Electronic Technician (USPS)(Passbooks) (Career Examination Series)
I took the USPS’s Electronic Technician exam in Kansas City, Missouri on August 1 (2008). I would urge you NOT to waste your money or your time on this book. The exam that I took had absolutely NOTHING in common whatsoever with what was covered in this so-called study guide. Unlike the SAT or the GRE study guides where you encounter similar, or even the identical questions in some instances, this was not the case in this particular situation. After several months of intense study, I was still completely unprepared for the exam I was given. The only way to pass this USPS exam is to be thoroughly familiar with electrical circuitry as well as with tool and mechanical theory and practice. This is an exam where one either knows the material asked or he does not. Studying this book will NOT help you. The only reason I gave it two stars is because it does contain some decent review information as regards definitions and basic computer terminology and concepts. However, you will find virtually none of this on the actual exam. Same thing is true with the binary, decimal, hexadecimal, and octal number systems; you MUST know these systems thoroughly. Of course, you are not allowed a scientific calculator which makes these numerical conversions somewhat problematic. I do not have the mechanical study guide so I cannot speak to its utility. I can only say that studying this book will not help you with this impossibly difficult exam.
I took the USPS Electronics Technician Exam. I am not a postal worker but a Postal Employee friend suggested I study as I am currently unemployed. I bought this book and, although it covers a lot of the test material, the book provides only answers to the questions not detailed solutions. The book was helpful in assessing my weak spots and I THINK I tested well—will know in late July ’08. There were a lot of questions on Mechanical Operation, Pulley operation, etc. Also—this book’s section (part 1) on listening skills/following instructions was helpful since I have never taken a test such as this before—this was helpful. I wish the author had provided some solutions for the Electronics Questions such as he did for the Math/Algebra questions—there were some Math/Algebra/Geometry on the test also. The book also contained a lot of Electrical Engineering Questions—such as Imaginary Numbers, Vectors, etc.—I experienced few if any test questions such as this on the exam.—I would need a scientific calculator to conjure an answer anyway—LOL Study the series and parallel circuits portion of this book— you will a few similar questions on the test. Overall, 3 Stars—could be better but fairly helpful—

This was an outstanding study aid at the time. The test has since changed dramatically and this book no longer applies to the new version of the exam.

This book is good if you already know some mec or elec stuff...otherwise it is too complicated. answers with no explanation....

Worked well for what I needed it for.

Should have come with a CD for the section on following oral directions.

A+ 

the book was new with all the pages in numeric order, or as best as I can tell.