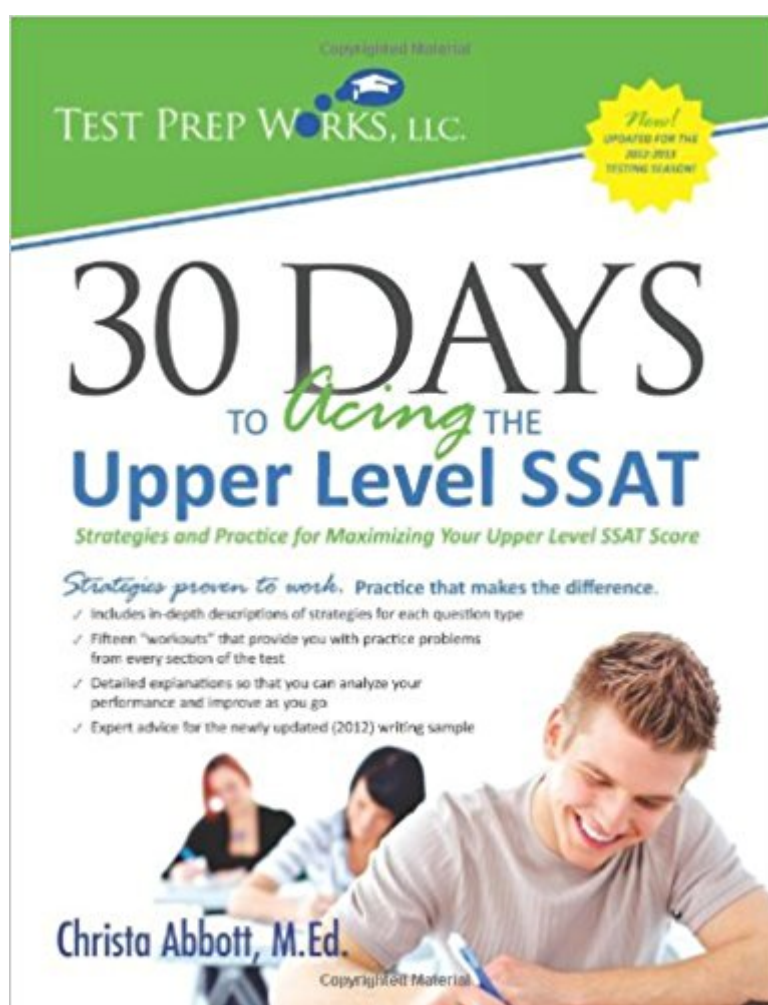


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# 30 Days To Acing The Upper Level SSAT: Strategies And Practice For Maximizing Your Upper Level SSAT Score



## Synopsis

Please note - An updated edition of this book is now available, with additional math practice in each workout. The new edition is ISBN # 978-1-939090-20-1. *30 Days to Acing the Upper Level SSAT* gives students the proven strategies and practice needed to successfully prepare for the Upper Level SSAT, including: The fundamental strategies that will help students ace each multiple-choice section of the test: verbal, reading, and quantitative 15 workouts that include practice for each type of question on the test Detailed explanations for every question to help students analyze and improve their performance Each workout can be completed in a single sitting, making it an ideal amount of practice for students to complete between classes. This book is designed both for students and families to use independently and for educators to use as a text with their students. While most other prep manuals mix together instruction for very different tests into one single volume, all of the material in *30 Days to Acing the Upper Level SSAT* is specific to the Upper Level SSAT. Students can use this book confidently and independently without being distracted by material that is not relevant. Test Prep Works has developed a full series of books for the Upper Level SSAT, including: *Success on the Upper Level SSAT: A Complete Course* -- Students benefit from the comprehensive content instruction, test-taking strategies, and practice provided in this book, including vocabulary lessons and drills, math content lessons and problem sets, reading strategies and drills, and one full-length practice test. *30 Days to Acing the Upper Level SSAT* -- Students looking for more practice will benefit from the 15 "workouts" in this book, and instructors can use the workouts as assignments that reinforce test-taking strategies and help measure progress. Each workout includes practice questions from all sections of the test and can easily be completed in a single sitting. This book also introduces the test-taking strategies that are critical for success on the Upper Level SSAT. *The Best Unofficial Practice Tests for the Upper Level SSAT* -- This book consists of two full-length practice tests with answer keys, allowing students and instructors to measure progress and preparing students for what they will experience on test day. (Note -- These practice tests have different questions than the practice test in *Success on the Upper Level SSAT: A Complete Course* and the two books can be combined for a total of three full-length practice tests.) Each book in the series can be used independently or they can be combined with each other, depending on the needs of the individual student.

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## Customer Reviews

Christa Abbott has been a private test prep tutor for more than a decade, helping her students gain admission to some of the top independent schools in the country. She has now used that experience to develop materials that help students prepare for independent school admissions tests. The approaches used in these books are based on the latest research about how students learn, so that preparation can be an effective and efficient use of time. These materials are also written to be developmentally appropriate for the ages of the students taking the tests. Christa is a graduate of Middlebury College and received her Masters in Education from the University of Virginia, a program nationally recognized for its excellence. She resides in Arlington, VA with her husband and three children. Christa continues to coach students one-on-one in the Washington, D.C., area as well as students all over the world via the internet.

This book offers strategies that I have not seen elsewhere. I can only speak to the verbal portion of the book, since I'm not a math teacher. The section on synonyms and analogies is very good, and although the practice isn't particularly hard, once a student masters the strategies, they can use them on practice tests from one of the giant prep books produced by Princeton Review, etc.

Well written, well organized, fresh/relevant content, lots of exercises, strong emphasis on strategies (which is key!), age-appropriate tone/style, very accessible - I could go on and on! My daughter used both the Success course book and the 30 Days work out books for the upper level SSAT and in just 3-4 weeks she felt very well prepared for her second run at the test. This is an excellent system because it targets the material by test/level, so you know that you're studying content that relates to

the test you will be taking. Other prep books are unmanageable as they try to be everything to all ISEE and SSAT test-takers. This focused approach builds confidence quickly with the right amount of topic review and test-taking strategy. My daughter started with the Success course book and then moved to the 30 Days book....she made 4x6 flash cards of all the strategies and also used Quizlet to study root and word lists. My only suggestion to the author is an appendix with a single consolidated word/root list. Good luck to all who this book set, it will help immensely!!!

Great

Most test-prep books produced by third-party authors are pretty mediocre, but this one is really good. The advice and strategies are not earth-shattering, but they are clearly presented and it's in a very good format for teenagers: reasonable chunks that build a good familiarity with the test. I would highly recommend it. It also takes away the negotiation between the student and parents, since they can just do one "workout" each day for a month (or one every other day for two months).

This book is just what the world of tutoring and test prep needs! It is apparent that Abbott is experienced with the process; she has provided a fabulous new way for tutors and students to approach a daunting task. Instructions are easy to follow, lessons are perfect for tutors to use at their own pace. Those used to working with other editions will be pleased by Abbott's methods and expertise. Make the change!

I purchased this book for my 8th grader based on the glowing reviews on 's website. My son studied this book in its entirety and took the upper level SSAT over the last weekend. When asked about the relevance of the material in this book, he shared with me that this does not even come close to the level of difficulty and scope of the material on the real exam. I must add that he is an Honors student with straight As in a very competitive school comprising high performing East Indian and Chinese student body! encourage other parents to do their homework before purchasing this book. There may be alternative options from reputed companies which the author has sought to categorize as hodge podge of material not suited for SSAT preparation

As a university faculty member, I'm very familiar with test prep materials. What sets Abbott's work apart is that while she is interested in improving students' test scores, her methods and strategies are much more broad-based and encourage the development of skills (particularly critical thinking

skills) that will benefit students in any academic endeavor. For her, test preparation is a vehicle to accomplish larger educational objectives that anyone interested in fostering academic achievement can support. Let's hope she produces more prep books that are as excellent as this one!

My son used this to prepare for the SSAT with only 2 weeks before his test -- he scored in the 92% percentile!! Great book, especially if your child has the 30 days to use the book..

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