

TESTING FOR COLLEGE

SAT Reasoning Test

- Administered by the College Board (www.collegeboard.com) to measure “college readiness”
- Critical Reading, Writing, Mathematical Reasoning in a 3 hour 45 minute test
- Scores on each section range from 200-800.
- 10 sections: Always begins with a 25 minute essay writing section and ends with a 10 minute multiple choice writing section.
- Writing: essay and multiple choice [60 minutes total]

Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and assignment below:

A sense of happiness and fulfillment, not personal gain, is the best motivation and reward for one's achievements. Expecting a reward of wealth or recognition for achieving a goal can lead to disappointment and frustration. If we want to be happy in what we do in life, we should not seek achievement for the sake of winning wealth and fame. The personal satisfaction of a job well done is its own reward.

Assignment: Are people motivated to achieve by personal satisfaction rather than by money or fame? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

- Critical Reading: Reading comprehension (500-800 words), sentence completion, paragraph-length critical reading passages (100 words) [70 minutes total, two 25 minute and one 20 minute]
- Math: number & operations; algebra and functions; geometry; statistics, probability and data analysis with material through Algebra II [70 minutes total, two 25 minute and one 20 minute, including student-produced responses] **Should use calculator which they must bring**
- Penalizes students for incorrect answers on multiple choice sections

SAT Subject Tests

- Measure knowledge and skill in a specific subject area
- Tests required vary by college and by program so students need to pay close attention to requirements
- One hour multiple choice test
- Can take up to three on a test day
- Offered in English Literature, US History, World History, Math 1 & Math 2, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French, French with Listening, German with Listening, Modern Hebrew, Italian, Japanese with Listening, Korean with Listening, Latin, Spanish, Spanish with Listening

ACT

- Administered by American College Testing Program to measure “general educational development and ability to complete college level work” (www.act.org)
- Subtests in Reading (35 minutes), Math (60 minutes), English (45 minutes) and Science (35 minutes) with optional Writing essay test (30 minutes)
- Test consists of 215 questions
- Scores on each section range from 1-36 with an average composite score
- Essay scored separately if taken
- No penalty for incorrect answers

Dates

- AP Exams May 5-16, 2008
- Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007 PSAT/NMSQT- (Registration will be in Back to School packet; must pay for juniors)
- SAT usually given in January, March, May, June, (Junior) October, November, December (Senior)
- SAT Subject Tests will be given in above months except for March
- SAT Subject Tests with Listening are offered in November only
- ACT usually given in February, April, June (Junior) October, December (Senior)
- Langley test site dates are advertised in the yearly calendar