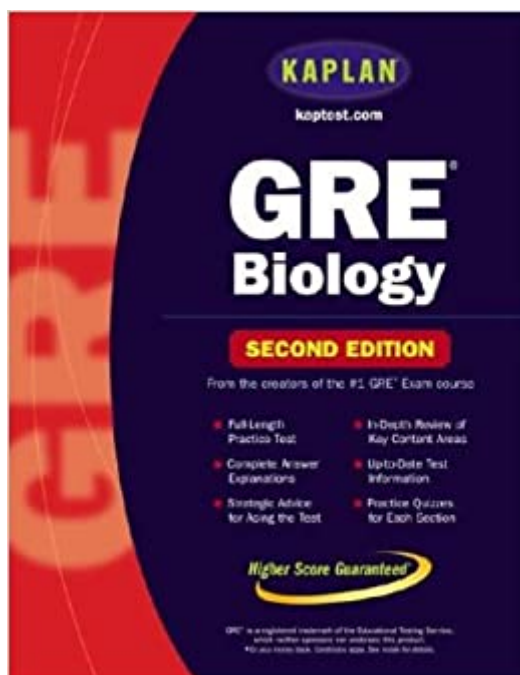


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It's a shame that the GRE subject test for bio is overly focused on memorizing anatomical vocabulary and taxonomic names, and not much on 21st century advances, but this book helped me get a good score on the GRE anyway as it accurately reflected the test material. Got As and Bs in my college bio classes but would have gotten a terrible score on the GRE without memorizing all the stuff in this book. I also recommend a spaced repetition software like Anki or Mnemosyne to force all the latin & greek names into your brain.

I just took the GRE Bio Subject test in November. I used Kaplan, the test booklet produced by ETS, Princeton Review Cracking the GRE and my Campbell's Biology from freshman Biology in college. Of all books, I found the Campbells Biology the most helpful. Second was Kaplan. Check out my review for P. Review book, because the vocab list at the back was very helpful, and so was the practice test, but the rest of that book was worse than terrible. I am not sure of my score yet, but I know that many things I studied were on this test, it was a typical rehash of all that nit picky stuff like the difference between prokaryotic and eukaryotic flagella to the intricate details of sarcomeres. Oh, and the structure of the test, I didn't know it until I took some practice tests -- either it's not explicit in any of these books or I just passed over it. It's 110 multi choice questions first, then 30 or so of questions that you have to choose the correct word for each statement, then 50ish questions on several charts and experiments. The last section takes the longest, the choose-word questions go very fast and the multi choice is where you can really gain time if you study these darn books for tricky questions regarding the mesophyll of plants etc that would otherwise take up time trying to eliminate and choose the best answer. If you can know the multiple choice quickly and solid, you'll have plenty of time for the charts etc.

The book came quickly and is in great condition. So far the book has been very informative and seems like it will really help with the test. Overall, it was a good book and a very good dealer to buy it from.

I took my Biology GRE last November (2006). I got my score like a month ago and I was very disappointed. If you read the reviews for the new edition you'll find one reviewer talking about this book needs to be revised. And all I'm gonna tell you is he/she is 110% correct. If you are taking the test in April or later, consider NOT buying this book. I used this book, the Princeton review book and Campbell to study for the test. And I didn't get a 90 percentile or above, which totally enraged me since it felt like everything that was in this book was not on the test (I focused very much on the

topics found in this book). I can't reveal the exact questions but let me just describe the kind of problems on the test (I bet future test takers would be curious). The most shocking question on the test I took must be the one where it mixed reproductive organs (anatomy) with evolutionary biology. There were 5 consecutive problems dealing with history stuff like when did this go extinct and when did that originated. It was just painful for me since I'm a big cell and molecular person. There were even matching problems where the student was supposed to match up the name of a specific gene (I mean very specific, at least that's what I thought) with its function or responsible disease or symptoms or body structure. Honestly I was quite devastated by the difficulty of the test, especially it felt like everything I studied did not show up on the test. If you're from Harvard or Yale or whatever, don't even bother studying because you're the people who get the 99 percentile. But for the rest of us (well excluding me), study your Campbell Biology textbook. And be sure to cover everything in the book. You'll be surprised when you see problems that you absolutely don't have a clue on the test.

I bought this book two weeks before the BioGRE in order to bone up on anything that may have slipped my mind since freshmen bio class. The review section in the beginning of the book was ok, though it went into insane amounts of detail. I took the "practice test" in the back, which was so different from the actual test I wanted to scream. The actual test is far more clearly written, thought out, and fair. This book also gives a section to explain why you got that one question wrong about how bacteria reproduce. Sounds great, right? Wrong. Sometimes the explanations say things like "Answers B, C, and E can be eliminated because they are wrong. Answer D is the correct choice. Answer A is also a good choice." How helpful! Save your money and read another review book or your freshmen bio text.

I waited till 3 days before the GRE bio to prepare. I did it by reading this book. The stuff in this book very closely aligns with what is on the test. As long as you know your stuff and paid attention in class it offers just enough detail of a review to jog all your memories. In fact, some of the exact questions the GRE exam asked on test day were little factoids contained in this book. I do not know my score yet (just took the test this morning) but I have a gut feeling I did good. So in summation: buy this book and no other! I did not even read a general bio textbook; I think that if you basically know your stuff already the kaplan guide is all you are gonna need. I found the plant info and info on evolution very helpful

I found that Kaplan's bio GRE review book accurately represented the contents of the test. It gives a good review of the material covered on the GRE (although with a few minor errors) and the practice test was very similar in content, structure, and difficulty to the real one. Update: I just got my scores back, and I stand by my review :) an excellent buy, it was definitely worth it.

This books helped tremendously but the test requires A LOT of knowledge. So I think it's best viewed as one source to look at. That being said if you don't have much time, read this in it's entirety and you'll be fine.

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