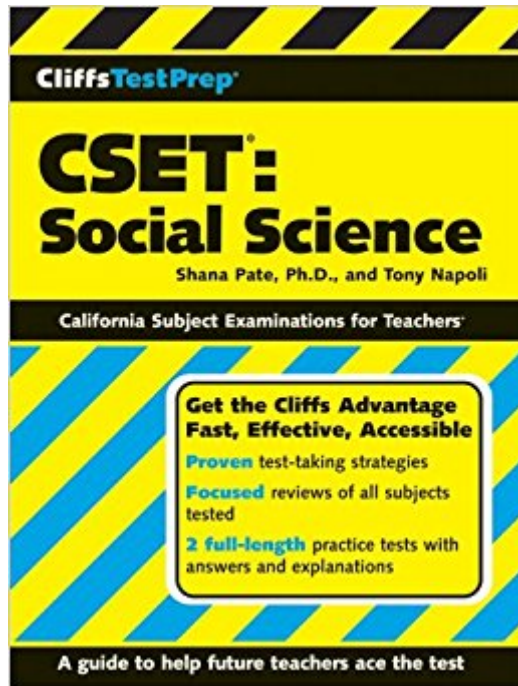


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Customer Reviews

I am going to give this four stars though though I am not entirely sure what I would give this. It did, however, help me pass all three subtests on the first go around so, yay. First, I got the kindle version

as the book was too expensive. Second, the book is not set up as is the test. On the test you have the three subtests and the questions are jumbled together. In the book there is a section on each different subject, i.e., world history, is separate from American History etc. The test itself is not set up that way. You can answer an econ question and have the very next three be geography questions. Bear that in mind. I found this book really helpful with the economics portion of the test. I know the history and the American government didn't scare me but the econ section... first I found it tediously boring. However, it seemed to cover everything I would need. I had also gone online and looked at other online sources for econ and that seemed to help too. I cannot honestly say if this book will help you or not, all I can say is that this is the only source I had for the test and I took all three subtests at once and passed them all. I suppose that, as with all things, you need to decide if it works for you too. Good luck.

This book is not only sparse, but it's a COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME! I started using this book to study for the CSET (with the help of a high school textbook), and after comparing it's content to the actual content standards, it hardly matches at all. So frustrating! Another note, watch out, some of the book's content is inaccurate, outdated and/or in the wrong period of history! I found myself catching a lot of mistakes, which led me here to research reviews. A previous commenter said this book was "embarrassing" and it truly is, it's sad. Save your money, and just use the content standards to study.

This book is more of an outline to help you with the things you need to know for the CSET. There are facts within this book but it is necessary for you to also use this with an outside source for more information. I am pairing this with U.S. history for dummies which is an easier explanation unlike most textbooks. This book just helps with knowing exactly what will be asked on the test instead of you studying extra information.

I used this book the same year I graduated with a BA in US History and this book was a great reminder that what we learn as adults about history is NOT what we are expected to teach students. I won't fault CliffsNotes that the information in the book is not detailed or in depth - that is how we are expected to teach ;) Although I don't, I DID take the test as if I would only skim the surface and passed with all "++++" but one "+++" scoring. If you are not familiar with History outside of cable channels (i.e. History Channel crap), you need to take the course work option; this book will not help you. But if you have a background in history, this is a simple way to remember HOW TO TAKE A

STANDARDIZED TEST!! passed on the first... pass ;)

I solely used this book for my CSET SS prep. It was not difficult to pass all three subtests. SS is such a wide field that you may want to read additionally elsewhere, but this book does a fine job of giving the basics needed to pass the tests.

Because I have appreciated Cliffs products in the past, I was surprised by this one. It will not help you pass the CSET. First of all, the section that tells you what you need to know for each subtest is so incredibly brief as to be annoying. And it doesn't even include enough information for the question in their sample tests. The sample test answers are sometimes inaccurate and often unhelpful (a,b, and c are clearly wrong, so it must be d--gee thanks). I regret purchasing this book and wish I could find something better. In the meantime, I'm just using the CA state standards for history grades 4-12.

Greetings Folks--I have been studying heartily for the CSET exam, and I have used several books from Cliff Test Prep, Princeton Review (AP), Barron (AP) and McGraw Hill, among other sources. In preparing for this test, having so many test booklets to compare, I can say without doubt that Cliff Test Prep books are by far the worst books to use. Not only is the material covered so simplistic and general (you would get more information from Wikipedia), the questions are absurd and seem to have little to do with the CSET exam for social sciences. I do not recommend any of these books at all. It is as if they are written by high school graduates and not professors. Buying books from Cliff Test Prep is a total waste of money. Regards, the friendly skeptic

Problem is it is vague and doesn't tell you specifically what to look into for deeper understanding. Plus, I found the actual test questions to be much harder than the practice ones.

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