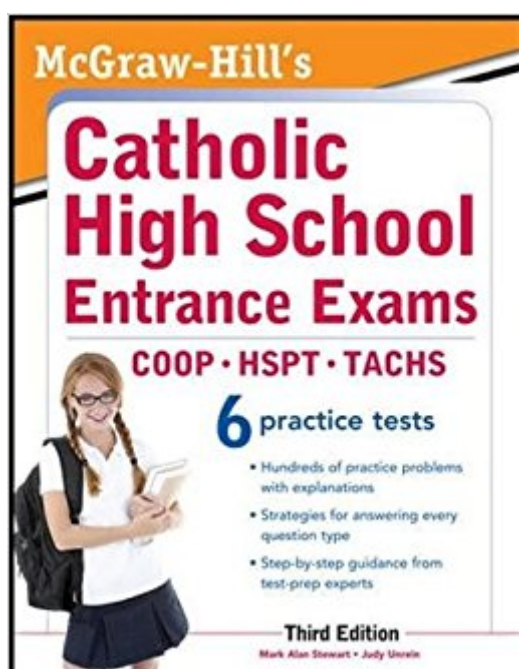


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# McGraw-Hill's Catholic High School Entrance Exams, 3rd Edition (McGraw-Hill's Catholic High School Entrance Examinations)



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The critical preparation you'll need to get into the Catholic high school you want McGraw-Hill's Catholic High School Entrance Exams is the core guide to the three exams required for admission to Catholic high schools nationwide. It offers complete coverage of the Cooperative Admissions Examination (COOP), the High School Placement Test (HSPT), and the Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS). Not only will you get expert prep advice on these exams, but also author Mark Stewart gives you inside information on gaining admission to a Catholic high school. You'll also find inside: Six full-length sample tests: two practice COOPs, two practice HSPTs; and two TACHS with complete answer explanations Sample exams, exercises, and problems designed to match the real tests in content and level of difficulty Step-by-step review of all topics covered on the three exams Important information such as testing requirements, when to register, how scores are reported, and more

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## Customer Reviews

Mark Alan Stewart has written more than 20 test-prep guides and has served as a testing consultant to schools in the University of California and California State University systems. Judy Unrein has been a teacher, tutor, and instructor trainer in the test prep world for 9 years.

I purchased this book for the HSPT practice tests without reading the reviews first. That was a big

mistake. Already finding numerous errors with proofreading and the answer key. Might still have purchased for the extra practice and exposure but disappointed with quality control.

Great for my daughter

The Authors have selected a good variety of questions in each of the topics. It's easy to use this study guide.

I bought this book for my daughter to help her prepare for the high school entrance exam. She did not read the book from cover to cover. However, the information was very helpful. The content allowed her to understand how each section of the test would be presented and the time limits associated with each. After the test, she expressed her appreciation for having the opportunity to review the book. It provided her a better understanding of what to expect for each section of the exam.

I have purchased over 6 HSPT books for my daughter to review. I can honestly say this is by far the worst. All of the books are right in line with the areas they cover and review. But McGraw Hills math and quantitative is so far out there it laughable. That is if you can get over the errors, typos that you encounter. I stripped out reading, verbal and language for my daughter to practice but the rest of the book met Mr. Trash Can.

Big book. Contains three different type of Catholic High School entrance exams. You have to thumb through a lot of unnecessary pages to get to what you want and it's easy for the 8th graders to get confused. some say for more than one type and some say for specific types only. I finally went through the while book a ripped the pages out and made a smaller book for just what we needed. It was too much...

I am a math tutor and have been using this book to prepare two students for the Catholic High School Placement Test. Their parents purchased this book. The book has numerous proof reading errors in the Quantitative sections of the practice tests. The typical error is when the student is shown three figures, a, b, and c and asked to compare them. The proof reading error is where the figure C should be, there is an exact duplicate of figure A. I can forgive this happening once in a book, but when it happens multiple times in a specific practice test, the publishers have failed to

produce a reliable book. I recommend that discontinue offering this book.

Something catastrophic must have happened to the quality-inspection team at McGraw-Hill, because this book has been published with an alarming number of errors. We just finished part (not even all) of the first HSPT practice test, and ran into absolute gibberish on three math problems, as follows:

1. On problem 70, test-takers are told to examine figures (a), (b) and (c). What appears below are three figures labeled (a), (b) and (a). That would be a forgivable proof-reading lapse if it weren't for the fact that ....
2. On problem 102, a fraction is presented with one denominator in the problem -- and an entirely different denominator in the answer set. There are no multiple choice answers that work for the initial version. You can't solve the problem unless you can deduce that a key fraction has been entered incorrectly.
3. On problem 112, none of the provided answers will solve the problem. Turn to the answer section to see what's up, and one of the letter choices is deemed correct, with an ENTIRELY DIFFERENT VALUE provided for that choice. This isn't a test of math skills; it's a test of psychic powers.

We bought this book because it was slightly cheaper than the Princeton Review or Kaplan alternatives, and I foolishly assumed that all three providers deliver roughly the same caliber of work. My advice: pay a little extra for a different guide. Good test-prep books should reduce students' stress levels and help them prepare confidently. This book fails badly on both counts.

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