

TEST YOUR COLLEGE EXAM SMARTS.

Do you know the differences between the current SAT, Redesigned SAT, and ACT? See how the three tests stack up, and figure out which option will help you score in college admissions.

TOPIC	CURRENT SAT	REDESIGNED SAT	ACT
TEST TYPE	Reasoning & Strategy	Academic Achievement	Academic Achievement
DURATION	3 hours, 45 minutes (with essay)	3 hrs, 50 minutes (with essay)	3 hrs, 25 minutes (with essay)
ESSAY	Required	Optional	Optional
SCORE RANGE	600-2400	400-1600	1-36
AVERAGE SCORE	1500	Unknown	21
SCORING	Scoring penalty	"Rights-only" scoring	"Rights-only" scoring
TRAPS	Yes	No	No
QUESTION TYPES	Multiple choice – 5 choices Student-produced in math	Multiple choice – 4 choices Student-produced in math	Multiple choice – 4 or 5 choices
READING FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehension skills of varied text types Obscure vocabulary Sentence completions Analysis of multiple texts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehension of informational and literary text Words in context Influence of author's word choice Relationship between text and graphs, charts, and tables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehension of varied text types Vocabulary in context
WRITING FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing structure Grammar and punctuation rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing structure Language and usage Grammar and punctuation Author's word choice Relationship between text and graphs, charts, and tables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing structure Grammar and punctuation rules
MATH FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arithmetic through geometry Calculator allowed for all math 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arithmetic through trigonometry "Math that matters" for college and career success Calculator and no-calculator sections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arithmetic through trigonometry Calculator allowed for all math
HISTORICAL/SOCIAL STUDIES	Social studies passages found in the Critical Reading sections	Found in all subject areas	One social studies passage found in the Reading section
SCIENCE	Natural science passages found in the Critical Reading sections	Found in all subject areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural science passage found in the reading section Science section

2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR EXAM PREP RECOMMENDATIONS

YOU ARE	OPTIONS	RECOMMENDATION
SENIOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current SAT (September 2015 – January 2016) Redesigned SAT (March 2016 and beyond) ACT (ongoing) 	Complete all testing prior to the administration of the new test
JUNIOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current SAT (September 2015 – January 2016) Redesigned SAT (March 2016 and beyond) ACT (ongoing) 	Take the SAT between September 2015 and January 2016 since the test will not have changed yet, or consider the ACT
FRESHMAN OR SOPHOMORE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redesigned SAT (March 2016 and beyond) ACT (ongoing) 	Consider the ACT during your junior or senior year since the SAT will continually be changing

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