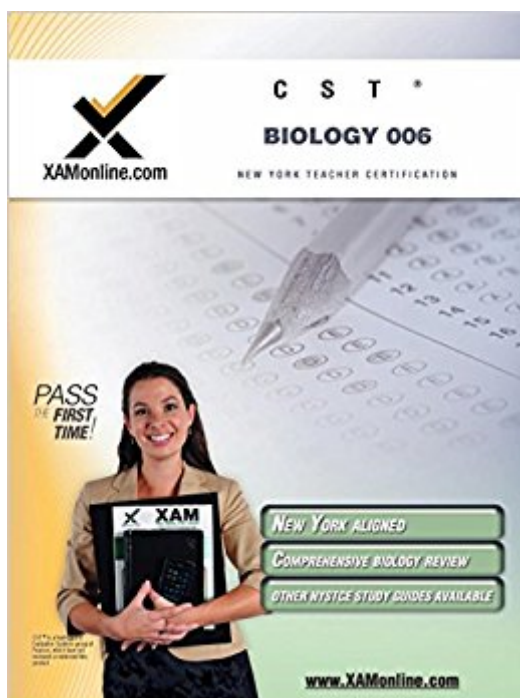


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Last spring I instructed a group of students to go to the bookstore and compare several NYSTCE Study Guides and then tell me which guide they thought was most useful. The WINNER was XAMonline.com. --Janet Drummond, Director of Certification, Aldephi University School of Education

If you want to use this just to get a feel for the type of questions on the CST, you'll be get decent usage from this book. But make sure you don't actually use this for information review - some of it is WRONG! They have a diagram of mitosis where one for meiosis should be, some of the answer key responses are wrong, just a mess. The problem is, there really isn't another book out there for this same test. In short, test yourself with it, but don't learn from it.

I'm giving this item only 3 stars because it took for ever for delivery but other wise the book was at least in good enough condition that can be used. For the price I guess we got what we paid for.

I enjoyed the review book, it had all of the material needed to review for the exam. I would recommend it to my friends.

I wanted a book to help me outline what I needed to know for my CST in Biology. XAM's tag line says that they are the "Teacher Certification Specialists" but I don't know how accurate that statement is. While reading through the skills in this review text I noted numerous spelling errors which struck me as unprofessional (especially for a book that is around \$40.) These errors made me second guess how accurate the information inside the text was. Overall it was a good sampler platter of information that may show up on the test, I do wish that the company thought to proof-read their product, especially since the test it is supposed to prepare you for is very important. We'll see how I do on my test, but for right now the grade for this book is merely OK.

I picked-up this book to review for the NYSTCE Bio CST that I took in Dec. 2007. Now that I have taken the exam, and gotten my results (passed), I feel comfortable writing this review. This book's sample 150-question mult. choice test was nothing like the actual test. This book is written with sample questions that you might find on a high school or Bio 101 test. The examples given in this book were poor, answers were incorrect, and questions were poorly written and explained. The actual test had 90 multiple choice questions which were definitely written by scientists with an eye toward only the highest levels of Bloom's Taxonomy! Be prepared for a lot of reading. Each question is lengthy, as well as each answer choice that is given. I do not feel that this book enhanced my chances of doing well on this exam. I did well because I went back and studied notes and flashcards and concepts on my own and with other students. I do not recommend that anyone buy this book. Instead, go to the NYSTCE website and download their prep guide for the BIO 006 CST - it's free. This prep guide has three-quarters of exactly what you will find in this book: the State's required competencies listed by subareas, test-taking & studying tips, a sample constructed response question with good, better and best answers demonstrated, a sample question for each subarea with answer and explanation. The only thing that the NYSTCE website guide does NOT have is a full-length mult.choice sample test. But considering how awful the mult.choice test in this book is, you're not missing anything. If I could give zero stars for this book, I would. Good luck everyone. Remember: Science Study Groups are the best way-to-go.

If I could have given this book less than a single star, I would have. This is an abomination of a study guide, and the publishers should be ashamed of themselves for putting out a product of such poor quality, let alone charging the amount of money they are for it!! The set up of the book alone is terrible--it's simply an outline of the topics that are covered on the test, with a brief summary for each point. There is no flow to the material, it jumps around in a strange layout that is not conducive to understanding the interrelatedness of biology. There are no review questions for each topic, there is simply one practice exam at the end of the book. This is a very poorly structured format for a review book, as you should solidify your knowledge of each topic with questions after you've reviewed that particular topic. There are also VERY few diagrams, charts or images within the text, and I am a very visual learner, so for me, this made concepts much less clear. The typos mentioned in the previous review were something I caught almost immediately, and I agree wholeheartedly with the previous reviewer--I was very hesitant to trust the accuracy of the information given in the book (including the answer key) when there are such glaring errors throughout the entire text. Terribly unprofessional!! The ONLY reason I purchased this book is because there were pitifully few options for study guides for this test. My exam is coming up this weekend, so I have yet to find out whether or not this book has prepared me at ALL for the format or content, but I can assure you that you will not be adequately prepared for this exam if all you're using is this book. I have purchased an AP Biology review book for the review of content, which has made me feel MUCH more comfortable with the material itself. I have also used an online website for additional practice exams for the NYSTCE to become more familiar with the format. I definitely would NOT feel confident going into this exam had I only relied on this text, especially since the last Biology course I took was about eight or nine years ago.

What a waste of valuable time and money! The answers to some of the questions were wrong, and there were so many misspellings, (tempature, instead of temperature, protien instead of protein, availilit instead of availability, etc.), that it's impossible to give the book any creditibility. Use an A.P. book to study from for the NYS CST. It's more accurate. If the site allowed, I would have given it NO stars.

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