

ACT

SAT

<u>SECTION</u>	<u># ?'S</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<i>Writing</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>45 min.</i>
<i>Math</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>60 min.</i>
<i>Reading</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>35 min.</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>35 min.</i>
<i>Essay (optional)</i>		<i>30 min.</i>
<i>No experimental section in NJ</i>		

TOTAL TIME **205 MIN**
NO GUESSING PENALTY
LIMITED TESTING OF VOCABULARY
SCORE CHOICE
CLASSIC PERSUASIVE ESSAY
ORDER OF TEST DOESN'T CHANGE
MEANINGFUL CHANGE OF SCORE – 1 POINT

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>#?'S</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<i>Essay</i>		<i>25 min.</i>
<i>Reading</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25 min.</i>
<i>Math</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>25 min.</i>
<i>Grammar</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>25 min.</i>
<i>Reading</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25 min.</i>
<i>Math</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>25 min.</i>
<i>Reading</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20 min.</i>
<i>Math</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>20 min.</i>
<i>Grammar</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>10 min.</i>
<i>Experimental</i>	<i>?</i>	<i>25 min.</i>

TOTAL TIME **225 MIN.**
GUESSING PENALTY
VOCABULARY DIRECTLY TESTED
MOST SCHOOLS HONOR SCORE CHOICE
DOCUMENT BASED, OPINION ESSAY
ORDER VARIES TEST TO TEST
MEANINGFUL CHANGE OF SCORE +/- 30 POINTS

IT IS TIME TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT!

There are so many misconceptions about the differences between the ACT and the SAT.

- Both tests, the ACT and the SAT, are challenging.
- Neither test tests IQ.
- Neither test is more “abstract” than the other.
- The ACT is easier for some students.
- The SAT is easier for some students.
- Students **CANNOT** tell which test is better for them by taking a quick “diagnostic” test offered by the commercial test prep companies!!
- Students should look at both tests – buy the College Board SAT book and the REAL ACT test book published by Petersens (beware: this publishing company also has its own version of the ACT test book)

ADVICE: Ignore the hype! Have you “learned how to learn?”™ If you can answer with a resounding “yes” then you will be able to handle these tests as well as any other test you will face in college and beyond. Not sure that you have “learned how to learn?”™ Find a company to help that values education and has academic integrity. You will be able to trust the guidance you receive.