

ACT VS SAT-WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

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Measures what you learned in school.	What kind of test is it?	Measures how you <i>apply</i> what you learned in school.
215 multiple choice questions and essay	What is the format?	128 multiple choice questions, 10 fill ins, and essay
3 hours and 25 min.	How long does it last?	3 hours and 45 min.
Five sections-math, reading, science, and writing (optional)	What is the test structure?	Ten sections-3 critical English, reading, 3 math, 3 writing-one is essay, one experimental
Algebra, geometry, and some trigonometry (25% of your score)	What about math?	Fundamentals through 10 th grade math, including geometry, some statistics and probability & data analysis (33-50% of your score)
Still optional but most colleges now require-30 min.	What about the essay?	The first 25 minute of the test
Tests your ability to interpret science experiments	What about science?	No science questions
Four passages-prose fiction, Social Science, Humanities, & Natural Sciences	What about the reading?	Sentence completions, short and long critical reading passages, reading comprehension
Only correct answers are counted-no penalty for guessing	Are there penalties for guessing?	Yes ¼ of a point for each wrong answer deducted
1-36 for each of the four tests Averaged for a composite score Top score is 36	How is it scored?	200-800 for each section Combined together for score Top score is 2400-all 3 parts
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