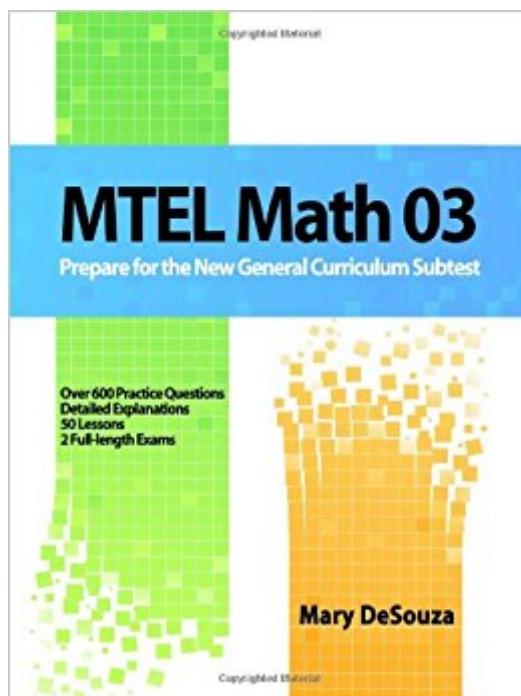


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# MTEL Math 03: Prepare For The New General Curriculum Subtest



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This book will prepare you for the new mathematics subtest of the MTEL General Curriculum (03) Exam. It has over 50 lessons, 600 practice questions, detailed explanations, and quizzes to cover each of the concepts on the new math subtest, focusing on critical thought and a deep understanding of the topics. This book also includes two comprehensive sample tests. The author has expertise in teaching, math, and the MTEL. Mary DeSouza Stephens graduated from MIT with a bachelors and masters in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering and has over 15 years of teaching experience, including teaching MTEL prep courses at UMASS Boston, founding an educational services company in California, designing educational software, and teaching K-adult students in math, science, computers, test prep, and humanities at schools around the world. Please visit [www.prepforward.com](http://www.prepforward.com) to find out about our other preparation materials for MTEL exams.

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## Customer Reviews

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I purchased this book to help me study for the so dreaded MTEL math subtest. I haven't done any math for almost 20 years, I also have never been good at it in high school. This book has been so helpful!!! It's very well organized into chapters. Each chapter has about 5 to 6 lessons. The lessons are short and contain only what you need to do the exercises. Then Each lesson has a 10 question quiz with detailed answers. The chapter ends with a 20 question quiz that covers all the lessons studied in the chapter along with the detailed answers. At the end of the book you have 2 full length exams with answers of course and a glossary. The book has also a detailed lesson on how to do the open response. The bonus that you will rarely find with any other author of a study book is that whenever you have a question about the book, you can email Mary DeSouza. Not only does she answer questions, but she also gives encouragements and support. She is fantastic!!! The book is excellent and the price is more than reasonable! Very glad I bought it! A little update: I passed the test with an over 240 score!!! Next adventure: The multi subject test! I also recommend that you check math websites. They are great! A lot of them are free and very helpful. Good luck!

I am so disappointed in the publishing format of this book. DeSouza did a good job with explaining mathematical problems that are often difficult for me to understand. I liked how the book was broken down, and I thought it to be a decent resource. However, I cannot get over the fact that there are some very terrible publishing errors that need to be fixed. For example, some of the problems are dependent on color differentiation (i.e. "There are three pieces to this red line..." p185) and the book is printed ENTIRELY in black and white, so it is pretty much impossible to figure out the answer (by the way that is just one of many examples that ask you to answer a math problem based on a color differentiation). I have never been great at math, so this just furthered my frustration. Other issues were misprinting fractions so that 16 1/2 looked like 161 (p. 227). Or formatting errors with graphs so the questions for practice were split across the page (p.233). I was looking to this book as a resource to help me pass the test, and I am now thinking that it wasted my time.

I sat down for about 3-4 weeks and went through this book about 2-4 hours a day. I cannot be more

thankful for this book! There is no way I would have passed without it. I even passed on my first try! I'm not great at math (and never have been) but thankfully this book is geared for exactly what is on the MTEL. I would go through the book and mark things that I didn't quite understand so that I could go back to them with my boyfriend (who is really a smart cookie!) and then he would help explain things to me in order to help me fully understand. But don't worry, if you don't have someone to further explain the explanations that are written in the book then you may contact Mary Desouza herself. Which is part of the reason why I chose to order this book in the first place! Yes there are some typos, but you'll catch them and you'll be fine. No biggie. What I loved the most is that I can honestly say that as I was sitting through the actual Math MTEL test there were a bunch of questions that when they came up on my screen, immediately a light bulb went off in my head and I could think of the section/page where I did such problems in this book! Also, there were a handful of questions on the test that I would've had NO IDEA how to complete if it weren't for this book. This book is a must-have for anyone taking this test! Thank you so much Mary Desouza!

This book is full of useful lessons and plenty of practice. I was able to move through the chapters smoothly. Any question I had, I went to a math teacher at my school, but I've heard that the author to this book will answer questions, too. The text starts pretty easy and becomes increasingly difficult. All of the practices questions have answers with precise explanations. I'm not sure if I've past the test yet, but I did feel much more comfortable walking in after using this resource.

I only looked at 2 chapters before becoming frustrated at the multiple errors in the answer keys. Other reviews mentioned the mistakes but I was hoping that was a previous edition. It's not worth \$35 to have to recheck questions I know I did correctly but were marked incorrect due to a misprint in the answer key and answer explainations. The book really needs to be edited and released.

Passed the MTEL General Curriculum Math Subtest on the first try. My goal was to get through 1 chapter a day of this book, there's a total of 8. Not impossible to do, although the information can be a bit overwhleming at times. It was my primary resource, I used What Every 6th Grader Should Know as a supplementary resource. This book prepared me sufficiently enough to pass the test, though I would recommend looking at the MTEL website and getting the practice test, study guide, and the explanation of each subarea and objective. If you do this at the beginning of your study schedule, you'll understand exactly what you need to review. You can focus on those areas and skip the ones you already know, or the ones that this book covers but are not emphasized on the

MTEL. Just don't waste your time studying extra stuff that won't be all that important on the test, and don't forget to review study guide information on the essay portion...which will get you an extra 10% and I thought was the easiest part of the exam!!!

This book is extremely helpful. I am NOT good at math and I've failed this MTEL countless times. I rescheduled my test and only had a couple of weeks to study. Her directions are clear, quick, and easy. I found great improvements in my skill after just a few hours of studying. There are a few errors in the book. I've attached one example below. Sometimes the answer key will say it is one answer, but the explanation will say it is another. So make sure to really check your answers against the explanations, and if you feel you have done it right, make sure to check it again.

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