

I am happy to say that I passed my **PMP** on the **9th** of **March**, with **5 MP**. I invested approx. **400 hours** and went through a total of approx. **3900** questions during **80** day period.

SR. NO.	TEST NAME	SCORE	LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	NO. OF QUESTIONS
1	EDWELL - Chapterwise	81.21%	MEDIUM	300
2	EDWELL - Pretest	74.00%	MEDIUM	200
3	OLIVER LEHMAN 75Q	64.00%	HARD	75
4	OLIVER LEHMAN 175Q	70.25%	HARD	175
5	PMZILLA 30Q - 2nd Attempt	73.33%	VERY HARD	30
6	RITA - Chapterwise	79.25%	MEDIUM	360
7	PMSTUDY - 1st Free	83.43%	MEDIUM	100
8	HEADFIRST - Chapterwise	82.00%	EASY	400
9	HEADFIRST - Pretest	74.00%	EASY	200
10	VINSYS	74.00%	MEDIUM	200
11	ESI PMP - Chapterwise	63.00%	VERY HARD +	300
12	ESI PMP	60.00%	VERY HARD +	200
13	PMSIMULATOR - Test 1	70.97%	EASY	30
14	PMSIMULATOR - Test 2	93.33%	EASY	30
15	PMSIMULATOR - Test 3	83.33%	EASY	30
16	PMSIMULATOR - Test 4	60.00%	EASY	85
17	IZENBRIDGE	77.00%	MEDIUM	100
18	EXAM CENTRAL	76.00%	MEDIUM+	200
19	KIM HELDMAN PRE ASSESSMENT	63.00%	VERY HARD	70
20	SIMPLILEARN	77.50%	EASY	200
21	PMSTUDY - 2nd Paid	73.71%	HARD	200
22	PMSTUDY - 3rd Paid	70.29%	HARD	200
23	PMSTUDY - 4th Paid	80.00%	HARD	200
24	PROJECT MGMT. ACADEMY	62.00%	VERY HARD	50
TOTAL QUESTIONS		73.57%		3935

I started with **Headfirst** (twice). Solved the chapter questions. Then I moved on to **Rita** (twice). Solved the chapter questions. Then to **PMBOK** (twice). After which I solved my Boot Camp questions (**Vinsys**), Chapter wise. **Edwell** came into picture. It gave good insights & details about the exam which were not there in the PMBOK, Rita or Headfirst. Again the same steps. Chapter questions. Simultaneously I was visitng **PMzilla & LinkedIn** (I want to be a PMP) for more info on a daily basis. Read the glossary once. PMP Exam notes once (PmZilla). I didn't read **Kim Heldman**. But I would suggest one to read it. Unfortunately I got the book 7 days before the exam. No time so skipped it. The questions in ESI are superb. It wacks your brains. Don't memorize the ITTO's. Use logic to understand the ITTO's. Page 61 is a must.

I reached one hour early to the center. And took the exam one hour early as the station was vacant. I was confident before the exam that I would crack the exam. After all the entry prerequisites, I started with my paper. 5 questions among the 1st 10 were kept on review. But after 15th question things went smoothly. There were questions which were similar (This was something different from what I had read or heard about PMP exam). Lot of questions on **Change Request & Risk**. One should be thorough with these two topics. Think logically. Read the question properly. Very confusing & tricky as usual. A point came after the 137th question that I might flunk as I wasn't sure whether the answers for the change request & risk questions were correct or not. But eventually my answers & thinking turned out to be accurate.

Topics:

- Change Request
- Types of Organization
- Validate Scope vs Control Quality
- Close Project vs Close Procurement
- Scope baseline
- Inspection vs Audit
- Precise vs Accuracy
- Control Quality vs Quality Assurance
- Configuration controls vs change controls
- Work Performance Data vs Work Performance Information vs Work Performance Report
- Accepted Deliverable vs Validated Deliverable
- Estimate Activity Duration
- Develop Schedule
- Life Cycle Cost
- Cost Chapter – Be very thorough with the full chapter – Numerical is a must
- 7 basic tools of quality
- Variable vs Attribute sampling
- Staffing Management Plan
- Interpersonal Skill vs Management Skill
- Conflict Management
- Ground Rules
- Tuckmans
- HR Theories
- Collocation
- Sources of Conflict
- Types of Power
- Leadership Style
- Communication Model
- Communication Channel Numerical
- Communication Method
- Risk Chapter - Be very thorough with the full chapter
- Make or Buy Analysis
- Types of Contract
- Screening System vs Weighted System
- Source Selection Criteria
- Bidder Conference
- Claims
- Centralized vs Decentralized contracts

Again; don't forget **CHANGE REQUEST & RISK**. I hope my lessons learned will help you to crack the exam with flying colors.

Please note that the above method worked for me. And the topics mentioned above were in my set of questions in the exam. It might be different for others.