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THE FACTS



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TEST STRUCTURE

NEW SAT[®]

Offered 6 times per year

Offered beginning March 2016

Reading, Math, Science, English & Optional Essay

SUBJECTS

Evidence-Based Reading & Writing, Math & Optional Essay

2 hours and 55 minutes
(plus 40 minute optional essay)

LENGTH

3 hours
(plus optional 50-minute Essay section)

215 questions (216 with Essay)

QUESTIONS

154 Questions (155 with Essay)

TOPICS

Skills required in analyzing natural science based passages: Interpretation, Analysis, Evaluation, Reasoning, and Problem Solving. 45 mins. for English, 35 mins. for Reading & 35 Mins for Science. 75 Questions for English. 40 Questions Each for Science & Reading.

READING

Evidence-based reading & writing, focusing on analysis of History/Social Studies and Science, data & informational graphics & vocabulary in context. 1 Hour 40 Minutes. 96 Questions.
(No "Science Only" subject section)

ENGLISH/WRITING

SCIENCE

Arithmetic Operations, Algebra, Geometry, Statistics & Probability, Trigonometry, Logarithms, Complex Numbers and Matrices/Circles & Ellipse functions. 60 Questions. 60 Minutes Long. Multiple Choice only.

MATH

Algebra, Problem Solving & Data Analysis, Quadratic & Higher Order Equations, Arithmetic Operations, Geometry, Basic Trigonometry. 80 Minutes Long, including one 25 minute no-calculator section. Multiple Choice & Free Response.

Optional 40 Minutes, at the end Tests student ability to critically engage with issues from multiple perspectives

ESSAY

Optional 50 Minutes, at the end Tests reading, analysis, and writing skills; students produce a written analysis of a provided source.

SCORING

Composite Score - Average of 4 subjects

FINAL SCORE

Sum of 2 independent subjects

36 (36 per subject/4)

MAXIMUM SCORE

1600 (800 per subject)

No penalty

WRONG ANSWER

No penalty

No penalty

OMITTED ANSWER

No penalty

Not included in final score. Graded and reported separately

ESSAY GRADE

Not included in final score. Graded and reported separately

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