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SAT, ACT and PSAT

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AGENDA

1. TRUTHS, MISCONCEPTIONS AND COMPARISONS
2. PSAT INFO
3. HOW THE PRINCETON REVIEW CAN HELP
TRUTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS
# WHAT DO THESE TESTS MEASURE?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Admission tests..</th>
<th>True</th>
<th>False</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>… measure intelligence?</td>
<td></td>
<td>✓</td>
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<tr>
<td>… can be used to award aid?</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>… reflect your GPA in high school?</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>… predict your college GPA?</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>… can be prepared for?</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>… should be prepared for?</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>… test what you’ve learned in HS?</td>
<td>?</td>
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STUDENTS OFTEN STRUGGLE WITH ACT/SAT

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<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>SAT/ACT</th>
<th>HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Timing/Number of Questions</strong></td>
<td>Designed so you can’t finish or have to rush</td>
<td>Generous/Designed so you can finish</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Content</strong></td>
<td>Covers years</td>
<td>Covers chapters</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Tests</strong></td>
<td>Ability to perform under high pressure/how well you take it</td>
<td>Content knowledge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Essay</strong></td>
<td>Limited time</td>
<td>Hours &amp; weeks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Reading</strong></td>
<td>Under serious time constraints</td>
<td>Read at home, untimed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Writing/English</strong></td>
<td>Grammar rules</td>
<td>Grammar has much less emphasis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Math</strong></td>
<td>Intentionally hard and comprised of 4+ years; no partial credit</td>
<td>Straight forward and generally focused on 1 year; partial credit given</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Grading</strong></td>
<td>Machine</td>
<td>Subjective</td>
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• ALL SCHOOLS ACCEPT EITHER THE SAT AND/OR THE ACT.

• COLLEGES HAVE NO PREFERENCE.

• YOU MAY TAKE BOTH TESTS, OR JUST ONE OF THEM.
## Tests at a Glance

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<tr>
<th>ACT</th>
<th>SAT</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Format</strong></td>
<td>Exclusively multiple choice</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Content areas</strong></td>
<td>English, Math, Reading, Writing, Science</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Scoring per section</strong></td>
<td>1 – 36</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Timing</strong></td>
<td>2:55 (3:35)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong># of Questions</strong></td>
<td>215</td>
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# ACT SECTION-BY-SECTION

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Questions</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>English</td>
<td>45 minutes</td>
<td>75 questions</td>
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<tr>
<td>Math</td>
<td>60 minutes</td>
<td>60 questions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reading</td>
<td>35 minutes</td>
<td>40 questions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Science</td>
<td>35 minutes</td>
<td>40 questions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Writing (optional essay)</td>
<td>40 minutes</td>
<td>1 essay</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total with Writing</strong></td>
<td><strong>3:35</strong></td>
<td><strong>215 questions</strong></td>
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## SAT SECTION-BY-SECTION

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<th>Time</th>
<th>Questions</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Reading</td>
<td>65 minutes</td>
<td>52 questions</td>
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<tr>
<td>W&amp;L</td>
<td>35 minutes</td>
<td>44 questions</td>
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<tr>
<td>Math (No calculator)</td>
<td>25 minutes</td>
<td>20 questions</td>
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<tr>
<td>Math (calculator)</td>
<td>55 minutes</td>
<td>38 questions</td>
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<tr>
<td>Essay (optional)</td>
<td>50 minutes</td>
<td>1 essay</td>
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<td><strong>Total with Essay</strong></td>
<td><strong>3:50</strong></td>
<td><strong>154 questions</strong></td>
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SAT SCORING

MATH 200 – 800
EVIDENCE-BASED 200 – 800
READING AND WRITING 200 – 800
TOTAL 400 – 1600

ACT SCORING

ENGLISH 1-36
MATH 1-36
READING 1-36
SCIENCE 1-36
WRITING (ESSAY) 2-12
COMPOSITE 1-36
WHAT IS A GOOD SCORE?
HIGH SCORES CAN LEAD TO SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SCHOOL</th>
<th>SAT*</th>
<th>ACT*</th>
<th>AVG. MERIT AWARD**</th>
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<tr>
<td>Santa Clara University</td>
<td>1380</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>$18,264</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dickinson College</td>
<td>1350</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>$16,952</td>
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<tr>
<td>University of North Carolina, Charlotte</td>
<td>1270</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>$16,455</td>
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<tr>
<td>Quinnipiac University</td>
<td>1100</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>$17,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>University of Maine</td>
<td>1100</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>$10,800</td>
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<tr>
<td>Saint Louis University</td>
<td>1070</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>$16,794</td>
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* SAT scores are reflective of the Critical reading and Math scores. The data is self-reported from the schools and represents data during the 2015-2016 school year. * ACT scores are self-reported from the schools and represent data during the 2015-2016 school year.
** Average merit award for qualifying individuals provided by schools.
## PSAT IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO SAT®

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>SAT Questions</th>
<th>Time per Section</th>
<th>PSAT Questions</th>
<th>Time per Section</th>
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<td>Reading</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>65 minutes</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>60 minutes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Writing and Language</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>35 minutes</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>35 minutes</td>
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<td>Math – no calculator</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>38</td>
<td>55 minutes</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>45 minutes</td>
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<td>Essay (optional)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>50 minutes</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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HIGH SCORES CAN LEAD TO SCHOLARSHIPs

• National Merit® scholarship
• Academic honors

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1,500,000 Juniors will take the PSAT

50,000 Recognized

16,000 Semi-Finalists

15,000 Finalists

7,400

Out of 1.5 million students who take the PSAT, 7,400 are awarded scholarships
PSAT AND SAT SCORING

SAT National Average = 1090
What is Test Optional?

A “test optional” policy leaves the **decision up to you of whether or not you want to send your SAT scores.**

- **More choice and control over how you best present your strengths** to admissions officers.
- Some **highly ranked SAT optional schools** include Bates, Bowdoin, Bryn Mawr, Hofstra, Pitzer, Sarah Lawrence, Smith, University of Iowa, University of Texas at Austin, Wake Forest, George Washington University, and Wesleyan
What is Test “Flexible?”

A “test flexible” policy does require you to send test scores, but it may allow for different options in place of the SAT.

NYU Test FLEXIBLE POLICY:
“To be eligible for admission, applicants are expected to submit results from one of the following testing options:
The SAT Reasoning Test; or
The ACT with Writing Test; or
Three SAT Subject Test scores; or
Three AP exam scores; or
International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma; or
Three IB higher-level exam scores if not an IB Diploma candidate; or
Nationally accredited exam that shows you completed your secondary education.”
Test “Blind?”

One College = Hampshire College, Amherst, MA
PREPARATION AND PLANNING ARE KEY
STRATEGY: PACING

26 correct

32 incorrect

0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 58

540

580

610

38 attempted: 30

+4

20 guesses

0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 58

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*Based on a 2015 Princeton Review survey of parents of students enrolled in 4-year colleges

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