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Test Structure and Format

	SAT	ACT®
Number of questions	154	215
Time per question	1:10	0:49
Structure	3 tests + optional SAT Essay	4 tests + optional writing test
Score Range	Composite 400–1600 (SAT Essay: reported in 3 dimensions, each 2–8)	Composite 1–36 (writing test scores: 2–12)
Test components	<p>Reading Test 65 minutes, 52 questions</p> <p>Writing and Language Test 35 minutes, 44 questions</p> <p>Math Test 80 minutes, 58 questions <i>Use of a calculator permitted on some problems</i></p>	<p>Reading Test 35 minutes, 40 questions</p> <p>English Test 45 minutes, 75 questions</p> <p>Math Test 60 minutes, 60 questions <i>Use of a calculator permitted on all problems</i></p> <p>Science Test 35 minutes, 40 questions</p>
Testing time	3 hours + 50-minute SAT Essay (optional)	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute essay (optional)