

The PSAT/NMSQT[®] Score Report

A Case Study: Ima B. Student's PSAT/NMSQT Score Report

Take a look at Ima B. Student's sample score report below and on the next page. Use the corresponding information to help you interpret your student's PSAT/NMSQT Score Report.

What are Ima's scores?

Ima's Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 430 and Math is 530. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima's score is approaching the benchmark, but she is not quite on track for college readiness. In Math, however, Ima is exceeding the benchmark and is on track. Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores can give Ima a better understanding of areas to work on.

What are her score percentiles?

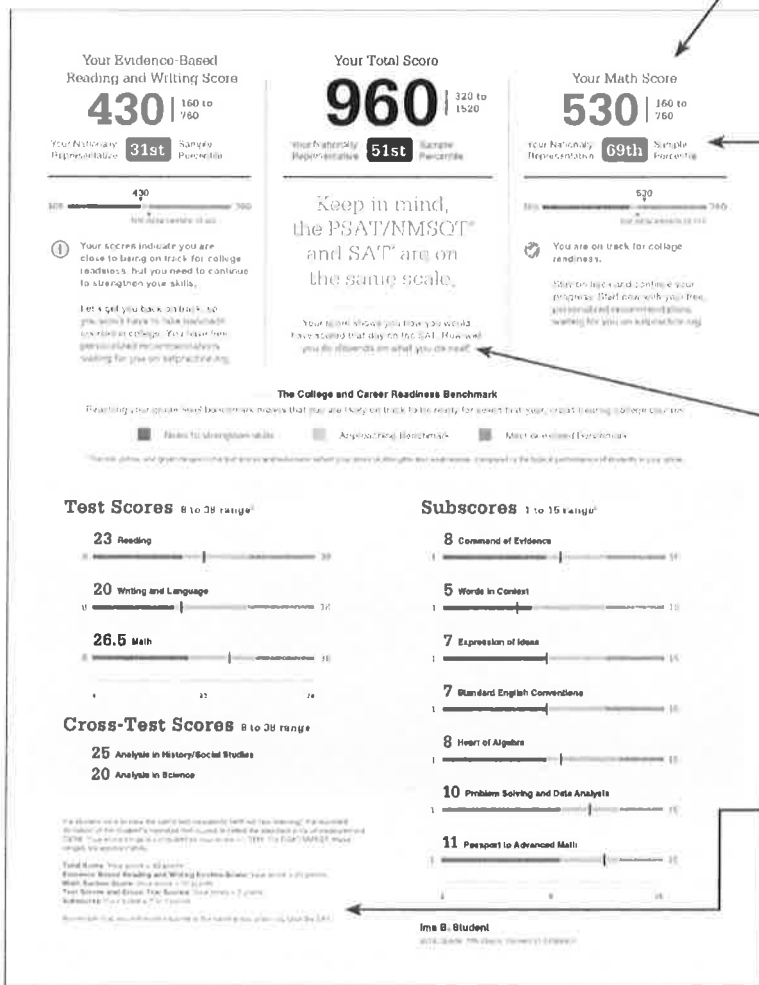
Since Ima is in the 11th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 11th-graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 31 percent of a nationally representative group of juniors. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 69 percent of a nationally representative group of juniors. Additional percentiles are available in Ima's online score report.

How will Ima do on the SAT?

The PSAT/NMSQT and SAT are scored on a common scale; therefore, if Ima had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT/NMSQT on the same test date, she would have received the same score. When Ima takes the SAT, she will likely have had additional learning from school and practice. Her PSAT/NMSQT results can help Ima focus her efforts in high school to be better prepared for the SAT.

What are her score ranges?

No test measures precisely what someone knows, and many factors can affect results. That is why test makers think of each score as a range that extends from a few points below to a few points above the score earned.



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National Merit Scholarship Corporation

Your NMSC Selection Index
139

Entry Requirements

Eligibility Information

Your Scores: Next Steps

Reading Test
23

Writing and Language Test
20

Math Test
26.5

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Will Ima be able to enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program?

Ima has an NMSC Selection Index of 139, which is double the sum of her Reading Test (23), Writing and Language Test (20), and Math Test (26.5) scores. This index is used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation to designate students to be recognized in its National Merit Scholarship Program.

If an asterisk had appeared next to Ima's score, it would mean she does not meet entry requirements for the program. In this case, Ima meets entry requirements, but her score is not likely to take her further in the competition for awards. For entry requirements and information on how the competition works, see the 2016 PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide or visit www.nationalmerit.org.

How can Ima improve her academic skills?

Your Scores: Next Steps are based on her test scores, and what general skills similarly performing students understand. Ima can see which skills she performed well on and which she needs to improve. When she goes online and logs in to the full report, she can see additional skills and improvement steps. Ima can also link her account to Khan Academy for personalized practice recommendations.

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What are Ima's next steps?

Under *Get more next steps online*, Ima is directed to studentscores.collegeboard.org to learn how to prepare for the SAT and see her potential for AP* course work.

When should Ima take the SAT?

As a junior Ima should begin planning when she will take the SAT. Most students take the SAT for the first time in their junior year. By planning now, Ima can ensure she has adequate time to practice for the SAT. She can register for the test and take advantage of practice resources by visiting studentscores.collegeboard.org.

What can we learn from Ima's answers?

Using her score report with her PSAT/NMSQT test booklet, Ima can see the actual questions, correct answers, and difficulty level alongside her own answers. She can use her online score report to review the questions she answered incorrectly or omitted, and to see detailed answer explanations.

Your Question-Level Feedback

Reading Writing and Language Math Test—Calculator Math Test—No Calculator

| Question | Answer | Difficulty | Correct | Incorrect | Unanswered |
|----------|--------|------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 2 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 3 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 4 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 5 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 6 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 7 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 8 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 9 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 10 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 11 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 12 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 13 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 14 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 15 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 16 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 17 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 18 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 19 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 20 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 21 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 22 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 23 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 24 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 25 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 26 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 27 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 28 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 29 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 30 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 31 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 32 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 33 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 34 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 35 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 36 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 37 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 38 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 39 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 40 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 41 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 42 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 43 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 44 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 45 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 46 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 47 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 48 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 49 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 50 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 51 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 52 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
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| 54 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 55 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 56 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 57 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 58 | B | 1 | | ✓ | |
| 59 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
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| 63 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
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| 68 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
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| 96 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 97 | A | 1 | ✓ | | |
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| 99 | C | 1 | | | ✓ |
| 100 | D | 1 | | | ✓ |

See the questions, and the answer explanations, online studentscores.collegeboard.org

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