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SAT	VS.	ACT
Reasoning test	<b>Type of Test</b>	Content-based test
Critical Reading: 2, 25-min sections and 1, 20-min section; Math: 2, 25-min sections and 1, 20-min section; Writing: 1, 25-min essay, 1, 25-min section, and 1, 10-min section <b>Total test time:</b> 225 minutes; 3 hours and 45 minutes	<b>Test Format</b>	English: 1, 45-min section; Math: 1, 60-min section; Reading: 1, 35-min section; Science: 1, 35-min section; Writing: 1, 30-min essay (optional) <b>Total test time:</b> 205 minutes (with essay); 3 hours and 25 minutes
Reading, vocabulary, grammar & usage, writing, and math	<b>Content Covered</b>	Grammar & usage, math, reading, science reasoning, and writing (optional)
Tricky. Questions can be phrased in ways that make them difficult to decipher. SAT is titled SAT: A Reasoning Test. It is indeed a reasoning test. Yes, it covers some academic skills in reading, math and writing, but it is definitely <u>about making the student work through critical thinking and reasoning.</u>	<b>Test Style</b>	More straightforward. Questions may be long but are usually less difficult to decipher. Originally stood for "American College Testing," ACT is typically defined as a <u>more straight forward academic skills' test</u> with the majority of the reasoning and critical thinking testing falling in a section titled "science".
Math, Critical Reading, and Writing scores will each range between a 200-800; total SAT score ranges between 600-2400	<b>Scoring</b>	English, Math, Reading, and Science scores will each range between 1-36. Composite ACT score is the average of your scores on the four sections; ranges between 1-36
Yes – you lose ¼ of a point for incorrect answers (except on the grid-in math questions) <b><u>ONLY GUESS if you can confidently eliminate 2 or more answers.</u></b>	<b>Penalty for Wrong Answers?</b>	No – you do not lose points for incorrect answers. Therefore, you should <b>GUESS and leave no bubbles blank.</b>
Yes – you can choose which set(s) of SAT scores to submit to colleges	<b>Score Choice?</b>	Yes – you can choose which set(s) of ACT scores to submit to colleges
Questions increase in difficulty level as you move through that question type in a section (except reading passage questions, which progress chronologically through the passage)	<b>Difficulty Levels</b>	Difficulty level of the questions is random
Arithmetic, data analysis, Algebra I and II, Functions, Geometry; formulas are provided in the test booklet	<b>Math Levels</b>	Arithmetic, Algebra I and II, Functions, Geometry, Trigonometry; no formulas are provided
With private schools and schools on the East and West Coasts; however, every four-year college in the US accepts SAT scores	<b>Tends to be more popular?</b>	With public schools and schools in the Midwest and south; however, every four-year college in the US accepts ACT scores
Seven times per year: January, March or April, May, June, October, November, and December	<b>Offered when?</b>	Six times per year: February, April, June, September, October, December
Typically, about 4 weeks before the test date	<b>Registration deadline?</b>	Typically, about 5-6 weeks before the test date

## Key takeaways/next steps:

*"Figure out where you're going before you start the journey. "*

- Take both an SAT and ACT practice exam this spring/summer to determine which test to prep for next spring.
- Schedule a score analysis session, set a goal and put together your SAT/ACT "plan of attack."
- Solid math foundations in Algebra and Geometry are essential
- Build your vocabulary
- Practice timed writing