

Old SAT/New SAT/ACT Comparison

OLD SAT	NEW SAT	ACT
2400 point scale	1600 point scale	36 point scale
3 hours & 45 minutes	3 hours & 50 minutes (with optional essay)	3 hours & 35 minutes (with optional essay)
about 62 seconds per question	about 70 seconds per question	about 49 seconds per question
minus ¼ point for wrong answers: no random guessing!	no penalty for wrong answers: answer every question!	no penalty for wrong answers: answer every question!
essay required first section; 25 min.	essay optional* last section; 50 min.	essay optional* last section; 40 min.
essay: take a side on an issue	essay: analyze an argument	essay: compare and contrast 3 different viewpoints
no science section	no science section, but science emphasized on verbal sections	science section
algebra and geometry	advanced algebra and higher-level math	algebra and higher-level math
tricky math questions	more straightforward math questions	more straightforward math questions
obscure vocabulary sentence completions	easier vocabulary-in-context questions	one or two vocabulary-in-context questions

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Nervous about the upcoming changes to the tests? MTAT offers free and unlimited return privileges for our courses allowing students to keep preparing at no additional cost. Our courses and curriculum will quickly respond to any changes and help you prepare accordingly.

*Many universities require the essay for admission. Read your prospective colleges' requirements carefully.

Old SAT/New SAT/ACT Score Conversion

OLD SAT	NEW SAT	ACT
2400	1600	36
2340	1560-1590	35
2260	1510-1550	34
2190	1460-1500	33
2130	1410-1450	32
2040	1360-1400	31
1980	1320-1350	30
1920	1280-1310	29
1860	1240-1270	28
1820	1210-1230	27
1760	1170-1200	26
1700	1130-1160	25
1650	1090-1120	24
1590	1060-1080	23
1530	1020-1050	22
1500	980-1010	21
1410	940-970	20
1350	900-930	19
1290	860-890	18
1210	810-850	17
1140	760-800	16
1060	710-750	15
1000	660-700	14
900	590-650	13
780	520-580	12
750	500-510	11