, take a practice test, then grade yourself fairly, and then go over all of the answers, even the ones you got right because the cd gives explanations. then study what u didnt do well on 5) do the same thing for the 2nd test. 6) Finally, if u buy the individual study guide for this test from the college board website (its around 10 bucks) that provides 61 questions directly from them. then take those too and keep building on everything youve learned it will all start to click. I took the exam today and i had trouble with some questions i felt were slightly vague or the terminology used was altered a little.. but if you reason through the answers and u know the stuff from the books, and take and learn the practice tests (a bunch of questions are very similar) then you will be in good shape for the exam. incase you are wondering i ended up getting a 73 out of 80 on this exam. I know this sounds complicated and long but definitely buy this book, and learn it. Hopefully this helps.. most importantly dont be nervous.

This was my 5th CLEP and it was the toughest of them all. (Sociology, Marketing, Management, and Macroeconomics were the others). That being said, this guide is all you really need to pass. If you want to get say over a 70 then you should probably supplement it with other materials, but if just passing is good enough for you, then this is your book. I studied it for 9 days, took both tests, and pulled a 61. Good enough for me.

First, let me explain why I needed to pass the exam in the first place. I am an accounting major and the requirement in many states to become CPA certified is to have 150 credit hours. Instead of taking classes after I graduated, I decided to take CLEP exams as a cheaper, more efficient way of getting 150 hours. After all, it is about \$33 a credit through CLEP. I had ABSOLUTELY ZERO knowledge of psychology before I read this book. Over a 4 week period I read this book concurrently with my regular course load. Since the book only takes about 30-45 minutes to read through it, I read it about 5-6 times before taking the exam. I will agree with everyone else though that the real usefulness of the book lies in the practice exams and the answers to each practice question. I did not use anything else to study except this book (again with no psychology experience). Were there questions on the exam where I had to make a complete guess? Of course (probably around 15-20), but I feel as though the book still helped me in making good guesses. In the end, I received a solid 64 and since you get a pass/fail grade on your transcript anyway why does it matter if you score any higher?

I studied with this guide by reading the material and then taking the first test (be sure to then do the last 5 questions on the written test, as the computerized tests only contain the first 95 questions and the book has 100 questions for each test, it's the same questions just with 5 more for each test). I then read through all the answers, slept on it and took the second test and read through all the answers. I then used the Official CLEP Study Guide from the College Board and did that practice test and finally re-read some of the material in this guide that I felt weak on before taking the test. Total study time was 3 days of 2 hours a day. I scored a 72 on the test. I feel a person can pass this test with some past knowledge of the material and just this guide. If your good at tests, then you should be able to do it with just this guide. Just remember the sample questions in these study guides are NOT the questions you will see on the test, but they get you a long way towards knowing the right answers to the questions you see.

This is a good book to practice with. It prepared me with sufficient knowledge to pass with a 67. As usual read all of the information before attempting the practice test. After the practice test read the explanations on why an answer was correct or incorrect. Review the book again before attempting the next practice test. I only gave it 4 out of 5 stars because the material is a little too condensed. Some questions I didn't know how to respond because this prep book doesn't cover everything. It still has the necessary information to allow you to pass.

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