



# THE NEW SAT

COMING MARCH 2016!

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# WHY REDESIGN THE SAT?

## Opportunity for All

- **Equity and excellence** and to provide students with opportunities to succeed in college and careers.
- Ensure that *all students have access to resources that can help them prepare for, and make a successful transition to, college.*
- *Opportunity agenda*
- Ensure that students have the learning and life skills they need to meet the challenges they will face after high school
- *Primary focus is getting students into college and career training opportunities, ensuring they have the tools they need to successfully complete postsecondary work and to access opportunities for the rest of their lives.*



# HOW WILL THE REDESIGNED SAT BENEFIT YOUR STUDENTS?

- **Learning, not memorizing**
- **Connection to classroom learning and experience**
- **Rights-only scoring**
- **Free resources for practice and review**



# KEY CONTENT CHANGES

- Words in Context
- Command of Evidence
- Essay Analyzing a Source
- Focus on Math that Matters Most
- Problems grounded in Real-World Contexts
- Analysis in Science and Social Studies
- U.S. Founding Documents and Great Global Conversation
- No Penalty for Guessing





# WORDS IN CONTEXT

- Questions on the new SAT focus on important, widely used words and phrases found in texts in many different subjects.
- Some questions ask you to figure out a word's meaning based on context.
- Words you will probably encounter in college or in the workplace.
- The redesigned exams will engage students in close reading and honor the best work of the classroom.





# COMMAND OF EVIDENCE

## Evidence-Based Reading

- Interpret, synthesize, and use evidence found in a wide range of sources.

Writing and Language Test also focuses on command of evidence.

Students have to:

- analyze a series of sentences or paragraphs and decide if it makes sense.
- interpret graphics and to edit a part of the accompanying passage so that it clearly and accurately communicates the information in the graphics.





# ESSAY ANALYZING A SOURCE

- Read a passage
- Explain how an author builds an argument to persuade an audience.
- Cultivate close reading
- Careful analysis and clear writing
- Promote the practice of reading a wide variety of arguments and analyzing how authors do their work as writers

**The essay prompt will be the same every time the new SAT is offered,** but the source material students are asked to write about will be different each time.

Not all students will take the SAT with Essay.





# MATH THAT MATTERS MOST

The Math Test focuses in-depth on three essential areas of math:

- **Problem Solving**
- **Data Analysis Heart of Algebra**
- **Passport to Advanced Math.**







# PROBLEMS GROUNDED IN REAL-WORLD CONTEXTS

- **The Evidence-Based Reading and Writing** section includes questions on literature and literary nonfiction, but also features charts, graphs, and passages like the ones students are likely to encounter in science, social science, and other majors and careers.
- **Writing and Language** Test ask you to edit, revise, and improve texts from the humanities, history, social science, science, and career contexts.
- **The Math** section features multistep applications to solve problems in science, social science, career scenarios, and other real-life situations.





# ANALYSIS IN SCIENCE AND IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES

- Apply reading, writing, language, and math knowledge and skills to answer questions in science, history, and social studies contexts.
- Assessments
- Range of challenging texts and informational graphics



# U.S. FOUNDING DOCUMENTS



# AND THE GREAT GLOBAL CONVERSATION

- The U.S. Founding Documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Federalist Papers, have been inspired by and have helped to inspire a conversation that continues to this day about the nature of civic life.
- The goal is to inspire a close reading of these rich, meaningful, often profound texts, not only as a way to develop valuable college and career readiness skills but also as an opportunity to reflect on and deeply engage with issues and concerns central to informed citizenship.





# NO PENALTY FOR GUESSING

On the new SAT, you simply earn points for the questions you answer correctly.

So go ahead and give your best answer to every question — there's no advantage to leaving them blank.



# MAJOR FEATURES COMPARED

- **Total Testing Time**
- **Components**
- **Important Features**
- **Essay**
- **Score Reporting**
- **Subscore Reporting**



# TOTAL TESTING TIME

## CURRENT SAT

Final Administration

- **JANUARY 2016**
- **171 Questions**
- **3 Hrs 45Mins**

## THE NEW SAT

First Administration

- **MARCH 2016**
- **154 Questions**
- **3 Hours\***



# COMPONENTS

## CURRENT SAT

- **MATHEMATICS**
- **CRITICAL READING**
- **WRITING**

## THE NEW SAT

- **MATH**
- **EVIDENCE-BASED READING AND WRITING**
- **OPTIONAL ESSAY**



# IMPORTANT FEATURES

## CURRENT SAT

- 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.
- Emphasis on vocabulary, often in limited contexts.

## THE NEW SAT

- Measures skills and knowledge students need to be ready for college and beyond. Better reflects what students learn in class.
- Greater emphasis on the meaning of words in extended.
- 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

**CURRENT SAT**

**THE NEW SAT**

○ **ESSAY REQUIRED**

○ **ESSAY OPTIONAL**



# SCORING

## CURRENT SAT

Scores ranging from

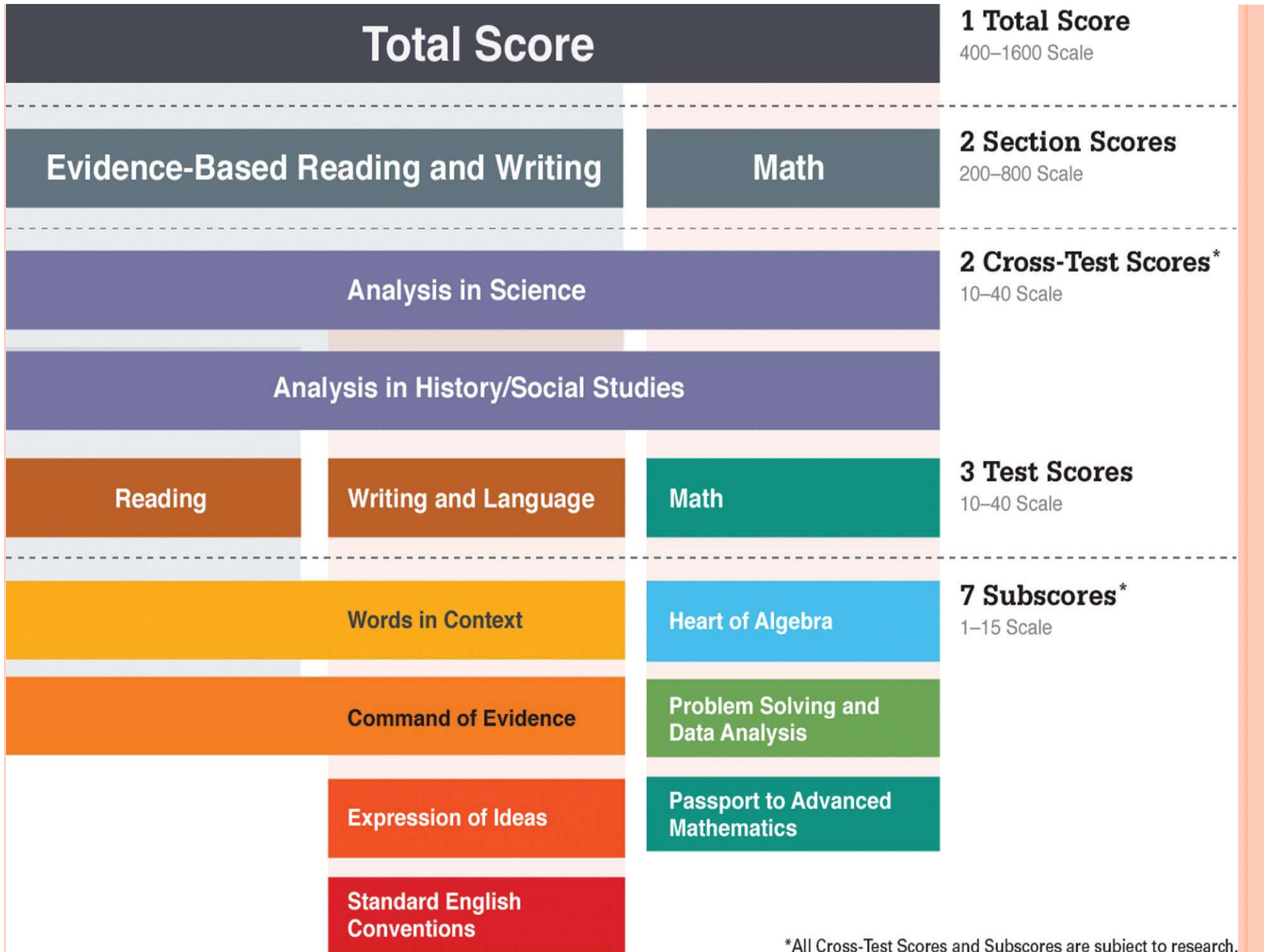
- **600–2400**
- **POINTS SUBTRACTED for incorrect answers**

## THE NEW SAT

Scores ranging from

- **400–1600**
- **NO PENALTY for guessing**





\*All Cross-Test Scores and Subscores are subject to research.

# NEW RESOURCES

- **The new SAT has brand-new practice resources to help you sharpen your skills and deepen your knowledge.**
- **They're free and available 24/7, so everyone, everywhere, can get ready.**
- **Daily Practice for the New SAT**



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Questions ?

