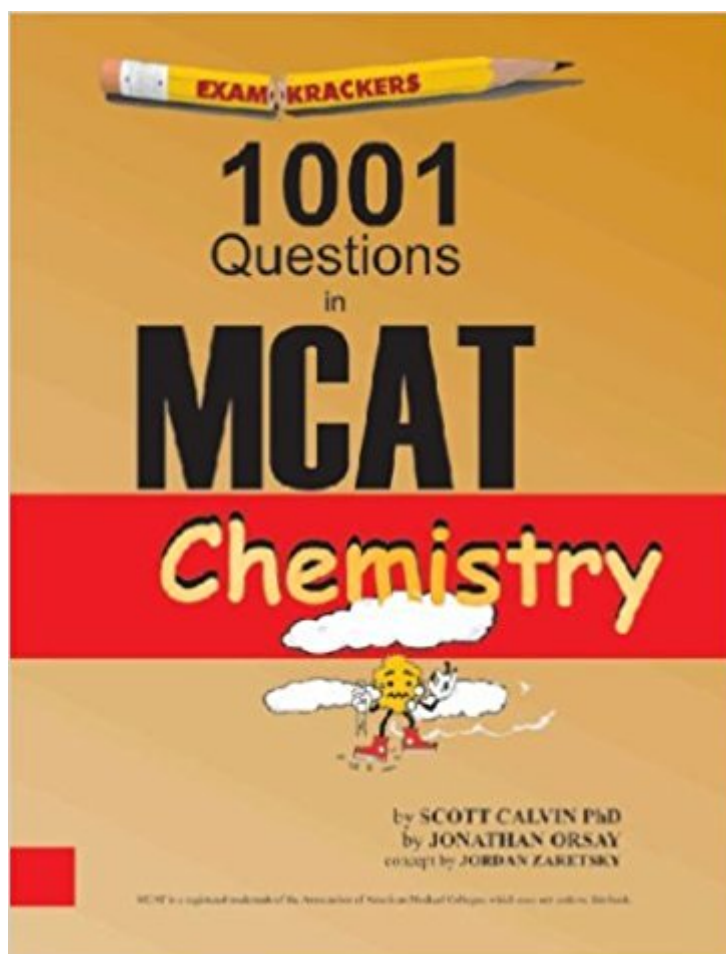


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# Examcrackers 1001 Questions In MCAT Chemistry



## Synopsis

"1001 Questions in MCAT Chemistry" provides practice questions in all chemistry topics covered by the MCAT. The questions and explanations are designed to teach the student to think intuitively. Like the MCAT, conceptual thinking is encouraged while lengthy calculations are discouraged. Memorization of basic formulas is required, but usually will not, in itself, provide the fastest method to finding an answer. Questions are conveniently arranged by topic. Question difficulty ranges from easy to very difficult. Questions are formatted exactly like the MCAT. Answers and explanations are provided in the back of the book.

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Buy this book if you feel that you are weak in certain areas of chemistry. The most problem-intensive concepts in MCAT Chemistry are solubilities and acid-base reactions. This book will make sure that

you know what you're doing when given a  $K_{sp}$ ,  $K_a$ ,  $K_b$ , and any other combination. It is far too easy to read the equation for  $K_{sp}$  or  $K_a$  and think you know how to do those problems-- often, a student has no idea why equations are the way they are and just plug and chug. The MCAT will burn you if you don't understand why equations work the way they do, especially with solubilities and acid-base. Great practice problems to test limiting reagents, reaction rates, Le Chatelier's principle, electrolysis. What I did for the MCAT was to study the concepts in chemistry that required problem-solving with this book. Try to skip the concept questions-- often, your own chemistry book can teach concepts better than questions here, which usually operates on your knowledge of miniscule facts. Pay attention to what your instructors say are important-- do not do  $V_p$  questions, do not do phase diagrams. Often, the practice problems in your review textbooks is sufficient enough and you do not need to do practice problems for those. I did all 1001 questions for MCAT Physics THREE TIMES and I understood all those questions. I kept a notebook that detailed explanation for all the problems that stumped me. I went on the message board countless times. And while I knew MCAT Physics backwards and forwards, the amount of work I put in versus the amount of information that I actually needed for the MCAT was around 30%. In other words, doing all the problems meticulously will get you nowhere! You will waste valuable study time. Find your weakness and focus on those. Other things, you should just know without extensive practice. For example, what is the difference between the second and third row of the periodic table? The third row non-metal elements can have five bonds while the second row can only have four. This is a typical MCAT style question, and while a book like 1001 Chemistry will ask a large number of periodic trends questions, this will probably be the only one that shows up on the test! Study smart. Solubility, Acid-Base, and Electrolysis are the big subjects. Know how to do limiting reagents and stoichiometry. Do not do all the problems and master all of them-- that is a waste of time.

I've used the Kaplan set of books in the past to study for the MCAT, but it didn't offer enough practice problems to really establish the knowledge base I needed to ace the MCAT. These books force me to really memorize and apply the knowledge from Kaplan. These books should be used in conjunction with the review information books. Definitely recommend these. I left off a star because the answer explanations are rather short, and sometimes you have to seek a detailed answer on your own.

Essentially, this book is a collection of very simple gen. chem questions that function more as note cards rather than MCAT practice. It is great in the sense that it drills in concepts, facts, and simple

procedures. However, the answers to the questions leave something to be desired. Often times they are little more than test taking strategies, "Use 'Roman Numeral' problems to your advantage. Since answer I is in all the choices, it has to be right." It is not hard to go back to your chem text book or the exam crackers chem book to review, but it would be nice for the authors to succinctly answer the question, and show why the other answers are wrong. This is the way that the Exam Crackers Verbal Reasoning and Biology Question books are written, which I would highly recommend. Also, as I have noted before, the questions do not at all reflect the types of questions that a student will see on the real test.

Really solidifies your understanding and tells you where your gaps in knowledge are. I also signed up for the forum on their website b/c you can get answers that further explain questions that may not be reviewed do well. Plenty of practice to go along with you reading a text book is what this provides.

I really enjoy the Examcrackers 1001 Series as I believe the help show clear examples of some necessary subjects important for the MCAT that could easily be missed. Also with so many questions, key concepts can really be practiced and learned well. However, that being said, my one problem with this whole series is that it seems the books are riddled with errors here and there. As a student freaking out at trying to understand every concept, it's not a great feeling to be in a state of confusion when it is the books writers error.

I made a 5 in my AP Chemistry exam waaaay back in high school, and I felt really strongly about my chemistry skills. This book hit me with reality- I had forgotten some basic concepts of pH and solubility- and geared me back up for the exam. A lot of questions focus on the basics, which makes it easier for you during recall when you are trying to solve the higher thinking questions. Thanks to this book (and Kaplan), I was able to score a 9 on the physical sciences (I also bought the physics one), whereas I was making 6-7s in practice before doing all 1001 questions.

Great book of questions! I couldn't afford a class or anything so I had to do my own home study. I used these books to test my knowledge each day. I will say that practicing with these questions helped boost my score by 10 points. I mean, I'm in med school now so I guess that says it all lol. I will stand by Examcrackers because their books are straight to the point & make it fun because learning should be fun! Plus, the little quirky things they add do help in retaining knowledge. In med

school, the funny or silly cartoon, acronyms, & sayings are the ones that help you remember things the most so Examcrackers is right on point! I owe you guys everything for helping my MCAT score!

As with all the Examcrackers study books, the question books are an excellent addition to the study books. Alone they would be great question banks to study with but in addition to the study material for the MCAT these are great practice questions. The BEST way to study for the MCAT is to DO QUESTIONS!!!!

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