Beyond Assessment: Delivering Opportunity

- Less than half of the students who take the SAT® are college ready.

43% Met the SAT Benchmark

57% Did Not Meet the SAT Benchmark
Beyond Assessment: Delivering Opportunity

The Class of 2014 and the SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmark

- **42.6%** of SAT takers met the benchmark
- **15.8%** of African American SAT takers met the benchmark
- **23.4%** of Hispanic SAT takers met the benchmark
- **33.5%** of Native American SAT takers met the benchmark
The College Board Readiness and 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.
Goals of the Redesigned SAT

- More focused on the few essential things that research shows matter most for college readiness
- Assessment and instruction will work together
- Open and clear, so students and educators know what to expect
SAT Suite

**PSAT 8/9**
Fall Window (September – February);
Spring Window (2 weeks)

**PSAT 10**
Spring Window (2 weeks)

**PSAT/NMSQT**
Fall (10th and 11th grade)

**SAT**
7 National Administrations
+ 3 School Day Administrations
Overview of Khan Academy Partnership

- Formally announced on March 5, 2014
- Will provide free, high quality practice 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
About the Redesigned SAT

- The first administration of the redesigned SAT® will be in spring 2016.

- Today’s tenth graders will be the first to take the redesigned SAT.

- The redesigned SAT will be offered in print everywhere and by computer in select locations.
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.
SAT Scores and Sub-scores

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

- Evidence-Based Reading & Writing
- Math
- Analysis in Science
- Analysis in History / Social Studies
- Reading
- Writing & Language
- Math
- Words in Context
- Heart of Algebra
- Command of Evidence
- Passport to Advanced Mathematics
- Expression of Ideas
- Problem Solving & Data Analysis
- Standard English Conventions
Essay scoring will consist of 3 subscores:

- **Reading**: 2 – 8 Scale
- **Analysis**: 2 – 8 Scale
- **Writing**: 2 – 8 Scale
Longitudinal Progress Monitoring

+ Section Scores will be placed on a vertical scale.

+ This same concept will hold true for the Test and Cross-Test Scores as well as Total Score.
8 Key Changes to the SAT

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

- Interpret meaning based on context
- Master relevant vocabulary
- Engage in close reading
In young children, some brain cells have a _____ that enables them to take over the functions of damaged or missing brain cells.

(A) fragility
(B) reminiscence
(C) perniciousness
(D) whimsicality
(E) plasticity
5. Because their behavior was -------, Frank and Susan served as ------- models for the children under their excellent care.

(A) incorruptible . . pernicious
(B) lamentable . . flawed
(C) commendable . . exemplary
(D) erratic . . unimpeachable
(E) reputable . . imperfect
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.
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As used in line 55, “intense” most nearly means

A) emotional.
B) concentrated.
C) brilliant.
D) determined.
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.

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
Advertisers are interested in finding out what exactly makes pop-up ads on the Internet irritating to viewers. Why are these ads seen as intrusive? One 2002 marketing study determined that when Internet users are focused, they perceive interruptions as more severe than when they are not focused. What seems to get the attention of viewers (rather than merely annoy them) is to expose them to pop-up ads only at breaks in content—for example, when they are switching between pages. Another marketing strategy is to increase the relevance of the ad. If a consumer is browsing an automobile Web site, a pop-up ad for a car will seem less intrusive than will a travel ad.
8 Key Changes to the SAT

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
Comparison of Current SAT and Redesigned SAT

Essay

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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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Some see printed books as dusty remnants from the pre-electronic 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?

**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.
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.

[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.)

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.
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)
According to the pictogram above, if China had 100 million Internet users in 2005, approximately how many million did India have?

A) 54  B) 48  C) 37  D) 25  E) 18
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
8 Key Changes to the SAT

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
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
SAT Math Test: Features

- 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
SAT Essay Test: Features

- 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
Redesigned PSAT/NMSQT
About the Redesigned PSAT/NMSQT

- The first administration of the redesigned PSAT/NMSQT will be in fall 2015.

- Sample questions to help students prepare will be available in December 2014/January 2015.

- A full practice test will be available in March 2015.
Common Empirical Backbone

► Deeply informed by best available evidence
► Focused on what matters most for college and career readiness
► Appropriate at each grade level
Connection to the Redesigned SAT

The redesigned **PSAT/NMSQT** will mirror the knowledge and skill areas tested by the redesigned SAT.

The 7 key changes of the redesigned **PSAT/NMSQT** are:

1. Relevant words in context
2. Command of evidence
3. Math focused on three key areas
4. Problems grounded in real-world contexts
5. Analysis in Science and Social Studies
6. Founding documents/great global conversation
7. No penalty for wrong answers
Comparison of Current P/N and Redesigned P/N

Current PSAT/NMSQT

- 2 Hours, 10 Minutes

Components

- Critical Reading
- Writing
- Math

Redesigned PSAT/NMSQT

- 2 Hours, 45 Minutes*

Components

- Evidence-Based Reading & Writing
  - Reading
  - Writing & Language
- Math

Total Testing Time

* Subject to research
For More Information

SAT® Website

 ► www.deliveringopportunity.org