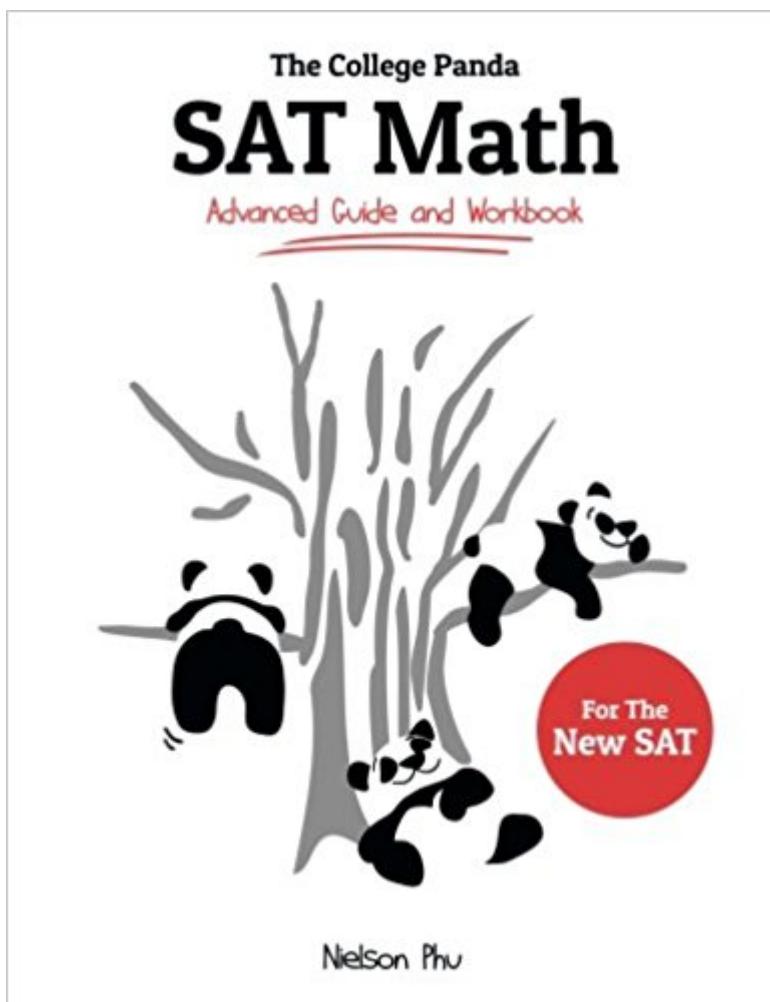


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# The College Panda's SAT Math: Advanced Guide And Workbook For The New SAT



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Now fully updated and completely revised for the new SAT This book brings together everything you need to know for the SAT math section. Unlike most other test prep books, this one is truly geared towards the student aiming for the perfect score. It leaves no stones unturned. Inside, You'll Find: Clear explanations of the tested math concepts, from the simplest to the most obscure Hundreds of examples to illustrate all the question types and the different ways they can show up Over 500 practice questions and explanations to help you master each topic The most common mistakes students make (so you don't make them) This is the most thorough SAT prep out there. For more sample chapters and information, check out <http://thecollegepanda.com/books>

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## Customer Reviews

Nielson Phu is a teacher, author, and SAT perfect scorer. Since graduating from NYU, he has helped hundreds of students throughout Boston and Hong Kong improve their own scores with a unique approach that goes far beyond the basic strategies found in typical test prep material. Although he is now an engineer, he continues to teach through The College Panda, an in-depth blog with more than 20,000 readers each month (<http://thecollegepanda.com>)

I can honestly say, this is one of the best SAT Math prep books ever written. The book is very useful as it introduced the concepts, then provided exercises (eerily similar to the actual SAT Math problems) and later provided solutions to those questions. It goes over the basic fundamentals of

math you need to know for the SAT and then expands on that knowledge to push you above your target score. Overall, I really recommend this book to anyone who wants to improve their SAT Math score!

Having already had 2 students enter college, I have looked at a lot of PSAT/SAT prep materials over the years. It's hard to find any that are geared toward the more competitive students who already are performing decently but want to have confidence that they've fully cataloged ALL the types of questions, and want insight into the real 'gotchas' of the test. This book does exactly that, is straightforward to read, and doesn't waste your time with any nonessentials. While Nielson's book is indeed geared toward those aiming for seriously competitive scores, I'm sure it would also be helpful to those who just wanted to understand the "what" and "how" of SAT. Don't bother with the super-thick, fluff-filled guides churned out by the 'bigger' publishers -- too much bloatware in this books! They seem to think the page count justifies their cost, I guess. This book lays out the scope of the problem types in a no-nonsense manner. If you need a general introduction to 'what is the SAT', how long does it take, etc. then perhaps skim through the beginning chapters of one of those 'fluff' books. But then come use Nielson's for actual study/prep. One small criticism (not even worth a point/star off on review) is that, like ANY and EVERY prep book not directly published under CollegeBoard (i.e., CollegeBoard or Khan Academy) the problems are unofficial. Why is that important? Because the test authors have a \*very particular\* manner of authoring the problems (and answers) so they fit their standardized mold. (Which, by the way, is why all those practice tests in the 'big fluff' books are nearly worthless and even misleading. It's just more heft to justify the price.) So just be sure that if you use the CollegePanda then (as Nielson also tells you) do the REAL PRACTICE on OFFICIAL (new) SAT tests & practice questions.

Great Test Prep Book! If you're looking for a book that packs the same punch, substance-wise, as the big-box company books, but possesses more dexterity and creativity of explanation, afforded only by a smaller publisher, then this book is for you! By far, my favorite part of this book is that "for a complete understanding, this book is best read from beginning to end." This allows the reader to slowly build their foundation, leaving no stone unturned, which will be necessary as problems become increasingly difficult. Even with this being said, Phu makes sure to write each section as independently as possible, so that you may still skip over sections you're stronger in, and proceed to areas in which you need more practice. I can say, in good faith, that I've gone from algebraically-challenged (3 years removed from high school algebra, where I received a D), to

feeling very confident in my understanding of the math skills I'll need to conquer the SAT, come December 2nd. Thank you, Mr. Phu!

Purchased for our high school junior, who has taken the SAT once before with little preparation. Our child found this an excellent specific study aid, with clearly organized and well presented info that was very helpful for her to review math concepts she has not worked on for over 2 years because she is taking Honors Calculus this year. Will wait to see how her math scores go, and will update this review if there is significant up or down!

This book is concise and to the point. It keeps it simple and combined with the SAT practice tests for Math from TCP it is a great combination study guide. Math is cumulative but if you have moved on to higher math this is a great resource for refresher and practice to make sure you maximize your score on the Math Section. Rachana P

I recently finished the entire book and I have to say that I love it! There are a lot of difficult problems in a wide range of topics to help one properly prepare. The superb organization of concepts makes it easy to understand and read, not to mention the use of white space in the book prevents students from feeling too overwhelmed by the material. A good part of the lesson in most chapters is taught through examples which help students understand the thought process associated with various problems. All in all, this is an AMAZING book to have and I plan on coming back to it again and again in preparation for my SAT.

What I love about this book is its ability to go over the material and make you think about it until you have a deep understanding of it. Sometimes I will look at the answer to a problem and be flat out puzzled. However, after reading it for the second to third time it just clicks and I realize my mistake and that question type is engraved into my mind. I would recommend this book for anyone looking for practice/learning the concepts themselves. On my Psat last year, I scored a 600 in math. I will make sure to keep you updated on my score after I complete the book and take the Psat my Junior year.

Like all College Panda books, this book is a great investment. The author knows what he is doing and does it right time and again. You will not be able to find a better SAT Math book.

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