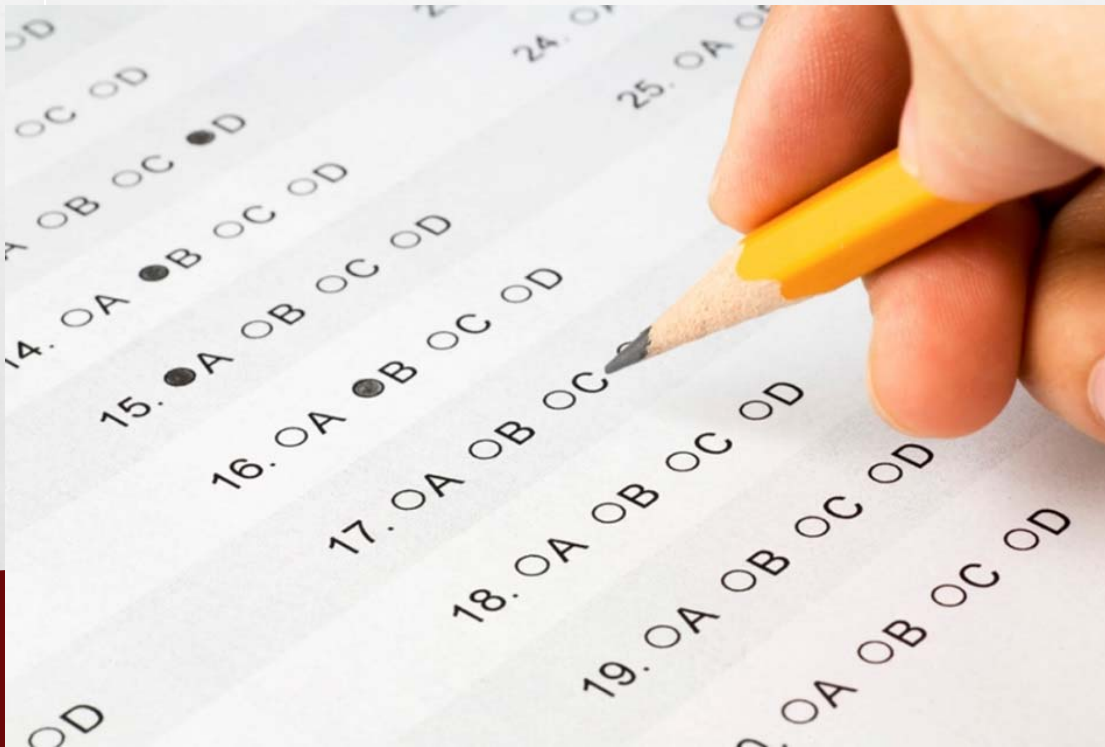


STANDARDIZED COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

THE **SAT** & **ACT**



COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

- GENERALLY TAKEN **JUNIOR** OR **SENIOR** YEAR
- MAY BE TAKEN MORE THAN ONCE
- MOST COLLEGES ACCEPT THE COMBINED HIGHEST SCORES FROM EACH TEST SECTION.

(BUT NOT ALL DO. BE SURE TO CHECK WITH YOUR COLLEGE OF CHOICE).



FOCUSED AND USEFUL ASSESSMENTS:

PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, PSAT/NMSQT, AND SAT

- **THESE TESTS ARE HIGHLY RELEVANT TO YOUR FUTURE SUCCESS.**
- **THEY FOCUS ON THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE AT THE HEART OF EDUCATION**
- **THEY MEASURE:**
 - ✓ WHAT YOU LEARN IN HIGH SCHOOL
 - ✓ WHAT YOU NEED TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE



PSAT

WHEN CAN I TEST?

- 10TH-IS A GOOD YEAR TO VISIT THE PSAT TO PREVIEW THE TEST AND UNDERSTAND WHAT IS EXPECTED
- 11TH- IS WHEN STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

FORMAT OF THE SAT

THE SAT IS MADE UP OF SUBJECT MATTER IN 3 AREAS:

READING: (200 - 800 POINTS)

▪ WRITING/LANGUAGE TEST

MATH: (200 - 800 POINTS)

TOTAL: (1600 POINTS)

ESSAY: OPTIONAL (SCORE IS SEPARATE)

THE NEW SAT

- ✓ YOU EARN POINTS FOR THE QUESTIONS YOU ANSWER CORRECTLY
- ✓ GIVE YOUR BEST ANSWER TO QUESTIONS
 - ✓ NO ADVANTAGE TO LEAVING QUESTIONS BLANK

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SAT

THE SAT MEASURES COLLEGE READINESS;

- ✓ SUBJECT MATTER LEARNED IN HIGH SCHOOL AND
- ✓ IT'S ABOUT HOW YOU TAKE IN, THINK ABOUT, AND USE INFORMATION.
- ✓ HOW WELL THEY CAN APPLY CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS.

READING SECTION (WRITING/LANGUAGE)

- **TIME: 60 MINUTES**
- **ALL QUESTIONS ARE MULTIPLE CHOICE AND BASED ON PASSAGES**
- **SOME PASSAGES ARE ACCOMPANIED BY**
 - ✓ INFORMATIONAL GRAPHICS, SUCH AS TABLES AND CHARTS
 - ✓ BUT NO MATH IS REQUIRED
- **THE PASSAGES WILL VARY IN TOPIC AREAS**
 - ✓ CAREERS, HISTORY, SOCIAL STUDIES, THE HUMANITIES, AND SCIENCE
- **IDENTIFYING ERRORS**
 - ✓ PRACTICAL SKILLS YOU USE TO SPOT & CORRECT PROBLEMS
- **PRIOR TOPIC KNOWLEDGE IS NEVER TESTED**

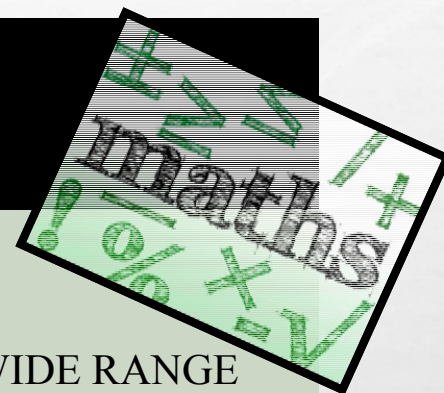


MATH



- **MOST MATH QUESTIONS WILL BE MULTIPLE CHOICE**
- **SOME QUESTIONS ARE GRID-INS -ASK YOU TO COME UP WITH THE ANSWER RATHER THAN SELECT THE ANSWER=22% OF TEST**
- **THE MATH TEST IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PORTIONS:**
 - MATH TEST – CALCULATOR AND
 - MATH TEST – NO CALCULATOR
- **SOME PARTS OF THE TEST INCLUDE SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT A SINGLE SCENARIO**

MATH



FOCUS

ON THE 3 AREAS OF MATH THAT PLAY THE BIGGEST ROLE IN A WIDE RANGE OF COLLEGE MAJORS AND CAREERS:

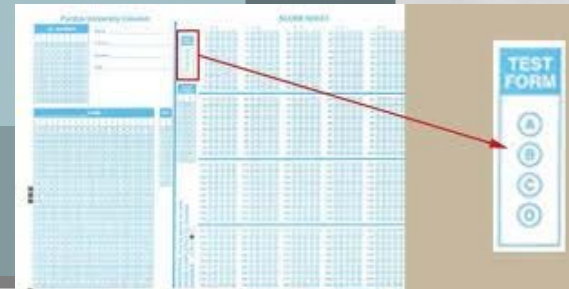
- **HEART OF ALGEBRA**
 - ✓ WHICH FOCUSES ON THE MASTERY OF LINEAR EQUATIONS AND SYSTEMS.
- **PROBLEM SOLVING AND DATA ANALYSIS**
 - ✓ WHICH IS ABOUT BEING QUANTITATIVELY LITERATE.
- **PASSPORT TO ADVANCED MATH**
 - ✓ WHICH FEATURES QUESTIONS THAT REQUIRE THE MANIPULATION OF COMPLEX EQUATIONS.
- **ADDITIONAL TOPICS IN MATH**
 - ✓ INCLUDING THE GEOMETRY AND TRIGONOMETRY MOST RELEVANT TO COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

ESSAY PORTION

- **THE SAT'S ESSAY COMPONENT=TOTAL MAKEOVER:**
- **IT'S OPTIONAL** — BUT SOME SCHOOLS WILL REQUIRE IT.
- **YOU HAVE 50 MINUTES**
 - 25 MINUTES MORE THAN THE SAT STUDENTS TOOK BEFORE MARCH 2016.
- YOU WON'T BE ASKED TO AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH A POSITION ON A TOPIC OR TO WRITE ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- READ A PASSAGE.
- EXPLAIN HOW THE AUTHOR BUILDS AN ARGUMENT TO PERSUADE AN AUDIENCE.
- SUPPORT YOUR EXPLANATION WITH EVIDENCE FROM THE PASSAGE



ACT

ACT TEST SCORES ARE ACCEPTED BY ALL FOUR-YEAR US COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING HIGHLY SELECTIVE INSTITUTIONS.

- ✓ SOME COLLEGES PREFER THE ACT BUT WILL ACCEPT EITHER TEST
- ✓ QUESTIONS ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO WHAT STUDENTS HAVE LEARNED IN HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

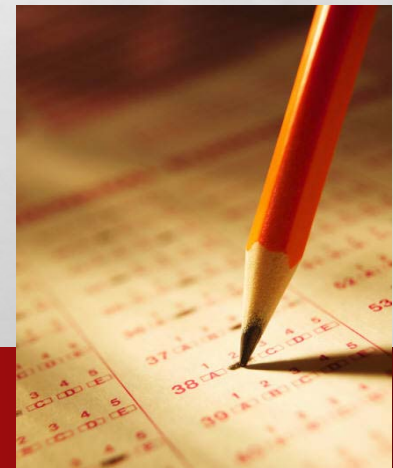
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FORMAT OF THE ACT

THE ACT IS MADE UP OF:

- ✓ MATHEMATICS
- ✓ READING
- ✓ ENGLISH
- ✓ SCIENCE
- ✓ WRITING (OPTIONAL)

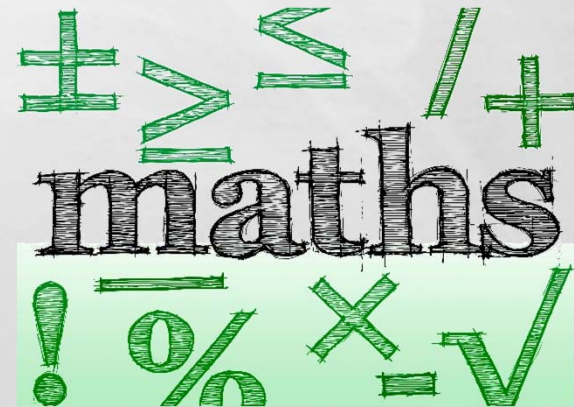


ACT MATHEMATICS TEST

- 60 QUESTIONS-MULTIPLE CHOICE
- 60 MINUTES

CONTENT AREA (UP TO THE BEGINNING OF 12TH GRADE)

- ✓ PRE-ALGEBRA
- ✓ ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA
- ✓ INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA
- ✓ COORDINATE GEOMETRY
- ✓ PLANE GEOMETRY
- ✓ TRIGONOMETRY

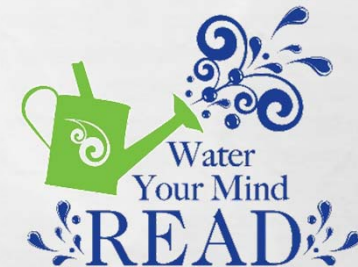


ACT READING TEST

- 40 QUESTIONS
- 35 MINUTES

READING IS COMPRISED OF 4 SECTIONS

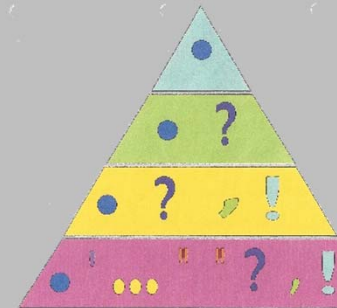
- ✓ LITERARY NARRATIVE OR PROSE FICTION
- ✓ HUMANITIES
- ✓ SOCIAL STUDIES
- ✓ NATURAL SCIENCE



ACT ENGLISH TEST



- 75-QUESTION,
- 45-MINUTE,
- MULTIPLE-CHOICE TEST,
- **COVERING SIX ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE WRITING:**
 - PUNCTUATION,
 - GRAMMAR AND USAGE,
 - SENTENCE STRUCTURE,
 - STRATEGY,
 - ORGANIZATION, AND
 - STYLE.



ACT SCIENCE TEST

- 40 QUESTIONS
- 35 MINUTES

CONTENT AREA

- ✓ BIOLOGY
- ✓ CHEMISTRY
- ✓ EARTH/SPACE SCIENCES
- ✓ PHYSICS
- ✓ FORMAT
- ✓ DATA REPRESENTATION
- ✓ RESEARCH SUMMARIES
- ✓ CONFLICTING VIEWPOINTS



SCORING

- **COMPOSITE SCORE 1-36**
- **BASED ON AN AVERAGE OF ALL SCORES OF ALL SUBJECTS**



ACT WRITING TEST (OPTIONAL)

- 1 WRITING PROMPT
- 40 MINUTES

CONTENT AREA

- ✓ WRITING
- ✓ ESSAY RESPONSE



FEES FOR TESTING

SAT IS \$45

- WITH THE ESSAY - \$57

ACT IS \$42.50

- WITH THE WRITING PORTION - \$58.50



**EACH SCHOOL IS DIFFERENT
ON THE REQUIREMENTS WITH THE WRITING PORTION**

SAT SUBJECT TEST

THE SAT SUBJECT TESTS SHOW COLLEGES STUDENT'S **KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS** IN SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREAS AND THEIR ABILITY TO APPLY THAT KNOWLEDGE.

- **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

- ✓ FIND OUT WHO REQUIRES OR RECOMMEND THE TESTS,
 - ✓ SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREAS SUCH AS SCIENCES
 - ✓ OR MAJORS (EX: ENGINEERING)



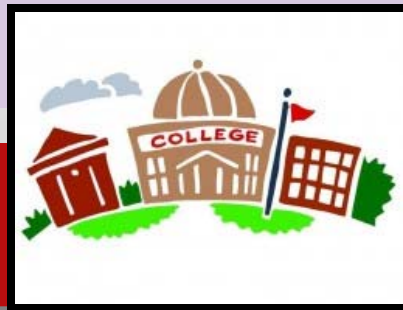
SAT Subject Tests

DO COLLEGES WANT THE SAT SUBJECT TESTS?

MOST COLLEGES DO NOT REQUIRE OR RECOMMEND THE TESTS BUT WILL STILL CONSIDER THEM.

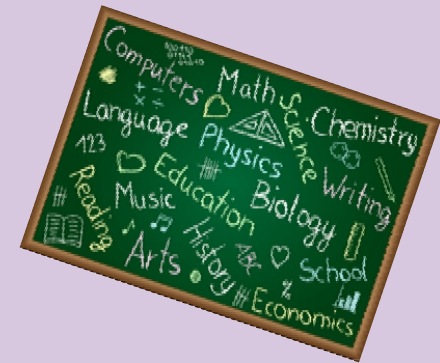
FOR CERTAIN MAJORS IT CAN

- ✓ PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE OUT OF INTRODUCTORY CLASSES & FOCUS MORE ON ADVANCED-LEVEL CLASSES
- ✓ SATISFY BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MAJORS BEFORE EVEN ONE GETS TO COLLEGE.



HOW DO I KNOW IF THE SAT SUBJECT TEST CAN HELP ME?

- **UC CAMPUSES USED TO REQUIRE THE TEST**
- **CONTACT THE CAMPUS/ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT**
 - IF THEY RECOMMEND TESTS & WHICH TESTS
- **TIME**
 - ✓ ONE HOUR LONG
 - ✓ CAN TAKE UP TO 3 EXAMS IN ONE SITTING
 - ✓ CAN CHANGE SUBJECT OR NUMBER OF TESTS TAKEN THE DAY OF TEST
(EXCEPT FOR TESTS THAT HAVE A LISTENING SECTION)



TESTS DATES/TIME → WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

HOW TO PREPARE



DOING WELL IN HIGH SCHOOL COURSES IS THE FIRST AND BEST PREPARATION

- ✓ BUY A GOOD **SAT** OR **ACT** PRACTICE BOOK
- ✓ COLLEGEBOARD
- ✓ KAPLAN
- ✓ BARRONS
- ✓ BOOTCAMPS-CHECK WITH YOUR CAMPUS



ONLINE PRACTICE

■ GET USE TO THE CONTENT/FORMAT



■ COLLEGE BOARD


- ✓ HAS A NUMBER OF STUDY TOOLS
 - ✓ KHAN ACADEMY
 - ✓ NEW SAT APP (DAILY QUESTIONS/PRACTICE TESTS)

■ ACT ONLINE PREP

- ✓ CREATES A LEARNING PATH
 - ✓ ADJUSTS BASED ON TIME FRAME



PRIVATE PROGRAMS



Helpful
Tips

■ IF YOU WISH TO HIRE A PRIVATE PROGRAM:

- ✓ MAKE SURE THE PROGRAM WILL WORK TOWARD STRENGTHENING AREAS OF WEAKNESS
 - ✓ *EX: USING THE 1ST TEST RESULTS IF THE STUDENT IS REVISITING THE TEST*
 - ✓ (COLLEGES WANT TO SEE IMPROVEMENT)

PRACTICE IS IMPORTANT

BETWEEN SESSIONS AND BEFORE THE ACTUAL TEST



PRACTICE
MAKES
PERFECT