Ivy Global's ACT Guide, 1st Edition
**Synopsis**

Ivy Global’s ACT Guide is a comprehensive test preparation book to help you ace the updated 2016 ACT. This book has the content, strategies, and practice you need to ensure you perform your best on test day. Ivy Global’s ACT Guide includes: Full-length Tests: Our guide includes three full-length tests so you can practice under realistic conditions. Extensive practice: Over 500 additional ACT-style practice problems divided by content type will help you focus on the areas you need. Clear Strategies: The 5 Ps are simple, effective strategies you can use throughout the test to maximize your score. Real Educational Content: Unlike some other books, we include content for the English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing Tests that uses ACT-style problems to teach you what you need to know for the exam. Up-to-date test information: New information reflects recent changes to the Science and Reading sections not found in other books. Access to additional resources online: Our online resources include detailed explanations, extra practice, reading lists, and more! Why Ivy Global? Rigor-tested Questions: Unlike other test products, we perform actual testing with high school students to help calibrate our tests’ difficulty. High-quality Passages: Reading passages are adapted from articles in The New York Times, The Atlantic, The Wall Street Journal and other high-quality publications. Most-like ACT: Our tests closely adhere to the ACT test specifications and practice tests so your practice is as impactful as possible. Real-time Scoring: The book includes access to our online scoring system, which will enable you to create a detailed report breaking down your strengths and weaknesses. Answer Explanations: We provide in-depth, downloadable answer explanations for every question on the three Practice Tests.

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After receiving my free copy from Ivy Global through reddit, I decided to write an honest review for them in return. Until now, I have been very particular about what ACT guides I choose and have stuck with the real act prep guide because it is generally favored because it is from the makers of the ACT. Simply said, the Ivy Global guide is just as good, if not better. The Ivy Global book goes into more detail about the test as a whole and shows you how to approach each section rather than the official ACT books “this is what is in this section, heres another practice test” format. This book does include 2 less practice tests than the official ACT book, but sometimes, especially when you plan to trek into the 30s, there needs to be more focus on strategies and test taking skills rather than practice tests after practice test. I am currently sitting at a 29 and am hoping to score in the 30s on the September test, maybe this book will be the difference (will post an update after the test).

Very highly recommended. Most prep books, like Kaplan/Princeton Review/Barron’s/etc. are mostly recycled edition-to-edition and only minor changes are made. This First Edition by Ivy Global shows how much work they put into it, as advice and material is high quality and specific. I got the book through their free offer on Reddit and basically everyone there was satisfied as well. Don’t forget to get the ACT Red Book (official test prep) for official practice questions along with this one, and you’ll be all set.

I received this book through a giveaway on reddit and I was beyond pleased with the quality of the materials. I’ve only been using it for a few days but the overwhelming amount of good material is unavoidable. I was pleasantly surprised to receive my book only 6 days after I emailed them about it. They had said it would take 3 to 4 weeks to deliver, so I wasn’t betting on using the book much before my September test date. However, it arrived in less than a week so I immediately jumped into it. From a quick flip through you can see that it’s very cleanly formatted. The English section is very detailed, full of example questions for each tiny topic, and unbelievably thorough. The math section is similarly comprehensive. It doesn’t just stress random and easy-to-teach topics like Barron’s and Princeton do, it covers a large breadth of material. The reading and science sections don’t just go after the entire sections as a whole, but break them apart by the types of questions and how to tackle them. They also have 10-15 really good writing prompts in their entirety. Their full practice tests look good as well, but they seem to cover a little bit more than necessary (some math topics like vectors appear more than needed). Other than some minor things like too much stress on concepts like vectors, this book goes above and beyond even the official ACT red book. This book
not only gives you the materials for success, but it also shows you how to put them to use better than Princeton or Barron’s ever could. I might come back in late September, edit this review, and add what I got on the test as well.

This book is not perfect. Although they provide good tips and lessons, the practice tests just do not feel the same as the real one. The reading passages are extremely long yet the questions are quite shallow (ask mostly about details in the passages, not much analysis.) Math is alright. English section is good for the grammar, but the rhetoric is not okay. A question that stands out for me is #4 in practice test 1. Not only does the "correct" transition sentence sounds awkward, the sentence that follows the transition sentence basically repeats the transition sentence (and not in a good way).

This ACT book is really helpful because it goes into far greater detail then the Red Book into each section. I would recommend this book to students who have a lot of time to prepare for the ACT test, because this book will help you get to that coveted 30+ range if you stick with it over the long haul. (I received this book for free through a Reddit giveaway)

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