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# The Redesigned SAT

Junior class meeting  
2015-2016

# SAT

What is the SAT?

A test of a student's academic skills, used for admission to US colleges, aka- Student Achievement Test

Globally recognized college admission test that lets you show colleges what you know and how well you can apply that knowledge. It tests your knowledge of reading, writing and math – subjects that are taught every day in high school classrooms.

Visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

# SAT

- When do I take the SAT?

*Juniors- spring*

*Seniors -fall (October)*

- How many times do I take the SAT?

*1-3 times*

- Hempfield offers the SAT in **October**, **January**, and **June**\*\* (redesigned starts in \*\*March 2016)

- Register via [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

- cost \$54.50

# College Board - “new” SAT

CB’s biggest goal ... changing the SAT is to ensure *relevancy* to future success. The new test will be more focused on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education. It will measure:

- What you learn in high school
- What you need to succeed in college

\*\*Starts March 2016, January 2016 -old version

Which one should I take? Old or New

# Comparison of “Old” vs. “New” SAT

	Current	New
Total Testing Time	3 hrs and 45 minutes	3 hrs (50 min's for optional essay)
Components	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Critical Reading</li><li>2) Writing</li><li>3) Math</li><li>4) Essay</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Evidence-based reading and writing<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading test</li><li>• Writing and Language</li></ul></li><li>2) Math</li><li>3) Essay (optional)</li></ol>

# Comparison Cont.

	Current	New
Important Features/Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emphasis on general reasoning skills</li><li>• Emphasis on vocabulary, often in limited contexts</li><li>• Complex scoring (a point for a correct answer and a deduction for an incorrect answer; blank responses have no impact on scores)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus on the knowledge, skills, and understandings that research has identified as most important for college and career readiness and success</li><li>• Greater emphasis on the meaning of words in extended contexts and on how word choice shapes meaning, tone, and impact</li><li>• Rights-only scoring (no penalty for guessing)</li></ul>

# Comparison Cont.

	Current	New
Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Required and given at the beginning of the SAT</li><li>• 25 minutes to write the essay</li><li>• Tests writing skill; students take a position on a presented issue</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optional and given at the end of the SAT; postsecondary institutions determine whether they will require the Essay for admission</li><li>• 50 minutes to write the essay</li><li>• Tests reading, analysis, and writing skills; students produce a written analysis of a provided source text</li></ul>

# Comparison Cont.

	Current	New
Score Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scale ranging from 600 to 2400</li><li>• Scale ranging from 200 to 800 for Critical Reading; 200 to 800 for Mathematics; 200 to 800 for Writing</li><li>• Essay results scaled to multiple-choice Writing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scale ranging from 400 to 1600</li><li>• Scale ranging from 200 to 800 for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing; 200 to 800 for Math; 2 to 8 on each of three dimensions for Essay</li><li>• Essay results reported separately</li></ul>
Subscore Reporting	None	Subscores for every test, providing added insight for students, parents, admission officers, educators, and counselors



## Additional items...

- Cursive written statement is no longer required, may print
- 4 answer choices instead of 5
- Test day simulation video available on website
- \$\$million\$\$ question: How do I know if I need to take the SAT with the essay since it's optional?

Depends on the college that you are planning to apply to, if required, sign up to take the essay, if not, then it's not necessary. **However, we suggest taking the SAT with the essay at least once, even if your college doesn't require it.** Check the college website to determine if the essay is required. Do your research!

# Redesigned SAT

## *Fee waivers*

- available online for those who financially qualify, paper copies available in Franklin Guidance
- eligible students receive electronic waivers for registering for the SAT
- waivers can be used for additional score reports
- using a fee waiver for the cost of the SAT generates direct online delivery of college application fee waivers, also available in Franklin Guidance

# Redesigned SAT Prep

The best way to prepare for the test is to:

- Take challenging courses.
- Do your homework.
- Prepare for tests and quizzes.
- Ask and answer lots of questions.

Take charge of your education and learn as much as you can!



World-class practice for free!

- Uses PSAT results to personalize practice recommendations
- 4 different practice tests
- Offers test sample questions that you'll see on the test, sample answer sheets and math grid
- Create separate accounts, 1 for College Board and 1 for Khan Academy

[Collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](http://Collegereadiness.collegeboard.org)

[Khanacademy.org](http://Khanacademy.org)

# Sample test questions

The recommended daily calcium intake for a 20-year-old is 1,000 milligrams (mg). One cup of milk contains 299 mg of calcium and one cup of juice contains 261 mg of calcium. Which of the following inequalities represents the possible number of cups of milk  $m$  and cups of juice  $j$  a 20-year-old could drink in a day to meet or exceed the recommended daily calcium intake from these drinks alone?

## Reading Test

65 MINUTES, 52 QUESTIONS

Turn to Section 1 of your answer sheet to answer the questions in this section.

### DIRECTIONS

Each passage or pair of passages below is followed by a number of questions. After reading each passage or pair, choose the best answer to each question based on what is stated or implied in the passage or passages and in any accompanying graphics (such as a table or graph).

Questions 1-10 are based on the following passage.

This passage is from Lydia Minatoya, *The Strangeness of Beauty*. ©1999 by Lydia Minatoya. The setting is Japan in 1920. Chie and her daughter Naomi are members of the House of Fuji, a noble family.

Akira came directly, breaking all tradition. Was that it? Had he followed form—had he asked his

Akira was waiting in the entry. He was in his early twenties, slim and serious, wearing the black military-style uniform of a student. As he bowed—his hands hanging straight down, a black cap in one, a yellow oil-paper umbrella in the other—Chie glanced beyond him. In the glistening surface of the courtyard’s rain-drenched paving stones, she saw his reflection like a dark double.

“Madame,” said Akira, “forgive my disruption,

## Select an Answer

A  $299m + 261j \geq 1,000$

B  $299m + 261j > 1,000$

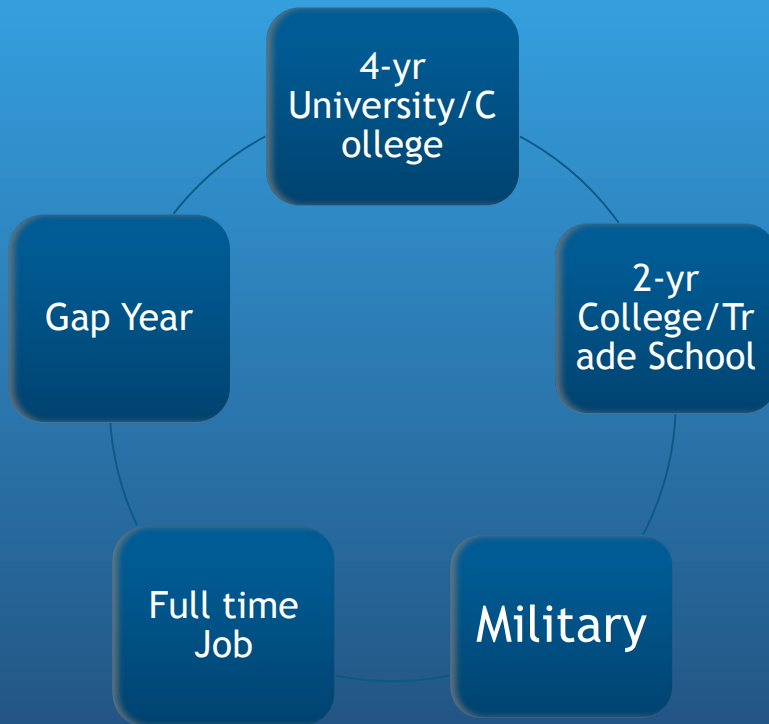
C  $\frac{299}{m} + \frac{261}{j} \geq 1,000$

D  $\frac{299}{m} + \frac{261}{j} > 1,000$

# NCAA and the new SAT

- If a student-athlete takes the current SAT before March 2016 and then takes the redesigned SAT at a later date, the NCAA Eligibility Center will not combine section scores from the current and redesigned SAT when determining the student-athlete's initial eligibility. The NCAA Eligibility Center will only combine section scores from the same version of the test. Because the redesigned SAT varies in design and measures different academic concepts than the current SAT, a numerical score on the current test may not be equivalent to the same numerical score on the redesigned test.

# Junior Planning for all!



## Have a plan!

- ~Research careers
- ~Research colleges/schools
- ~College visits
- ~Take SAT/ACT
- ~Choose your path...