

SAT vs ACT

Which Test Should You Take?

	SAT	ACT
Timing (without essay)	3 hours	2 hours, 55 minutes
Timing (with essay)	3 hours, 50 minutes	3 hours, 35 minutes
Scoring	400 - 1600	1 - 36
Structure	Four long sections, followed by optional (50 min) essay Reading, Writing, Math, Math	Four long sections followed by optional (40 min) essay English, Math, Reading, Science
Sections		
Math	25 minutes, 55 minutes	60 minutes
	Skills tested: Algebra, data analysis, problem solving, geometry WORD PROBLEMS! No calculator section	Skills tested: Geometry, algebra, trigonometry, etc More traditional math problems Calculator allowed throughout
Writing/English	35 minutes	45 minutes
	Skills tested: English grammar	Skills tested: English grammar
Reading	65 minutes	35 minutes
	Skills tested: Reading comp Long passages with 5-7 Qs	Skills tested: Reading comp Long passages with up to 10 Qs
Science	No dedicated science section	35 minutes
		Skills tested: Reading comp with science themes, figures, graphs, and charts Long passages with up to 10 Qs
Cost	\$46 or \$60 with essay	\$46 or \$62.50 with essay
Registration	Collegeboard.org	Actstudent.org

Both tests:

Are accepted by colleges for admissions & scholarships

Are offered several times per year

Can be retaken if a student isn't satisfied with their score

Contain no wrong answer penalty



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