

<b>COMPARISON</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>ACT</b>
<b>Length</b>	3 hours, 45 minutes	3 hours, 25 minutes (includes optional 30-minute Writing Test)
<b>Sections</b>	10 Sections: 3 Critical Reading, 3 Math, 3 Writing (including Essay), 1 Experimental (not scored)	4 Sections (plus optional Writing Test): English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing
<b>Subjects</b>	Critical Reading Math Writing	English Math Reading Science Writing (optional)
<b>Reading</b>	Reading passages with questions pertaining to comprehension and sentence completion	4 passages, 10 questions per passage
<b>Science</b>	N/A	Science (analysis, knowledge, problem solving)
<b>Math</b>	Arithmetic, geometry, algebra, and algebra II	Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and trigonometry
<b>Essay</b>	Required	Optional (final section)
<b>Score Composition</b>	$\frac{1}{3}$ Math $\frac{1}{3}$ Reading $\frac{1}{3}$ Writing	$\frac{1}{4}$ English $\frac{1}{4}$ Math $\frac{1}{4}$ Reading $\frac{1}{4}$ Science
<b>Scoring</b>	Aggregate score 600 - 2400 based on total of 3 scores 200- 800 (Reading, Math, Writing)  Score of 0-12 for Essay	Composite score 1-36 based on average of 4 sections (English Math, Reading Science)  Score 0-12 for Optional Essay.
<b>Penalties</b>	Penalties (typically $\frac{1}{4}$ point deducted) for wrong answers	No penalties for incorrect answers
<b>Sending Scores to Colleges</b>	Currently entire score history is sent. Starting with the March 2009 test date, students can select ("opt-in feature") which will allow them to choose specific test date(s) – 3/09 and forward - and all scores from the selected test date(s) will be sent.	Student decides which scores are sent
<b>Additional Information</b>	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>	<a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>

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