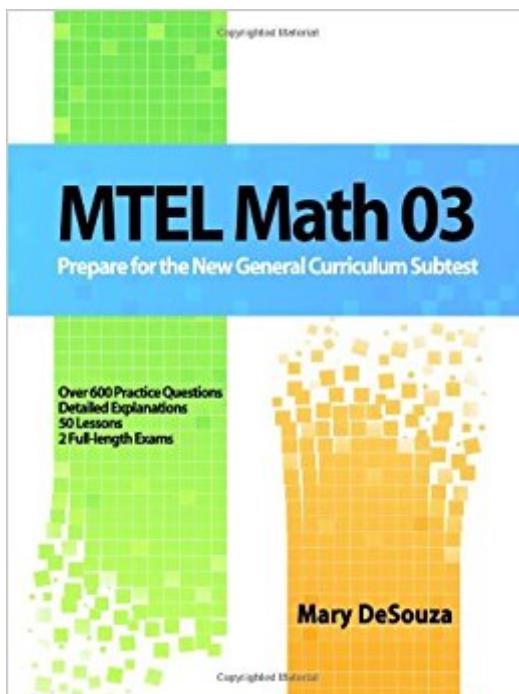


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# MTEL Math 03: Prepare For The New General Curriculum Subtest



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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!

Mary DeSouza has a basic, start at the beginning, approach for this course. I liked it since it had been years and years since I took math. Every topic has 4-5 sections. Each section has a test (which you can re-take if you are struggling). Each topic has a test. So, you build on your knowledge. The math test I took had an essay question on right triangles, areas and the Pythagorean theory. Eeegads! But I had it nailed down because it was in this program. Like every course - you get what you give. If you are motivated and want to pass the test, you can use this as a tool. It helped me. I failed the first time, took the course and then passed the second time up. The most helpful tool for me was the "assessment test" which I saw that I did very poorly on areas and measurement. So I went back and studied that section. And, sure enough, it was on the MTEL! Good luck to you all. I liked the material and found it very helpful.

Ok so the book covers every math topic we need to know for the MTEL, great. There are many exercises for us to practice, great too. There are open response questions, that by the way are super hard on this book, which is awesome for practice! But... There are many many mistakes in it. Many exercises give you the wrong letter as the answer. For example, you have to choose one answer: A. 1B. 2C. 3D. 4 You choose letter D, 4, but the short answer says A, 1. When you look at the complete explanation for the exercise you might see "therefore the answer is 4, letter A". (!!!) It's VERY confusing and it happens often. Also, there are wrong graphs in it, questions where the book mentions the color of the line and the book is black and white.

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!

I love the format of this book. The author presents 1-2 pages of information in each lesson followed by a 10 question quiz. There are detailed explanations for each of the 10 questions that are valuable to study even if you got the question correct. Each of the lessons is short and focused, and I am working through a lesson or two a day. I looked at several other Mtel Math books at the library, but liked the style of this author the best so I purchased this book.

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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