

Comparison of the Major Features: Current SAT and New SAT

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Category	Current SAT	New SAT
Total Testing Time	3 hours and 45 minutes	3 hours (plus 50 minutes for the Essay [optional])
Components	Critical Reading Writing Mathematics Essay	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Reading Test Writing and Language Test Math Essay (optional)
Important Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis on general reasoning skills • Emphasis on vocabulary, often in limited contexts • Complex scoring (a point for a correct answer and a deduction for an incorrect answer; blank responses have no impact on scores) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the knowledge, skills, and understandings that research has identified as most important for college and career readiness and success • Greater emphasis on the meaning of words in extended contexts and on how word choice shapes meaning, tone, and impact • Rights-only scoring (no penalty for guessing)
Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required and given at the beginning of the SAT • 25 minutes to write the essay • Tests writing skill; students take a position on a presented issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional and given at the end of the SAT; postsecondary institutions determine whether they will require the Essay for admission • 50 minutes to write the essay • Tests reading, analysis, and writing skills; students produce a written analysis of a provided source text
Score Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scale ranging from 600 to 2400 • Scale ranging from 200 to 800 for Critical Reading; 200 to 800 for Mathematics; 200 to 800 for Writing • Essay results scaled to multiple-choice Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scale ranging from 400 to 1600 • Scale ranging from 200 to 800 for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing; 200 to 800 for Math; 2 to 8 on each of three dimensions for Essay • Essay results reported separately
Subscore Reporting	None	Subscores for every test, providing added insight for students, parents, admission officers, educators, and counselors

Current SAT			New SAT		
Component	Time Allotted (min.)	Number of Questions/Tasks	Component	Time Allotted (min.)	Number of Questions Tasks
Critical Reading	70	67	Reading	65	52
Writing	60	49	Writing and Language	35	44
Essay	25	1	Essay (optional)	50	1
Mathematics	70	54	Math	80	58
Total	225	171	Total	180 (230 with Essay)	

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Upcoming Tests

Today is Thursday, August 27, 2015

Date	Deadline*	Status
Oct 3	Sep 3	Register Now
	Sep 22	Register Late Phone/ Online
Nov 7	Oct 9	Register Now
	Oct 27	Register Late Phone/ Online

* Deadlines expire at midnight, EDT (U.S.).

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