



SAT certification Test

INTRODUCTION:

We are providing useful information for students who are going to take SAT I and SAT II test.

SAT TEST:

The SATs (pronounced "S-A-T" not "sat") are standardized tests , formally called the Scholastic Aptitude Tests and Scholastic Assessment Tests, frequently used by colleges and universities in the United States to aid in the selection of incoming freshmen.

SAT-I: Reasoning Test

The SAT-I is a three hour, primarily multiple-choice test that measures verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities that develop over time. Most colleges require SAT-I scores for admission.

SAT-II: Subject Tests

The SAT-II subject tests are one hour, primarily multiple-choice tests that measure your knowledge of particular subjects and your ability to apply that knowledge. Many universities may require you to take this along with SAT-I.

When is the SAT held?

SAT is held about 6-7 times a year. The 2004-2005 testing calendar is displayed [here](#). Don't forget to register for SAT on time!

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SAT II Overview

The SAT* II is a set of more than 20 different tests focusing on specific disciplines or subjects, such as English, history and social sciences, mathematics, physical sciences, and foreign languages. Each subject test lasts one hour and consists entirely of multiple choice

questions, except for the Writing Test, which has a 20-minute essay section in addition to a 40-minute multiple choice section.

I or II?

The SAT* I is largely a test of verbal and math skills. Although, you need to know vocabulary and some formulas, it's primarily designed to measure how well you read and think rather than what you know. The SAT* II is different. These tests are designed to measure what you know about specific disciplines. Sure, critical reading and thinking skills play a part, but the main purpose of the SAT* II tests is to determine exactly what you know about writing, math, history, chemistry, and so on.

How Are They Used?

Schools that require SAT*s feel that they're an important indicator of your ability to succeed in college. Specifically, they use your scores to help make admissions and placement decisions. Like the SAT* I, the SAT* II provides schools with a standard measure of academic performance, which they use to compare you to applicants from different high schools and different educational backgrounds. This information helps them to decide whether you have the academic ability to handle their curriculum. SAT* II scores may also be used to decide what course of study is appropriate for you once you've been admitted. A low score on the Writing test, for example, may require you to take a remedial English course. Conversely, a high score on the Math Level IIC test may exempt you from an introductory math course.

Which Tests Should I Take?

The simple answer: Take the ones that you'll do well on. High scores, after all, can only help your chances for admission. Unfortunately, many colleges demand that you take particular tests, usually the Writing test and/or one of the math tests. Some schools give you some choice in the matter, especially if they want you to take a total of three subject tests. Before you register for any test, check with the colleges in which you're interested to determine exactly which test(s) they require. This will save time in the long run.

Choices...Choices...Choices

Subject tests that are currently administered include:

- American History and Social Studies
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Chinese with Listening
- English Language Proficiency
- French
- French with Listening
- German
- German with Listening
- Italian

- Japanese with Listening
- Latin
- Literature
- Math Level I
- Math Level IC
- Math Level IIC
- Modern Hebrew
- Physics
- Spanish
- Spanish with Listening
- World History
- Writing

SAT I vs. SAT II

SAT I? SAT II? What's the difference?

What are these tests about? SAT I is a three-hour exam that tests student's math and verbal reasoning skills based on what students have learned over their years of education. SAT II Subject Tests are one-hour exams that test students' knowledge of particular subjects.

Some colleges, like those in the University of California system, require both the SAT I and SAT II tests. For instance, the UC system requires SAT II tests in Writing, Math IC or Math IIC, and another third subject of the student's choice. The ACT, another standardized test, often may be substituted for the SAT I.

One thing to note is that SAT II subject tests are best taken toward the end of the school year, when the student is most knowledgeable about math, chemistry, Spanish, etc. Make sure to try a couple different elective subjects, and register early to get a test center close to home. You can register with the College Board.

What's the difference between SAT I & SAT II Math?

SAT I Math tests the ability of students to solve problems involving arithmetic, algebra and geometry. Officially, the test is called a "Reasoning Test". The test writers expect students not just to memorize but to understand the concept of the formulas.

	SAT I Math	SAT II Math IC	SAT Math IIC
Number of Questions	60	50	50
Time Available	75	60	60
Score Scale	200-800	200-800	200-800

SAT II Math IC is more similar to the SAT I Math than the SAT II Math IIC. Math IC requires students to be able to do problems involving algebra, geometry (plane Euclidean,

coordinate and three-dimensional), basic trigonometry and elementary statistics. Our test takers have found the Math IC test questions to be much wordier and similar to the SAT I Math in recent years.

SAT II Math IIC is very different from both the SAT I Math and Math IC. The questions are more theoretical. Math IIC covers the topics of algebra, geometry (coordinate and three-dimensional), trigonometry and statistics. The questions are generally not as wordy, but are definitely more difficult. Some of the hard questions do not take a lot of effort to answer provided the student really understands the topic.

Another key difference between Math IC and IIC is that if you score half the questions right on Math IC you will score approximately 550. On the Math IIC if you answer half the questions correctly, you would score approximately 630.

Is there any difference between SAT I Verbal and SAT II Writing?

SAT I Verbal and SAT II Writing are two very different tests. The SAT I Verbal tests students' ability to understand and analyze what they read. It tests the student's ability to recognize relationships between parts of a sentence or between pairs of words. A strong knowledge of vocabulary is critical to doing well on the Verbal questions.

SAT II Writing test is composed of two parts: one twenty minute essay and 60 multiple-choice questions. The essay tests the student's ability to write an essay with good organization, choice of words, sentence structure and punctuation. The graders also look for logical presentation and appropriate examples. The multiple-choice portion of the test measures the student's ability to recognize faults in language usage and structure. Strong understanding of English grammar is key to doing well.

	SAT I Verbal	SAT II Writing
Number of Questions	78	60 + one 20 minute essay
Time Available	75	60
Score Scale	200-800	200-800

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