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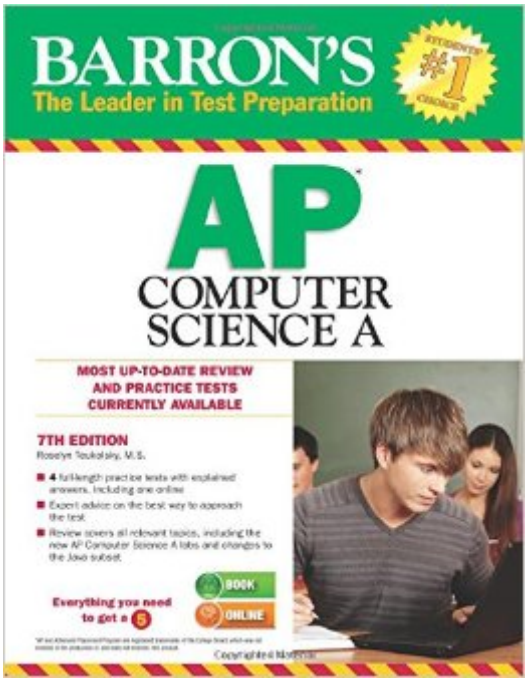

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Synopsis

This updated manual presents computer science test takers withâ •Three AP practice tests for the Level A course, including a diagnostic testCharts detailing the topics for each test questionAll test questions answered and explainedA subject review covers static variables, the List interface, Integer. MAX_VALUE, and Integer. MIN_VALUE. The practice exams contain several new questions on two-dimensional arrays and reflect the new free-response style used on the 2012 AP exam. An optional book with CD-ROM presents two more model AP exams with answers, explanations, automatic scoring for multiple-choice questions, and a scoring chart. BONUS ONLINE PRACTICE TEST: Students who purchase this book or package will also get FREE access to one additional full-length online AP Computer Science A test with all questions answered and explained.

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Customer Reviews

This book is good for studying for the AP test but I am very disappointed with the practice tests. The online test is old and uses the outdated Grid World. It is impossible to grade the Free-Response section. You can’t get an idea on how you’re doing. They give an example of the code but everyone codes differently. They don’t provide the grading criteria for the Free Response questions as the College Board does for their practice tests.

I haven’t started using it yet, but I only skimmed through it and I think it’s beginner-friendly for a self-learner like me. There may be a few things that could need a little more explanation in the first

chapter, but since I know a little about programming in general I sort of figured out what they were talking about. I'm happy to know that this is the most recent version of the book and I'm trying to aim for the test next year even though I'll be a senior. I got it on the earliest expected date too. The definitions could be a little more in depth but I know it's really a supplement for a real AP Computer Science class. If you want to study it yourself when your school doesn't offer it, I would recommend this book as long as you have some basic understanding of programming. I didn't even dare to attempt the diagnostics test in the beginning because I have no clue how Java works since it's a little different from C++, which I'm a little more comfortable with. (I'm not fluent in any language and I'm a high school junior.) Make sure to get other supplements if you're an independent learner. Still, I would recommend it to any inspired high schooler who wants to earn a career related to software design and computers. Keep fighting for your dreams no matter where life takes you and good luck!

Very good, inclusive, and representative of the exam. This is THE book that you need to succeed in the test. The problems are a lot like the actual exam, which helps a lot, since you don't have a lot of time to think and do Multiple Choice questions in 45 minutes. I recommend this book. I got a 5 on the test using this and the "Be Prepared" title, but this was more helpful. :-)

Note: Written by 17 year old son of the family.Really good review book. Got a 5 on the exam by studying the questions the night before the test. Studied with 2 other friends, one got a 4 and the other got a 3. The one that got a 3 had little knowledge though of the content.

This book has been a great help in my quest to get 5 on the AP test. It has a great skeleton of all the topics that will be on the test and makes sure to cover some little details that can be the difference between a 4 and a 5. These books are great for any AP class and I recommend any AP uses this resource for the burden of that class will be greatly alleviated.

I bought this AP prep book for one of my children, as recommended by the teacher of his AP Computer Science class. He is a good student and excelled in the class, so I wasn't particularly worried about the AP test.He nearly broke into tears in frustration after taking the first test in this book and missing nearly half of the questions. When he compared it to the score he received on the mock test he took in class, he noticed a massive discrepancy in the difficulty level of the questions. His teacher informed him that the Barron's AP series was meant to over-prepare students for the AP test, using harder and more rigorous questions. My child decided to ignore the tests in the book,

only using the study sections which he said were somewhat helpful for reviewing.We are still waiting to receive his AP test scores, but he said that he did not face any major difficulties while taking the test.Ultimately, this review book had some useful study information, but it may be best to avoid the mock tests unless you really feel the need to over-prepare yourself.

Barron’s is my current preferred best book for preparing students for the AP exam. The price of the book makes it reasonable to get one for each student and the problems are on par or harder than the ones typically found on the exam. Each unit provides a "test" that provides insight and ideas for wording. My only recommendation would be to provide a free response problem of an AP level after each unit as well.

Did the job, helped me prepare for computer science AP. The book isnt written perfectly and some parts aren’t explained well but if you just want to quickly go over the year’s syllabus and you basically understand everything, its definitely a concise book and a quick read.

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