

COMPARING THE SAT AND ACT

	SAT	ACT
FORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 Sections (including essay)• Writing & Language• Reading• No Calculator Math• Calculator Math• Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 Sections (including essay)• English• Mathematics• Reading• Science• Writing
LENGTH	3 hours 50 minutes (including essay but not including breaks)	3 hours 35 minutes (including essay but not including breaks)
SCORING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combined score 400-1600• Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 200-800• Math: 200-800• Essay: 6-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Composite Score: 1-36• English: 1-36• Math: 1-36• Reading: 1-36• Science: 1-36• Writing: 1-12
GRAMMAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 35 minutes, 44 questions• Revising and Editing• Grammar and Punctuation• Logical Structure• Rhetoric	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 45 minutes, 75 questions• Revising and Editing• Grammar and Punctuation• Logical Structure• Rhetoric
MATH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>No calculator</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 25 minutes, 20 questions• <i>Calculator</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 55 minutes, 38 questions• Algebra I and II• Pre-Calculus• Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>All calculator</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 60 minutes, 60 questions• Algebra I and II• Pre-Calculus• Geometry
READING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 65 minutes, 52 questions• 4 single passages• 1 paired passage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 35 minutes, 40 questions• 4 single or paired passages• Consistent order of subject areas: Literary Narrative or Prose Fiction, Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Science
SCIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Science Section• Concepts covered throughout other sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 35 minutes, 40 questions• 6-7 passages• Charts and diagrams• Emphasis on reasoning, interpretation, analysis, and problem-solving
ESSAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50 Minutes• Analyze a passage and use evidence to "support how you believe the author builds an argument to persuade an audience"• Scored on a 1-4 scale for each section (x2)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Reading◦ Analysis◦ Writing• No essay composite score	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40 minutes• Evaluate three perspectives on a contemporary issue• Scored on a 1-6 scale (x2)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Ideas & Analysis◦ Development & Support◦ Organization◦ Language Use• Essay subscores are added together and divided by 4