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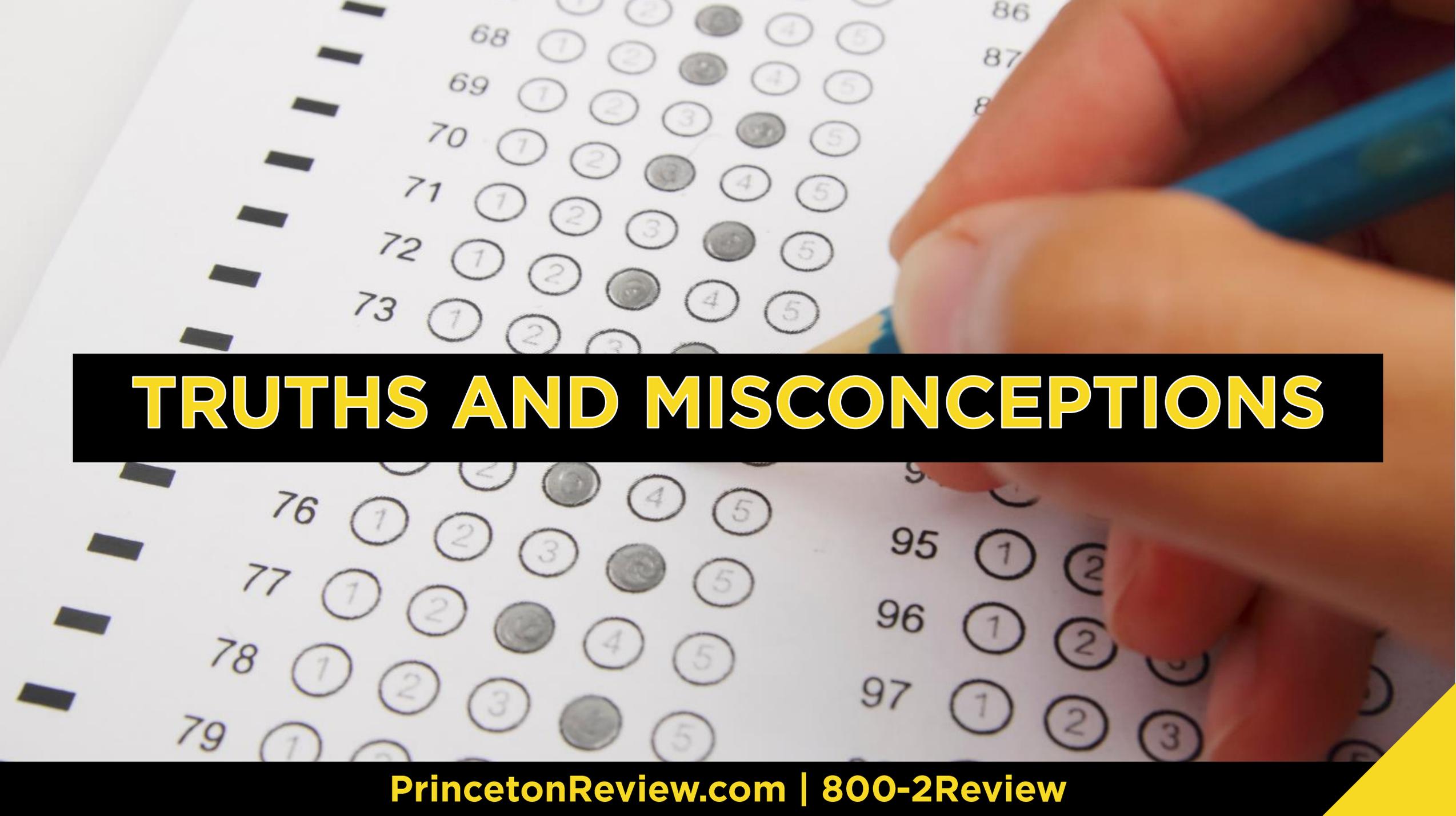
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PSAT, SAT & ACT

- 1) Truths and Misconceptions**
- 2) Similarities and Differences**
- 3) Improving Your Scores**

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a blue pencil, pointing to a multiple-choice test paper. The paper features a grid of questions numbered 68 through 73 and 95 through 97. Each question has five circular options labeled 1 through 5. Some options are already filled in with dark ink. A black banner with yellow text is overlaid across the middle of the image.

TRUTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS

DO SAT AND ACT SCORES STILL MATTER?



TEST REQUIRED
6% of SCHOOLS

TEST FLEXIBLE
3% of SCHOOLS

TEST OPTIONAL
85% of SCHOOLS

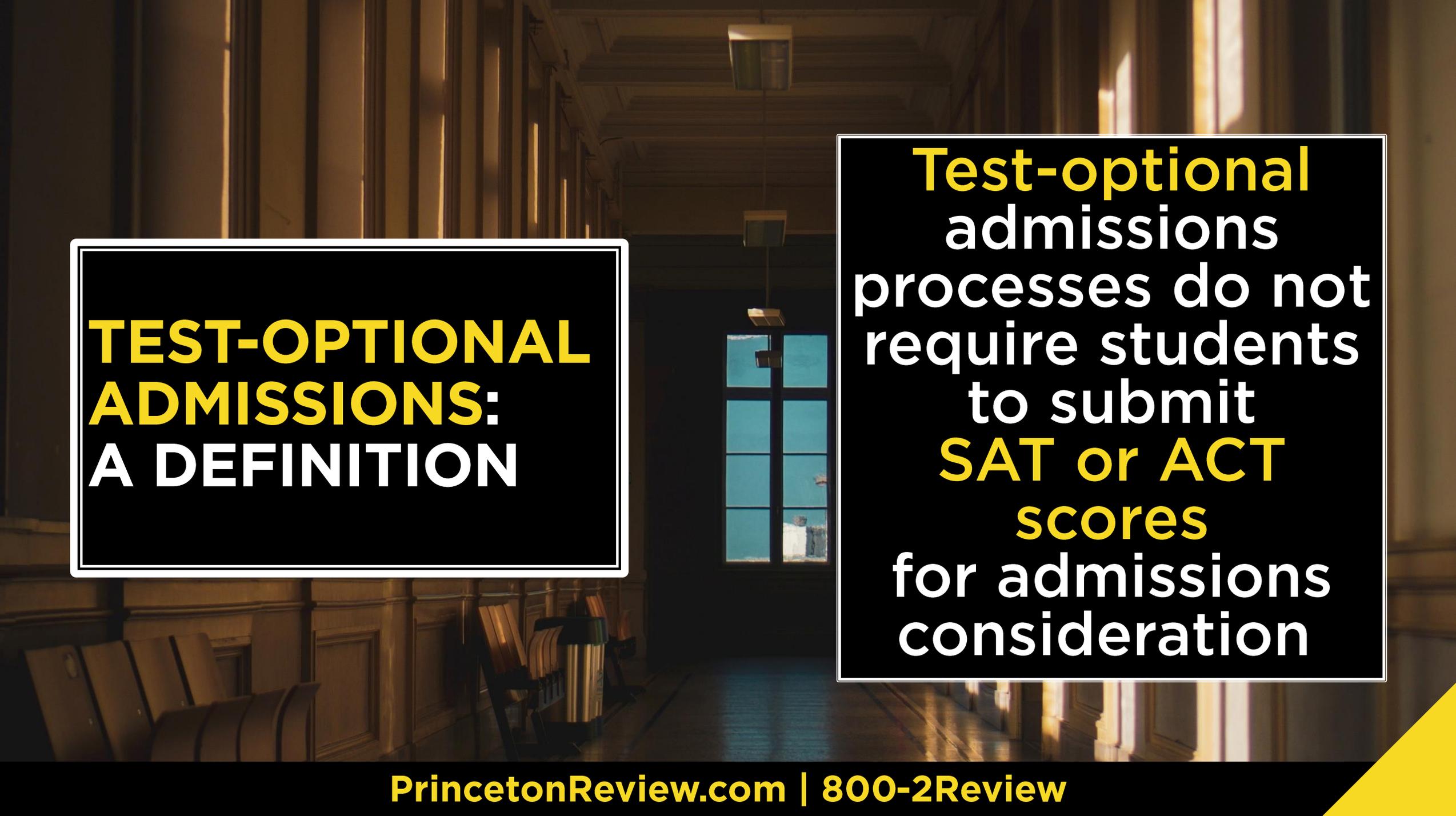
TEST FREE
7% of SCHOOLS

DO SAT AND ACT SCORES STILL MATTER?



WILL STILL
WANT TO SEE
HIGH TEST
SCORES
IF SUBMITTED
93% of SCHOOLS

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**TEST-OPTIONAL
ADMISSIONS:
A DEFINITION**

Test-optional
admissions
processes do not
require students
to submit
SAT or ACT
scores
for admissions
consideration

HOW OPTIONAL IS TEST OPTIONAL?

STANFORD UNIVERSITY'S POLICY:

“Stanford will review applications with or without ACT or SAT test scores, leaving the decision in the hands of the applicant.”

On Stanford's "Freshman Application Requirements" page:

“Standardized testing is one of the application requirements that can highlight academic preparedness.”

➤ State Funded Scholarships

➤ ROTC Scholarships:

➤ Army

➤ Navy

➤ Air Force

➤ National Merit

SAT & ACT
SCORES CAN
ALSO LEAD TO
SCHOLARSHIPS

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WHAT DO STANDARDIZED TESTS MEASURE?

Do College Admission Tests Like the SAT and ACT...	True	False
Measure your intelligence?		
Reflect your high school GPA?		
Predict your college GPA?		
Test what you've learned in high school?		

STANDARDIZED TESTS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM HIGH SCHOOL TESTS

HIGH SCHOOL TESTS

Limited Subject Matter

Content Knowledge

Plenty of Time

Partial Credit or Extra Credit

Human Graded

One Element of Overall Grade

STANDARDIZED TESTS

Years of Material

Testing Strategy

Rigorously Timed

Right or Wrong Answers

Machine Graded

Only Your Final Score Matters

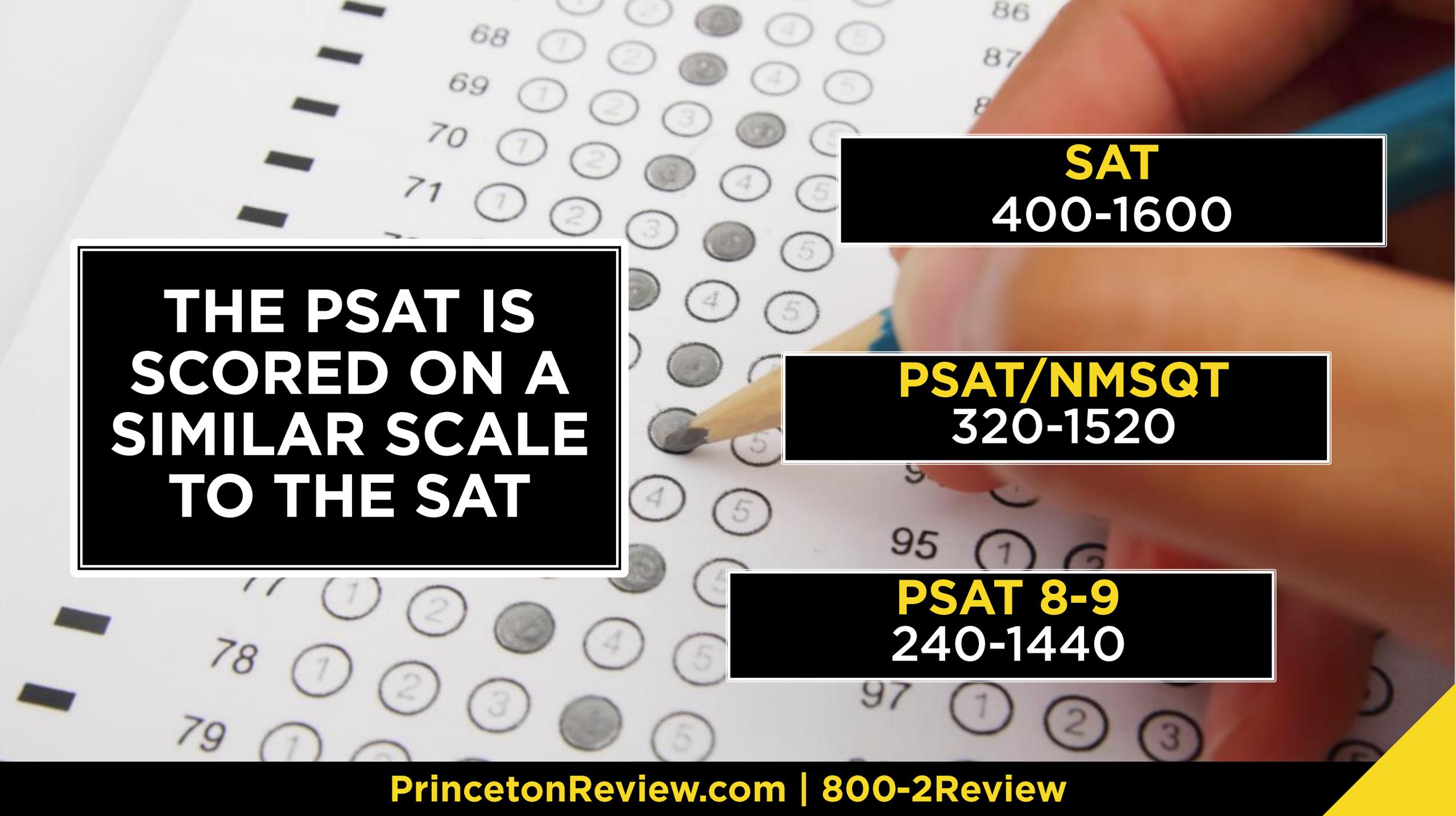
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THE PSAT, SAT & ACT

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THE PSAT IS NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THE SAT

SAT	SAT Questions	SAT Time	PSAT Questions	PSAT Time
Reading	52	65 minutes	47	60 minutes
Writing and Language	44	35 minutes	44	35 minutes
Math - no calculator	20	25 minutes	17	21 minutes
Math - calculator	38	55 minutes	31	45 minutes

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a pencil, filling out a bubble test form. The form has rows of numbered questions (68-79) and columns of bubbles numbered 1-5. The background is slightly blurred, focusing on the hand and pencil.

SAT
400-1600

**THE PSAT IS
SCORED ON A
SIMILAR SCALE
TO THE SAT**

PSAT/NMSQT
320-1520

PSAT 8-9
240-1440

**NATIONAL
MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP
QUALIFYING
TEST**

Reading Test Score
+
Writing and Language Test Score
+

Math Test Score

=

SUM

Times 2

=

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying
Score

**ONLY THE TOP 1% OF SCORERS IN
EACH STATE ARE NATIONAL
MERIT QUALIFIERS**

1.6 Million Junior
PSAT Takers

50,000 Recognized
Scholars

16,000 National
Merit
Semifinalists

15,000
Finalists

TAKEN A **THREE-HOUR**
TEST

SEEN **SAT-STYLE**
QUESTIONS

RECEIVED A
“PRACTICE” SCORE

AFTER TAKING
THE **PSAT** YOU
NOW HAVE...

Then which
test should I
take? The
SAT or **ACT**?

How about
BOTH?

The background is a close-up of a test paper. It features a grid of blue bubbles containing the letters A, B, C, and D. The bubbles are arranged in diagonal rows. To the right of the bubbles, there are black numbers 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 41, 42, and 43. A black pen is visible in the lower right quadrant, resting on the paper. A black horizontal bar is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text 'SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES' in yellow, bold, sans-serif font.

SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES



BOTH THE **SAT
AND **ACT** HAVE...**

**THREE HOURS OF
TESTING TIME**

**MULTIPLE CHOICE
QUESTIONS**

SPECIFIC SUBJECTS

ACT SECTION BY SECTION

SECTION	TIME	QUESTIONS
English	45 minutes	75 questions
Math	60 minutes	60 questions
Reading	35 minutes	40 questions
Science	35 minutes	40 questions
Essay (Optional)	40 minutes	1 question
TOTAL	215 minutes	216 questions

SAT SECTION BY SECTION

SECTION	TIME	QUESTIONS
Reading	65 minutes	52 questions
Writing & Language	35 minutes	44 questions
Math (No Calculator)	25 minutes	20 questions
Math (Calculator)	55 minutes	38 questions
TOTAL	180 minutes	154 questions

ACT **SCORING**

ENGLISH
1-36

MATH
1-36

READING
1-36

SCIENCE
1-36

COMPOSITE
SCORE
1-36

SAT SCORING

VERBAL
200-800

MATH
200-800

TOTAL SCORE
400-1600

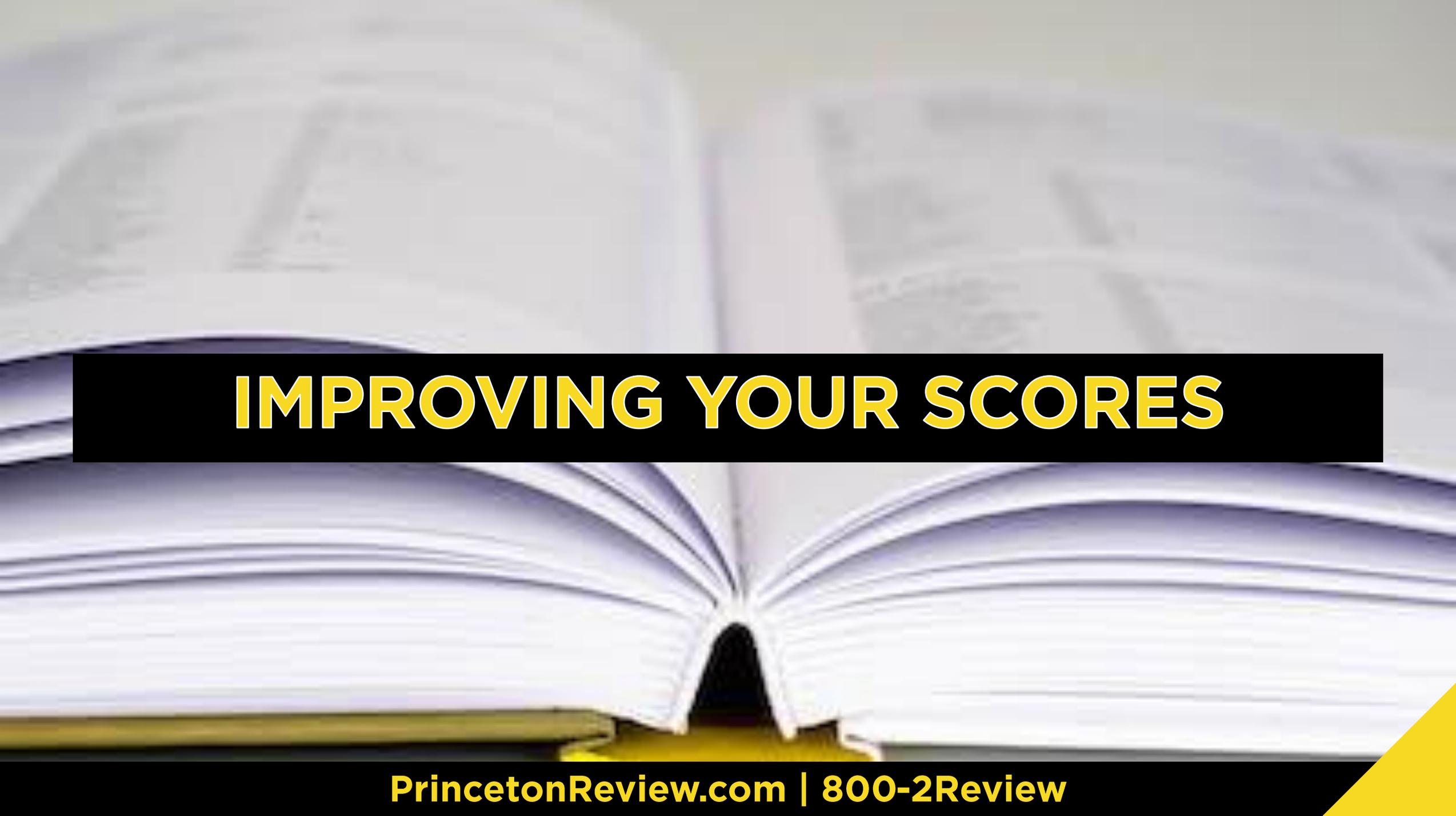
WHAT IS A GOOD SCORE?

**A GOOD SCORE IS
THE SCORE THAT
GETS YOU INTO YOUR
DREAM COLLEGE**

WHERE WILL YOUR SCORES TAKE YOU?

SCHOOL	SAT 25%	SAT 75%*	ACT 25%	ACT 75%*
Colorado State University	1090	1280	23	29
Duke University	1450	1570	33	35
Scripps College	1400	1510	31	34
The University of Notre Dame	1410	1550	32	35
University of Connecticut	1210	1390	26	31
University of Oregon	1120	1330	22	30

* SAT scores are reflective of the Evidence Based Reading & Writing and Math scores. The data is self-reported from the schools and represents data during the 2021-2022 school year. * ACT scores are reflective of the Composite ACT score and are self-reported from the schools and represent data during the 2021-2022 school year.

An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, with the pages fanned out. A black horizontal banner is superimposed across the center of the book, containing the text 'IMPROVING YOUR SCORES' in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light gray.

IMPROVING YOUR SCORES

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Test writers
know how
to **trick you!**

If $x+7=10$,
then what
does $x+5$
equal?

COMMON MISTAKES

Answering questions
too quickly

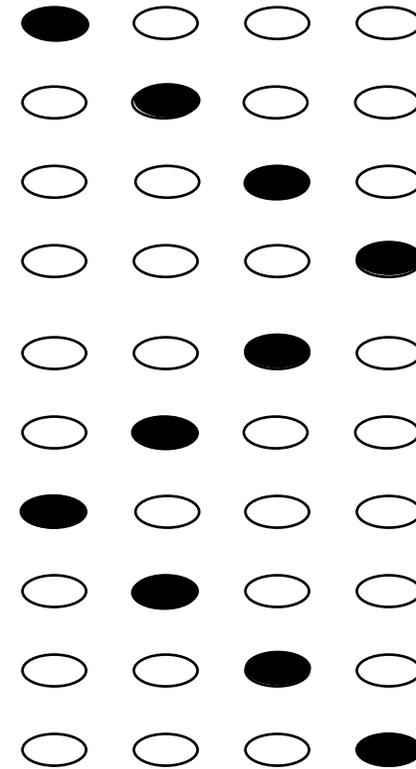
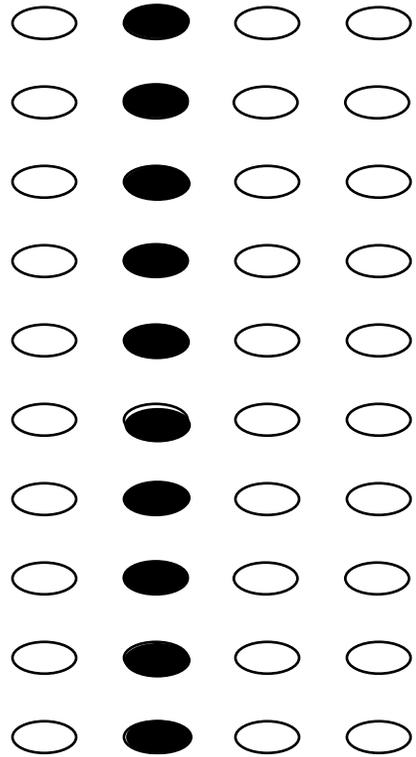
Choosing answers
carelessly

Doing work
in your head

Misreading the
problem

Not understanding
what to do

LETTER OF THE DAY



Scores Higher

Scores Lower

READING STRATEGY

- ~~A.~~ uses extreme language like “never” or “always” or “all”
- ~~B.~~ recycles phrases directly from the passage
- ~~C.~~ says something true but is not explicitly in the passage
- D.** is an answer you might not love
but is still the BEST ANSWER
or perhaps LEAST BAD answer

GRAMMAR STRATEGY

From The Princeton Review's SAT Practice Test Online

Currently, products **Plural** that are GMOs, of either type. **4** is not required to be labeled as GMOs.

- 4**
- A) NO CHANGE **Singular**
 - B) isn't required **Singular**
 - C) are not required **Plural****
 - D) not required **No Verb**

MATH STRATEGY

From The Princeton Review's ACT Practice Test Online

24. A rectangular rug has an area of 80 square feet, and its width is exactly 2 feet shorter than its length. What is the length, in feet, of the rug?

$$L-2=W \quad L \times W=80$$

A. 8

B. 10 $-2=8 \quad 10 \times 8=80$

C. 16 $-2=14 \quad 16 \times 14=244$

D. 18

E. 36

Plug
In
The
Answers!

SAT & ACT TEST DATES

SAT DATES 2022-2023

August 27

October 1

November 5

December 3

March 11

May 6

June 3

ACT DATES 2022-2023

September 10

October 22

December 10

February 11

April 15

June 10

July 15

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Academic Subjects 6th-12th grade

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FREE SAT/ACT ONLINE SELF-PACED COURSE (\$499 retail value)

- For all sophomores and juniors

FREE PRACTICE SAT AND ACT TESTS

- Online practice tests (with timing options)
- Free score reports identifying strengths and weaknesses
- Free score consultations to help you decide which test is best for you

COLLEGE SEARCH TOOLS

- Explore colleges to find your best-fit schools
- Check out our popular rankings and ratings
- Research average test scores to set your unique goals

HOMEWORK HELP 60-MINUTE TRIAL

- On-demand tutors available 24/7, ready to connect in minutes and answer questions in 80+ academic subjects, for 4th-12th graders

FREE VIRTUAL PRACTICE TESTS

Free practice tests are a great way to find out you may score on the SAT or ACT without having the scores count. After the test, you'll receive a comprehensive score report detailing your strengths and weaknesses.

SAT Free Virtual Practice Test

Saturday, January 21

9:00AM

Registration deadline: Jan. 19

Scan
QR Code
to register!



ACT Free Virtual Practice Test

Saturday, January 21

9:00AM

Registration deadline: Jan. 19

Scan
QR Code
to register!



Tests will be held online. Registration is required.

- Students will receive detailed instructions explaining how to log onto Princeton Review student portal and complete the test online at home.
- Multiple timing options are available for students with accommodations.

HUNTINGTON HS SCHEDULES

SAT PREP

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March SAT Essentials #510439

Tuesdays 6:30-9:30pm

Class Dates: 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14,
2/28 & 3/7

With suggested practice test dates 1/21, 2/11 & 3/4 for
students to take full-length practice tests at home

Scan QR to view
schedule and register.



May SAT Essentials #510441

Mondays 6:30-9:30pm

Class Dates: 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/17,
4/24 & 5/1

With suggested practice test dates 3/11, 4/1 & 4/29 for
students to take full-length practice tests at home



QUESTIONS?

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Last Name

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Country

Zip Code

School Name

Graduation Year



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