

CURRENT SAT

VS.

THE NEW SAT[®]

TIMING

Final Administration
JANUARY 2016

171
Questions



3 | **45**
Hrs | Mins

First Administration
MARCH 2016

154
Questions



3
Hours*

*3 hrs 50 mins with Essay

SECTIONS

MATHEMATICS

**CRITICAL
READING**

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.

MATH

**EVIDENCE-BASED
READING AND WRITING**

- ▶ 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.

ESSAY REQUIRED

ESSAY OPTIONAL

SCORING

Scores ranging from

600–2400

POINTS SUBTRACTED

for incorrect answers

Scores ranging from

400–1600

NO PENALTY

for guessing

SAT fee waivers are available for all eligible students, and most colleges plan to accept scores from both versions of the SAT.

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

