



**Method
Learning**

SAT & ACT

A Method for Success

Essential Information for Students, Parents, Teachers
St. Anthony's High School 2020-2021





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Outline

- ◆ SAT & ACT: Similarities & Differences
- ◆ Creating a Test Prep Plan
- ◆ Utilizing Method Test Prep's Web Program

If You Remember Just One Thing...

These tests are predictable.

Predictability warrants preparation!

An Example

◆ Where's the error?

The English department inspired their students to succeed beyond all expectations.

The English department inspired their students.

The English department inspired its students.

Comparing the Tests

SAT vs. ACT



Overview of Tests

SAT

- ◆ More abstract: questions are generally more analytical; requires digging deeper into each concept
- ◆ More time for each question and each section
- ◆ Emphasis on critical reading and ability to decipher what is being asked

ACT

- ◆ More straightforward: questions are generally more direct and closer to test questions on school exams
- ◆ Moves quickly: less time for each question and each section
- ◆ Emphasis on finding information quickly and answering efficiently

What's the Difference?

Parameter	New SAT			ACT	
STRUCTURE	<u>4 Sections + Essay (4 hrs)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading• Writing & Language• Math (No Calculator)• Math (Calculator)• Essay (optional)			<u>4 Sections + Essay (4 hrs)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• Math (Calculator)• Reading• Science• Essay (optional)	
CONTENT	Math – Up to Trigonometry Grammar & Rhetoric Reading/Data Comp Scale: 1600			Math – Up to Trigonometry Grammar & Rhetoric Reading/Data Comp/Science Scale: 1-36	
SCORING	200-800	MC	GRID-IN	1-36	MC
	CORRECT	+1 raw		CORRECT	+1 raw
	INCORRECT	0		INCORRECT	0
	OMIT	0		OMIT	0
SCALING	1 raw pt ≈ 10 scaled pts			1-2 raw pts ≈ 1 scaled pt	

Reading

SAT

- ◆ **Content Areas**
 - ◆ 5-6 Passages: Narrative, Non-Fiction, Paired Passages
 - ◆ Reading comprehension: Main idea; graphics & data interpretation
 - ◆ Evidence-based questions
 - ◆ Words in context
- ◆ **Structure & Scoring**
 - ◆ 1 section; 52 questions (65 mins)
 - ◆ Score Range: 10-40 (combined w/ Writing-Language 200-800 score)

ACT

- ◆ **Content Areas**
 - ◆ 4 Passages: Narrative, Social Science, Humanities, Natural Science, (Paired)
 - ◆ Reading comprehension: retrieving details, understanding purpose and point of view
 - ◆ Words in context
- ◆ **Structure & Scoring**
 - ◆ 1 section; 40 questions / 35 mins
 - ◆ Score Range: Raw 0-40, Scale 1-36

English / Writing & Language

SAT

ACT

◆ Content Areas

- ◆ Improving sentences
- ◆ Finding errors; diction
- ◆ All passage-based
- ◆ Structure, punctuation, rhetorical
- ◆ Graphics integration

◆ Structure & Scoring

- ◆ 1 section: 44 questions / 35 mins
- ◆ Score Range: 10-40 (combine w/ Reading for score 200-800)

◆ Content Areas

- ◆ Improving sentences
- ◆ Finding errors; diction
- ◆ All passage-based
- ◆ Structure, punctuation, rhetorical

◆ Structure & Scoring

- ◆ 1 section; 75 questions / 45 mins
- ◆ Score Range: Raw 0-75 / Scale 1-36

Mathematics

SAT

- ◆ **Content Areas**
 - ◆ Algebra (emphasis)
 - ◆ Geometry (less)
 - ◆ Algebra II (more)
 - ◆ Trigonometry (some)
 - ◆ Data & Statistics
- ◆ **Structure & Scoring**
 - ◆ 2 sections: 57 questions
 - ◆ Calc: 55 min / No-Calc: 25 min
 - ◆ Score Range: 200-800

ACT

- ◆ **Content Areas**
 - ◆ Algebra
 - ◆ Geometry
 - ◆ Algebra II
 - ◆ Trigonometry (some)
- ◆ **Structure & Scoring**
 - ◆ 1 sections: 60 questions / 60 mins
 - ◆ Score Range: Raw 0-60 / Scale 1-36

SAT

ADVANTAGES

- ◆ More time for each question and section
- ◆ Reading and Writing/Language combined score
- ◆ No Science section

DISADVANTAGES

- ◆ Emphasis on reading comprehension, analytical skills and abstract reasoning; deeper understanding of each concept
- ◆ More Math overall and emphasis on higher level Algebra II

ACT

ADVANTAGES

- ◆ More straightforward questions and passages
- ◆ Less Math, more Reading overall
- ◆ Math is more problem solving, focus on Algebra I/Geometry
- ◆ Science is an “open book” test

DISADVANTAGES

- ◆ Very fast paced test; timing is a challenge in each section
- ◆ Requires moving through each section efficiently, less opportunity for review

Creating a Test Prep Plan



Steps to Decide

1. PSAT (SAT) and Pre-ACT – Good introduction to the material
2. Full-Length Practice Tests – Sitting for a timed, proctored diagnostic test provides the most accurate baseline
3. Evaluation and Consultation – Review test results with a tutor to highlight strengths/weaknesses and overall potential
4. College and Score Goals – Understand your target college programs, admission requirements, and preferences
5. Self-Assessment – Academic strengths/weaknesses, courses; confidence level; special accommodations, extra time

Setting Your Timeline

1. Think about timing, school and personal commitments or conflicts, and overall preparation time needed
2. Look at all the upcoming tests and determine best dates
3. Consider score report timing and QAS (SAT) or TIR (ACT)
4. Set a plan for self-study, class prep, tutoring and test dates
5. Leave room for make-ups and re-testing before college applications are due

Test Dates

2020-2021			2020-2021		
SAT Test Dates			ACT Test Dates		
Test Date	Registration Deadline		Test Date	Registration Deadline	
August 29, 2020	July 31		September 12, 2020	Aug 28	
September 26, 2020	Aug 26		October 24, 2020	Sept 17	
October 3, 2020	Sept 4	QAS*	December 12, 2020	Nov 6	TIR*
October 14-16, 2020		PSAT	February 6, 2021	Jan 8	
November 7, 2020	Oct 7		April 17, 2021	Mar 12	TIR*
December 5, 2020	Nov 5		June 12, 2021	May 7	TIR*
March 13, 2021	Feb 12	QAS*	July 17, 2021	Jun 18	
May 8, 2021	Apr 8	QAS*			
June 5, 2021	May 6				

****Eligible for Receiving the Full Test Booklet (~\$20):***

QAS = Question Answer Service

TIR = Test Information Release

General Timeline

10th GRADE

- ◆ October – PSAT
- ◆ June – SAT II Subject Tests

12th GRADE

- ◆ September/October – ACT
- ◆ August/October – SAT

11th GRADE

- ◆ October – PSAT (National Merit)
- ◆ Dec/March/May – SAT
- ◆ Dec/April/June – ACT
- ◆ May – AP Exams
- ◆ June – SAT II Subject Tests

PSAT

Understanding Your Score Report



Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score

540 | 160 to 760

Your Nationally
Representative **74th** Sample
Percentile



✓ **You are on track for college readiness.**

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Your Total Score

1060 | 320 to 1520

Your Nationally
Representative **73rd** Sample
Percentile

Keep in mind,
the PSAT/NMSQT®
and SAT are on
the same scale.

Your score shows you how you would have scored that day on the SAT®.¹ How well you do depends on what you do next!

Your Math Score

520 | 160 to 760

Your Nationally
Representative **65th** Sample
Percentile



✓ **You are on track for college readiness.**

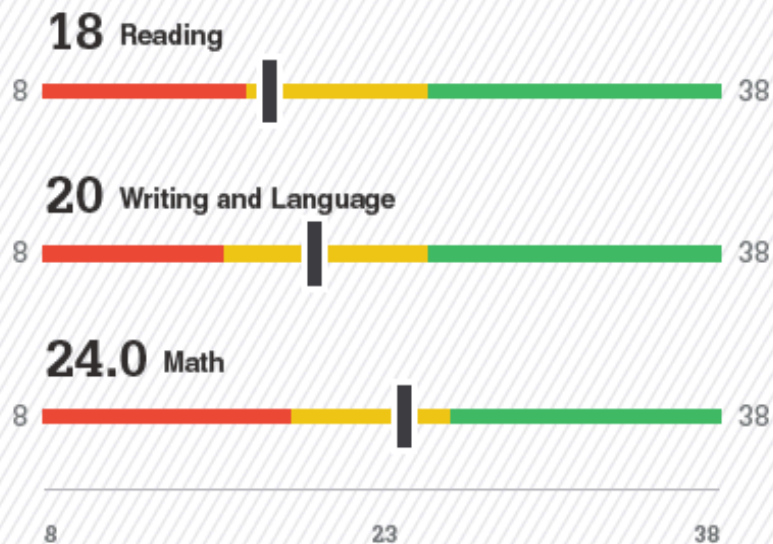
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The College and Career Readiness Benchmark

Reaching your grade-level Benchmark means that you are likely on track to be ready to succeed in select first-year, credit-bearing college courses.

 Need to Strengthen Skills  Approaching Benchmark  Meet or Exceed Benchmark

Test Scores 8 to 38 range*



Cross-Test Scores 8 to 38 range

19 Analysis in History/Social Studies
18 Analysis in Science

Subscores 1 to 15 range*



SAT Sub-Score Concepts

Concept	Heart of Algebra	Problem Solving and Data Analysis	Passport to Advanced Math
Absolute Value			
Algebra			
Angles			
Area			
Circles			
Circumference			
Combinations			
Complex Numbers			
Data Interpretation			
Exponential Equations			
Exponents			
Extended Thinking			
Functions			
Geometry			
Graphs			

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How to Prepare



MTP Web Program

- ◆ Complete SAT & ACT courses for students
- ◆ All Strategies & Concepts: Checklist, Lessons, Quizzes, Audio/Video Explanations, Vocabulary Builder
- ◆ Two Full, Timed, Scored Practice Exams for each test
- ◆ Self-Paced, Access via laptop, tablet, smart phone
- ◆ Individualized: Data-driven, Scores by Concept

Checklist



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This School Year (July 15 - Present)

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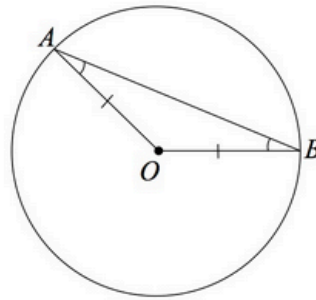
Week 1

- 1. SAT Reading Warm-Up (approx. 5 min.)
- 2. SAT Writing and Language Warm-Up (approx. 5 min.)
- 3. SAT Math Warm-Up (approx. 5 min.)
- 4. General Things to Know About the SAT (approx. 15 min.)
- 5. Learning Styles Inventory (approx. 10 min.)

Week 2

Detailed, Engaging Lessons

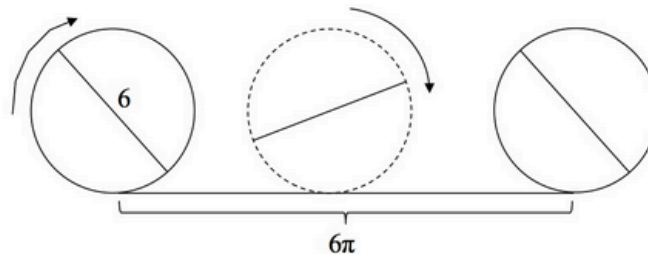
2. When you have a triangle whose sides are the radii of a circle, the triangle is isosceles or *MAYBE* equilateral. We'll get to the "maybe" part in the example problems, but here's the bottom line: any triangle with equal sides will also have equal angles. For example, in the figure below, $AO = OB$, so $\angle A = \angle B$, making an isosceles triangle.



3. When a circle is "rolled" on its outer edge, or when the total distance around the circle must be calculated, the factor under consideration is its circumference. The distance covered by a circle that rolls once around on a straight line is equal to the circle's circumference. For example, in the figure below, the circumference of the circle is 6 units, so in one roll, it would cover a distance equal to its circumference. Since

$$C = \pi d$$

this would be a total length of 6π .



4. To find the area of a shaded region, find the area of the largest figure, and subtract the area of the part

Instant Feedback

Quiz : Literal Equations

✖ Incorrect

Question: 1 of 5

An ice-cream truck driver's monthly profit can be modeled by the equation $p = 2k + m + 3n$, where p is the monthly profit in dollars, k is the number of ice-cream cones sold, m is the number of ice-cream sandwiches sold, and n is the number of ice pops sold. What is the ice-cream truck driver's monthly profit if he sells 200 ice-cream cones, 100 ice-cream sandwiches and 50 ice pops?

A. 350

B. 450

Answer You Submitted

C. 650

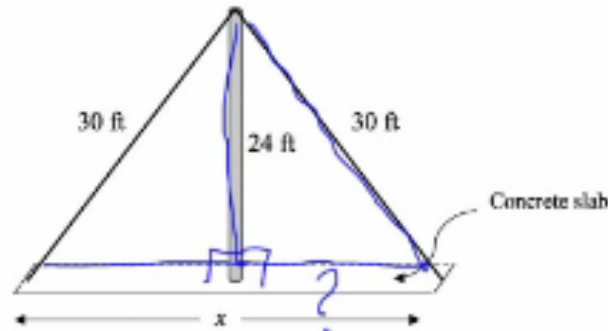
✓ Correct Answer

D. 800

The correct answer is C. The answer you entered was B.

Go To Next Question

Video Explanations



Pythagorean
Triplet

As shown in the figure above, a 24-foot flag pole is supported by two identical 30-foot support ropes connected to the top of the flagpole and the ground. The flagpole is perpendicular to the surface of a flat concrete slab on which it is centered. If the concrete slab is just wide enough to accommodate the ropes as shown, what is the width in feet, x , of the slab?

- A. 6
- B. 18
- C. 12
- D. 36

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$
$$24^2 + b^2 = 30^2$$

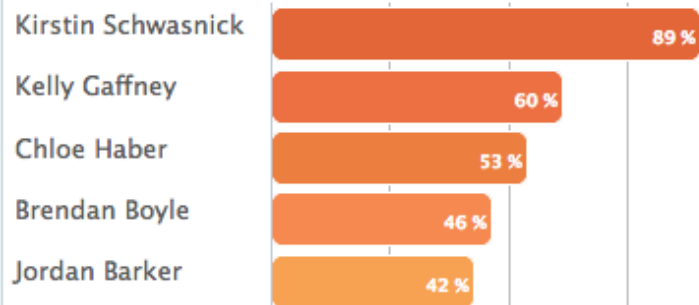
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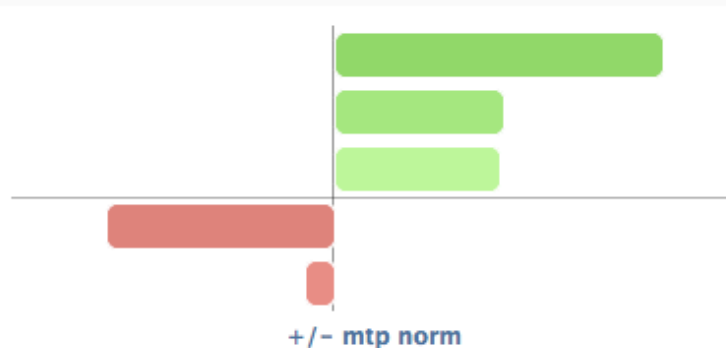
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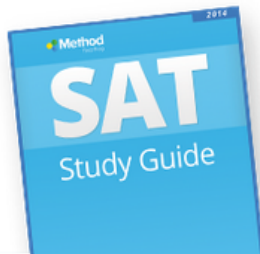
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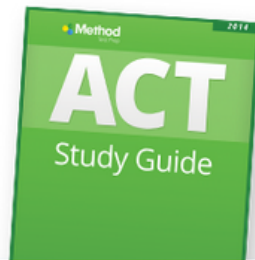
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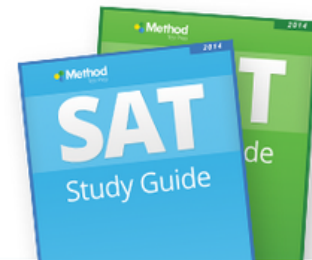
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