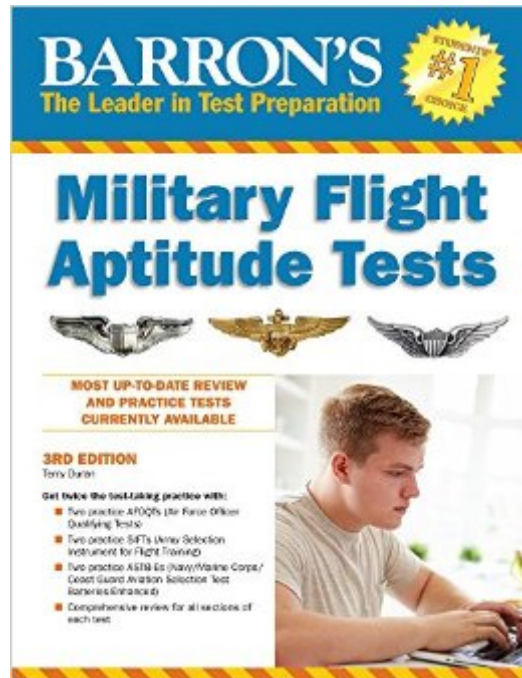


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Synopsis

This brand new edition of Barron's easy-to-read test prep guide has been fully updated to prepare candidates for the new Selection Instruments Flight Training (SIFT) test and will help prospective military aviators for all U.S. armed forces score their best on their service's flight aptitude test. Officer candidates, ROTC cadets, and currently enlisted personnel looking to move up or trying to qualify for pilot status will find that this book gives them all they need to achieve their highest score. A total of six full-length practice tests include answers and explanations for all questions. Test overviews and detailed review sections give readers the edge they need to rise to the top of the candidates' list. The manual presents two practice Air Force Officer Qualifying Tests (AFOQTs), two practice SIFTs, and two practice Navy/Marine Corps/Coast Guard Aviation Selection Test Batteries (ASTBs). Written by a veteran military officer and instructor, this book's review sections cover language comprehension, math, mechanical comprehension, aviation and nautical technical information, general science, and specific mental skills such as block counting, finding hidden figures, and spatial apperception. The author also coaches readers on effective study techniques, provides information resources, and gives pilot candidates a thorough preview of how each test is structured.

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Customer Reviews

It seems the author is well versed in aeronautics, and in that field the book has helped tremendously. However, in other sections such as math and mechanics, there are frequent

mistakes. These range from purely typographical errors (claiming a driving gear rotates 10 times in a problem in the sample AFQT, not having any plausible answer choices for the given information, then in the answer stating the same gear rotates 15 times) to mathematical blunders (SIFT exam 2, Math Section, problem 11; the answer does not sum up correctly) to serious errors in misunderstanding the theory (the author states that the mechanical advantage of a hydraulic system is the ratio of the diameters of the pistons, where it should be the areas of the pistons OR the inverse of the distance moved. From the text, it appeared the author became confused between the diameter and the distance moved as he assigned both the symbol "d", then continued with his proof after switching them around). Furthermore, the math sections are not nearly challenging enough. In the precursor to the ASTB, it is explained that the math section could present logarithms and inverse exponents, none of these are present in the explanations or sample tests. Conversely, the reading section is more challenging than other study guides, providing multiple answers for each passage that seem correct, though only one is explicitly stated. Though many sections were thorough and informative, and the writing style is fun and comprehensible, I spent far too long proofreading the errors to make sure I was not mistaken (make no mistake: I realized I was the one in error many times, but by no means every time). To be blunt, the significant amount of blunders within the book I was able to find thanks to my previous education makes me wonder what else is incorrect; therefore, the integrity of the entire work is under question.

This book helped me prep for the AFOQT tremendously. In my experience with the AFOQT, confidence in your abilities and familiarity with the test structure and material are essential to doing well. This book helps with both. The information is presented well in an easy to read manner and format. There were some discrepancies with the table reading section and my version of the test but other than that it was great. My advice is get this book as well as a few others to use for practice tests and study everyday in some way. You can take and retake sections as many times as possible but ALWAYS time yourself. Like I said earlier this book is great but I recommend supplementing it with others. After going from no experience with flight or navigation I scored well above the required scores for entry and my composite scores are very competitive. Study hard and prep efficiently and you will do great!

I've found this book to be very helpful in my studies for the AFOQT. The only reason it does not have a 5 star is the errors in the book (even in the math section when they try explaining how parenthesis work). Overall good buy, well worth the money for study material for the AFOQT, I

haven't found anything better.

This was one of the books used to study for the AFOQT. It helped immensely. There were a number of errors. Word of advice: The AFOQT has recently changed (as of Summer 2015) so there are sections that this book will not cover (Know delegations and the roles of different ranks!)

Great book except the Subtest #5, which they forgot to add the actual fuselage and the description of what is correct with the fuselage silhouette description is mixed up with the next description, which therefore makes the next one incorrect. Then, based on these two examples, you will fail the following test miserably. Had to reference from other books to make sure I wasn't losing my mind! Other than that, good.

As a recent taker of the AFOQT, I personally feel that this book was a great addition to my study regimen. I started using this book approximately 2-3 months out from my test date. As someone who has had no previous experience with aviation and aircraft, this book truly was a lifesaver on the aviation and navigation portions of the test. There are dedicated sections for Army and Navy use that I didn't work through as much since that wasn't the area I needed to focus on (Air Force requirements). There were multiple practice tests that, when taken under correctly timed conditions, were definitely very helpful when under the real time constraints of the test. A lot of others were not prepared for these conditions the day of the test, and it was very obvious. Overall, this is a great study resource if you are preparing for an officer candidate test of any kind. I did pair this book with the Peterson's "Master the Officer Candidate Tests" and a GMAT math practice workbook. I would recommend both of those resources as well if you are serious about your AFOQT studying.

This is the ONLY military flight aptitude test prep book with updated information on both the Navy and Army tests (both of whom changed their tests in 2013). It also has updated information on the hands-on "annex" to the Air Force test. Best deal going to prepare for the shrinking number of pilot slots in all three services.

I knew I couldn't trust this book when on page 30 it claimed that the F-35 has two engines (it has one). There are too many errors to count and the citations are almost all from Wikipedia (you know, the website that anyone can edit!). Apparently there are no editors at Barron's. Do some research and find a different book!

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