The College Board Readiness & Success System

- **Focused Assessments**: Enabling students to concentrate on what matters most in classroom work.
- **Career Opportunity**: Opening futures by providing the skills and planning tools students need.
- **Personalized Practice**: Strengthening student achievement with free, focused support.
- **College Opportunity**: Removing barriers to applying and paying for college.
“What should I focus on?”

Key Components

+ Focused and useful
+ Open and clear
+ Common scale and scores over time
+ Reporting connected to classroom work
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“How do I improve?”

Key Components

+ Content partnerships with:
  + Classroom teachers
  + Khan Academy
+ Delivery partnerships with Community-based Organizations like Boys & Girls Club
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“How do I pay for college?”

Key Components

+ AP Potential
+ Fee Waivers
+ Expanded scholarship opportunities
+ SAT School Day
“How do I make sure what I do in high school prepares me for a career?”

Key Components

Greater access to better career exploration and planning tools through partnerships

+ Greater access to developing skills that matter in jobs in the future (e.g., STEM disciplines, coding, others)
About the Redesigned SAT

3 SECTIONS:

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 200-800 points
Math 200-800 points
Essay Separate Score

3 Hours* 50 Minutes*

*Please note: All time limits are tentative and subject to research.
8 Key Changes to the SAT

- Relevant words in context
- Command of evidence
- Essay analyzing a source
- Math focused on three key areas
- Problems grounded in real-world contexts
- Analysis in science and social studies
- Founding documents and great global conversation
- No penalty for wrong answers
8 Key Changes to the SAT

Students will need to:

- Interpret meaning based on context
- Master relevant vocabulary
- Engage in close reading

Relevant words in context
8 Key Changes to the SAT

Students will be asked to:

- Interpret, synthesize, and use evidence found in a wide range of sources
- Support the answers they choose
- Integrate information conveyed through both reading passages and informational graphics
The redesigned essay will:

- More closely mirror college writing assignments
- Cultivate close reading, careful analysis, and clear writing
- Promote the practice of reading a wide variety of arguments and analyzing an author’s work
Current research shows that three key areas most contribute to readiness for college and career training:

1. Problem Solving and Data Analysis (quantitative literacy)
2. Heart of Algebra (mastery of linear equations)
3. Passport to Advanced Math (familiarity with more complex equations)
8 Key Changes to the SAT

Students will engage with questions that:

- Directly relate to the work performed in college and career

- Include charts, graphs, and passages likely to be encountered in science, social science, and other majors and careers

- Feature multistep applications to solve problems in science, social science, career scenarios, and other real-life contexts
8 Key Changes to the SAT

Students will apply their reading, writing, language, and math skills to answer questions in science, history, and social studies contexts.

Analysis in science and social studies
The redesigned SAT will include one of the following:

- An excerpt from one of the Founding Documents
- A text from the ongoing Great Global Conversation about freedom, justice, and human dignity

No prior knowledge of the text will be required.
8 Key Changes to the SAT

- One point for each correct answer
- Zero points for unanswered items
- Zero points for wrong answers

No penalty for wrong answers
SAT Reading Test: Features

- Single and paired passages
- Cross disciplinary contexts:
  - US and world literature
  - History/social studies (Founding documents/great global conversations)
  - Science
- Informational graphics
- Range of text complexity
- Focus on:
  - Words in context
  - Command of evidence
SAT Writing & Language Test: Features

- Passage based
- Cross-disciplinary contexts:
  - Humanities
  - History/social studies
  - Science
  - Careers
- Informational graphics
- Multiple text types: argument, informative, nonfiction narrative
- Focus on:
  - Expression of ideas
  - Standard English conventions
  - Words in context
  - Command of evidence
Common prompt: publicly available
- Represents sound instructional model

Sources are arguments written for a broad audience

Emphasis on analysis of the argument (not opinion)

Expanded time for students to read, plan, write (50 minutes)

Analytic scoring
Multiple item types
Focus on what matters in college/career readiness
Calculator/No calculator sections
Focus on application, procedural skill and fluency, conceptual understanding
Rich application contexts:
- Social studies
- Science
- Careers
Item sets
Multistep problems
Scores
SAT Scores and Subscores

1 Total Score
400 – 1600 Scale

2 Section Scores
200 – 800 Scale

2 Cross Test Scores
10 – 40 Scale

3 Test Scores
10 – 40 Scale

7 Subscores
1 – 15 Scale
Essay scoring will consist of 3 subscores:

- **Reading**: 2 – 8 Scale
- **Analysis**: 2 – 8 Scale
- **Writing**: 2 – 8 Scale
Khan Academy
Overview of Khan Academy Partnership

- Formally announced on March 5, 2014
- Will provide free, high quality test-preparation programs and resources to all students
  - Training and support will be provided to teachers, counselors, mentors, and other stakeholders involved in helping students prepare for SAT
- High quality practice resources for the current SAT are available now on the Khan Academy website
  - Complements existing College Board practice resources
Khan Academy: Road to Success

1. Send Score Data

2. Personalized Learning Roadmap

3. Official SAT Practice Tests

With Scoring for Paper & Pencil

Powered By Schools, Educators, Community Groups
Khan Academy SAT Timeline

**Pilots to Ensure Success**

- Nov '14 - April '15: Gather feedback from partners on early versions of product and make adjustments to increase efficacy

**June 2015: Public Launch**

- Comprehensive, personalized practice for each student's needs
  - Official CB created tests
  - The world’s greatest SAT prep – and it happens to be free

**September 2015: Continued Growth**

- Professional Development for educators and partners
  - Work closely with students, teachers, and community organizations to make the product even better
Access Through Partnerships
For More Information

Sign up for updates:

► www.deliveringopportunity.org

► www.collegeboard.org/michigan
Current & Redesign Sample Items
Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below.

Some see printed books as dusty remnants from the preelectronic age. They point out that electronic books, or e-books, cost less to produce than printed books and that producing them has a much smaller impact on natural resources such as trees. Yet why should printed books be considered obsolete or outdated just because there is something cheaper and more modern? With books, as with many other things, just because a new version has its merits doesn’t mean that the older version should be eliminated.

Assignment:

Should we hold on to the old when innovations are available, or should we simply move forward? 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.
Redesigned SAT Essay Prompt

1. As you read the passage below, consider how Dana Gioia uses:
   - evidence, such as facts or examples, to support claims.
   - reasoning to develop ideas and to connect claims and evidence.
   - stylistic or persuasive elements, such as word choice or appeals to emotion, to add power to the ideas expressed.

2. [Sample Passage here]
   (In this example, passage is adapted from “Why Literature Matters” by Dana Gioia. ©2005 by The New York Times Company. Originally published April 10, 2005.)

3. Write an essay in which you explain how Dana Gioia builds an argument to persuade his audience that the decline of reading in America will have a negative effect on society. In your essay, analyze how Gioia uses one or more of the features listed in the box above (or features of your own choice) to strengthen the logic and persuasiveness of his argument. Be sure that your analysis focuses on the most relevant features of the passage.

Your essay should not explain whether you agree with Gioia's claims, but rather explain how Gioia builds an argument to persuade his audience.
Based on information presented in the passage, which best describes what Georgia was “tired of ” (line 8) ?

(A) Being forced to earn a living

(B) Being teased about Joseph Tank

(C) Being considered a hack writer by some of her colleagues

(D) Being betrayed by her supposed friends

(E) Being the only woman in the newsroom
... The North Carolina ratification convention: “No one need be afraid that officers who commit oppression will pass with immunity.” “Prosecutions of impeachments will seldom fail to agitate the passions of the whole community,” said Hamilton in the Federalist Papers, number 65. “We divide into parties more or less friendly or inimical to the accused.”* I do not mean political parties in that sense.

The drawing of political lines goes to the motivation behind impeachment; but impeachment must proceed within the confines of the constitutional term “high crime[s] and misdemeanors.” Of the impeachment process, it was Woodrow Wilson who said that “Nothing short of the grossest offenses against the plain law of the land will suffice to give them speed and effectiveness. Indignation so great as to overgrow party interest may secure a conviction; but nothing else can.” [...]

Adapted from a speech delivered by Congresswoman Barbara Jordan of Texas on July 25, 1974, a member of the Judiciary Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

In lines 48-53 (“Prosecutions ... sense”), what is the most likely reason Jordan draws a distinction between two types of “parties”?
A) To counter the suggestion that impeachment is or should be about partisan politics
B) To disagree with Hamilton’s claim that impeachment proceedings excite passions
C) To contend that Hamilton was too timid in his support for the concept of impeachment
D) To argue that impeachment cases are decided more on the basis of politics than on justice
Some fans feel that sports events are _____ only when the competitors are of equal ability, making the outcome of the game __________.

(A) successful . . assured
(B) boring . . questionable
(C) dull . . foreseen
(D) interesting . . predictable
(E) exciting . . uncertain
[...] As Kingman developed as a painter, his works were often compared to paintings by Chinese landscape artists dating back to CE 960, a time when a strong tradition of landscape painting emerged in Chinese art. Kingman, however, vacated from that tradition in a number of ways, most notably in that he chose to focus not on natural landscapes, such as mountains and rivers, but on cities. [...] 

4. A) NO CHANGE  
B) evacuated  
C) departed  
D) retired
The coming decades will likely see more intense clustering of jobs, innovation, and productivity in a smaller number of bigger cities and city-regions. Some regions could end up bloated beyond the capacity of their infrastructure, while others struggle, their promise stymied by inadequate human or other resources.

Adapted from Richard Florida, The Great Reset. ©2010 by Richard Florida.

As used in line 55, “intense” most nearly means

A) emotional.
B) concentrated.
C) brilliant.
D) determined.
The students have discovered that they can address issues more effectively through letter-writing campaigns and not through public demonstrations. No error
The transportation planner’s job might involve conducting a traffic count to determine the daily number of vehicles traveling on the road to the new factory. If analysis of the traffic count indicates that there is more traffic than the current road as it is designed at this time can efficiently accommodate, the transportation planner might recommend widening the road to add another lane. [...]
The library is **older than it but still just as beautiful as the courthouse**.

(A) older than it but still just as beautiful as the courthouse
(B) older and it is just as beautiful as the courthouse
(C) older than the courthouse; it is just as beautiful as it
(D) older than the courthouse but just as beautiful
(E) just as beautiful as the courthouse and it is older than it
Transportation planners perform critical work within the broader field of urban and regional planning. As of 2010, there were approximately 40,300 urban and regional planners employed in the United States. The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts steady job growth in this field, projecting that 16 percent of new jobs in all occupations will be related to urban and regional planning. Population growth and concerns about environmental sustainability are expected to spur the need for transportation planning professionals.

Which choice completes the sentence with accurate data based on the above graph?

A) NO CHANGE
B) warning, however, that job growth in urban and regional planning will slow to 14 percent by 2020.
C) predicting that employment of urban and regional planners will increase 16 percent between 2010 and 2020.
D) indicating that 14 to 18 percent of urban and regional planning positions will remain unfilled.
The table above shows the number of consecutive nights that each of five families stayed at a certain hotel during a 14-night period. If the Liu family’s stay did not overlap with the Benton family’s stay, which of the 14 nights could be a night on which only one of the five families stayed at the hotel?

A) The 3rd  
B) The 5th  
C) The 6th  
D) The 8th  
E) The 10th
If $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{3}y = 4$, what is the value of $3x + 2y$?
A researcher places two colonies of bacteria into two petri dishes that each have area 10 square centimeters. After the initial placement of the bacteria \((t = 0)\), the researcher measures and records the area covered by the bacteria in each dish every ten minutes. The data for each dish were fit by a smooth curve, as shown above, where each curve represents the area of a dish covered by bacteria as a function of time, in hours. Which of the following is a correct statement about the data above?

A) At time \(t = 0\), both dishes are 100% covered by bacteria.
B) At time \(t = 0\), bacteria covers 10% of Dish 1 and 20% of Dish 2.
C) At time \(t = 0\), Dish 2 is covered with 50% more bacteria than Dish 1.
D) For the first hour, the area covered in Dish 2 is increasing at a higher average rate than the area covered in Dish 1.
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<td>Emphasis on general reasoning skills</td>
<td>Reasoning + strong focus on knowledge, skills, and understandings most important for college and career readiness and success</td>
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<td>Emphasis on vocabulary, often in limited contexts</td>
<td>Greater emphasis on the meaning of words in extended contexts and on how word choice shapes meaning, tone, and impact</td>
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<td>Complex scoring (a point for a correct answer and a deduction for an incorrect answer; blank responses have no impact on scores)</td>
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<td>- 25 minutes to write the essay</td>
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<td>- Tests writing skill; students take a position on a presented issue</td>
<td>- Tests reading, analysis, and writing skills; students produce a written analysis of a provided source text</td>
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| Insight Scores | None | Multiple Insight Scores |
The redesigned SAT Will Be Distinguished From Any Other Admissions Exam

- A clear focus on fewer, more important things that research tells us matter most for college readiness and success
- Students' command of evidence matters more than ever before
- Students will analyze and synthesize words and numbers, while evaluating their consistency in reading, writing, language, and math
- Students will move beyond traditional problems to real world applications that they will encounter in college and career
- Students will be asked to honor the contributions that science and history/social studies make to college and career readiness in reading, writing, language and math
- Reflects students’ best work – not a departure from high school, but a distillation
Additional Information and Resources

- **SAT Test Specification Document:**
  [https://www.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat/delivering-opportunity/test_specifications_for_the_redesigned_sat_102414.pdf](https://www.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat/delivering-opportunity/test_specifications_for_the_redesigned_sat_102414.pdf)

- **PSAT/NMSQT Grade 10/11 Full Practice Exam with Answer Document:**

- **SAT Sample Essay with Overview and Practice:**

- **Additional SAT Sample Questions with Answers:**
  [https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sample-questions](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sample-questions)

- **SAT and Khan Academy (will be available the first week of June):**
  [https://www.khanacademy.org/sat](https://www.khanacademy.org/sat)