

CURRENT SAT[®] VS.

NEW SAT

Final Administration
JANUARY 2016



171
Questions

225
Minutes



First Administration
MARCH 2016

154
Questions

180
Minutes*

*155 with Essay

*230 with Essay

SECTIONS

**CRITICAL
READING**

MATHEMATICS

WRITING

- Tests general reasoning skills.
- Tests a wide range of math skills.
- Questions in the Critical Reading Section ask students to understand texts but won't ask them to cite evidence in their answers. Writing Section questions are based on sentences or short paragraphs.



**EVIDENCE-BASED
READING AND WRITING**

MATH

- Measures skills and knowledge students need to be ready for college and beyond. Better reflects what students learn in class.
- Focuses on math that research shows is used most in college and career.
- Questions in the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section are passage-based. Students are asked to support answers with evidence from a passage.

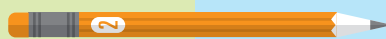
Includes some uncommon vocabulary words that students may not use regularly.

ABSTEMIOUS

SYNTHESIS

Tests words students are more likely to use again. They're in context, so students can figure out what words mean from the surrounding text.

ESSAY REQUIRED



ESSAY OPTIONAL

SCORING

Score Range:

600–2400

POINTS SUBTRACTED

for incorrect answers



Score Range:

400–1600

NO PENALTY

for guessing

Most colleges and universities will accept scores from both the current and the new SAT. Students should check with individual schools to learn more about their admission policies. SAT fee waivers are available for all eligible students.

To find out more about the changes to the SAT and how we can help you navigate a path to college and career, visit sat.org/new. #NewSAT

