

SAT PREP CENTRE

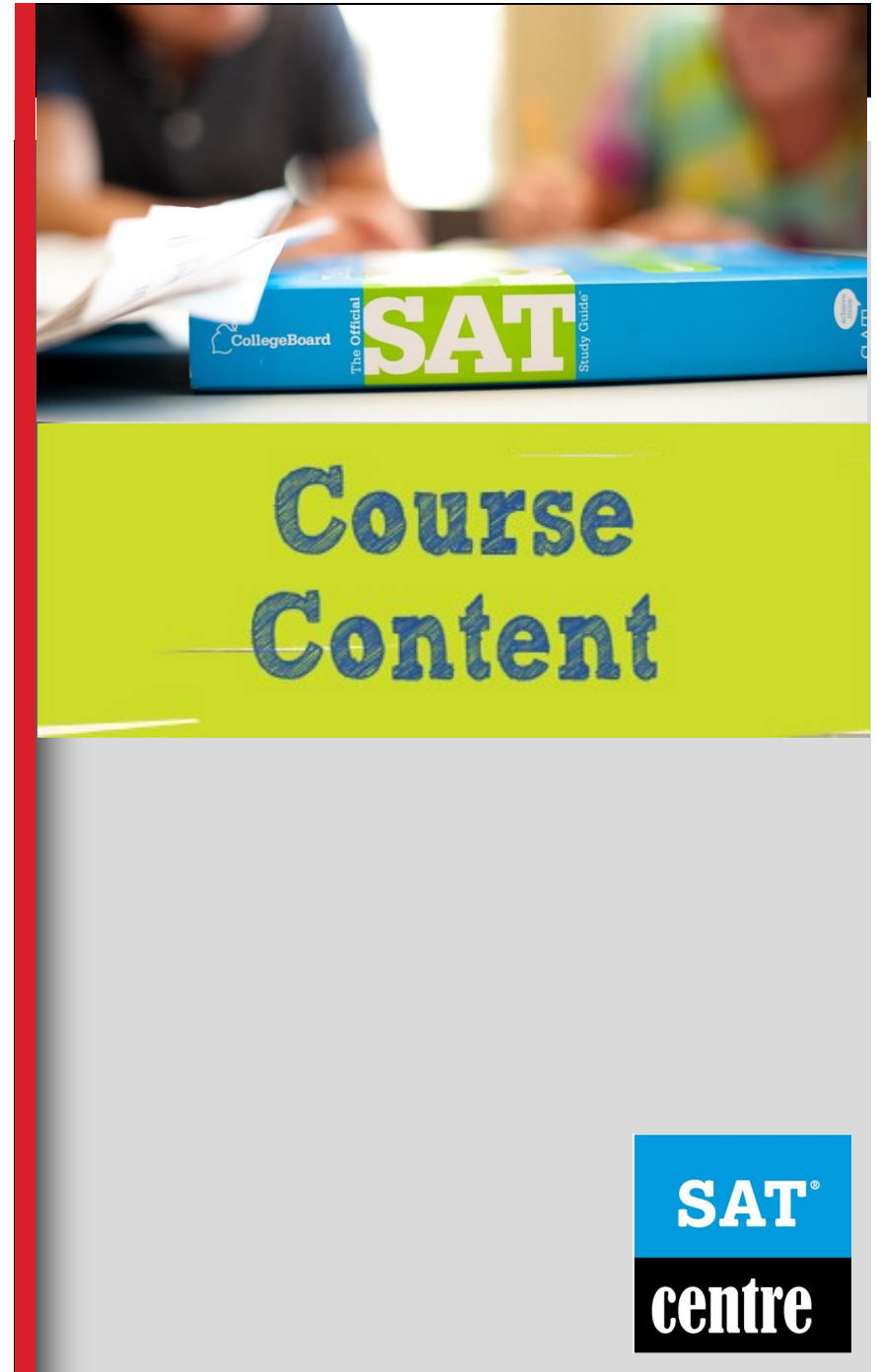
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The SAT is a standardized test meant to show schools how prepared YOU are for college by measuring key skills like reading comprehension, computational ability, and clarity of expression. As a lot of students take the test, it also provides schools with data about how you compare to your peers nationwide.

You will almost certainly need to take the SAT or ACT if you're applying to any colleges or universities within the United States, since most require you to submit test scores with your application. Depending on where you want to apply, your score can account for as much as 50% of the admission decision, so a strong standardized test score is vital. Furthermore, these scores can play a critical role in scholarship opportunities and offerings.

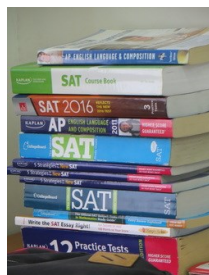
What Does the SAT Cover?

The SAT has ten sections: the first is always the essay, followed by two reading, two math, one writing, and one experimental section of 25 min each (in a random order), and then one 20-min reading, one 20-min math, and one 10-min writing section. The test is mostly multiple choice, with the exception of the essay at the beginning of the test and 10 grid-in questions in one of the 25-minute math sections.

The following chart breaks down the format of the test. Click the links for more depth on what material each section covers.

Topic area	Sections	Total number of questions
Critical Reading	2 25-min sections	48 Passage-Based
	1 20-min section	19 Sentence Completions
Math	2 25-min sections	44 Multiple Choice
	1 20-min section	10 Grid-Ins
Writing	1 25-min essay	25 Improving Sentences
	1 25-min section	18 Identifying Sentence Errors
	1 10-min section	6 Improving Paragraphs

When Should You Take the SAT?



The ideal time to take your SAT's is within your Lower 6th year or the May sit within your Upper 6th Year this will give you time to take it again before you are in dire need of the results for university applications. Traditionally university applications are undertaken in your last year of school especially if you have aspirations for a scholarship.



Tell us about
your experience

Share the
Experience

Collins Horinda - St Georges College

Wanting to pursue Actuarial Science my SAT's were critical, with the help of the SAT Centre I was able to meet my score of above 1400.

SAT SCORE : above 1400
Moved 300 points through tutoring
Scholarship awarded

Alessio Ricoverri—Hellenic

Maths was my weak area, through targeted busting I was able to move 280 points ahead with the SAT Centre

SAT SCORE : above 1200
Moved 350 points through tutoring
Eligible for scholarships

Ryan Chiweshe—Mazowe Boys

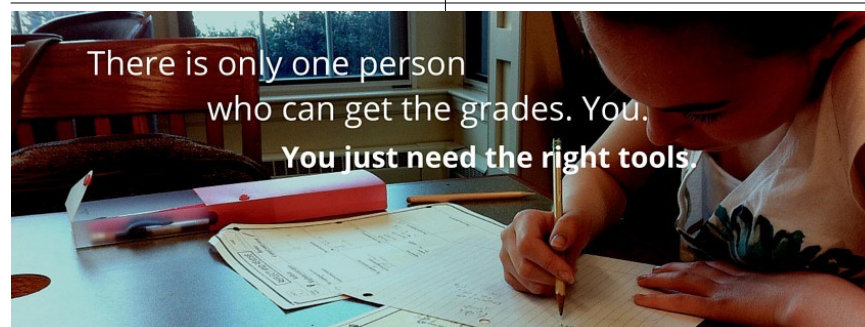
I only had 1 week to work with the SAT Centre. After my diagnostic they knew exactly how to help me and put me at ease.

SAT SCORE : above 1350
Moved 290 points through tutoring
Great Scholarships opportunity window

Patrick Gweu

Coming from DRC where French is one of our main languages English was critical. My ability to understand the passages was key and SAT Centre through support tutoring was able to help me.

SAT SCORE : above 1200
Moved 250 points through tutoring



**TIME MANAGEMENT**

Completing the paper in allotted time with time to spare is very critical. We work on how you can improve your time therefore ensuring that you can get more out of each section.

**IT's ABOUT GRASPING**

Each section has a layout and sequence, we ensure you can logically grasp and work through the paper to ensure you do not fall into the trappings.

**TARGETED WEAKNESS BUSTING**

Through the diagnostic test we are able to establish your weak areas and we will slot you into other workshops which will work with you to ensure these weak areas are strengthened. We have found that many students struggle in Maths or in the essay writing section. As such one-on-one tutoring is available.

Additional
SUPPORT

Support Structure

We not only have the tutors to help you but we setup a student portal where we add training videos and additional questions and support videos. You can do these at your work in your time and this is a further assistance to you,

**Critical & Analytical Thinking Workshops**

The SAT emphasizes higher-level logical and reasoning skills. The Reading and Writing questions are now entirely passage-based, giving more opportunities to test a deeper understanding of how the passage is logically constructed and to draw connections between different parts of the passage. The Math section emphasizes more practical, realistic scenarios and introduces multi-step problems. In Zimbabwe the education system is compounded with more recital, regurgitation and the ability to memorise and cram learning aspects. The SAT does the opposite, it desires that the student reason, analyse and give their perspective. So it is not about being good in Maths or English it is the ability to break these down and process.

As such students are taken through the aspect and understanding of critical thinking. These lessons allow students to put depth and thought into passages. To break them down logically and understand exactly what the question requires of them.

English Reading Section

Greater emphasis on: *vocabulary in context; command of evidence; constructing logical arguments; scientific reasoning.*

Evidence Support Questions: *the SAT Reading section will have questions that build on each other. The student will be prompted to answer a question about the passage - for example, the author's tone or stance on a topic - and in the next question be asked to cite evidence for the answer in the previous question. This type of question builds on the SAT's desire to move toward higher-level reasoning skills. The student will need to support his or her answer with evidence from the passage.*

Data Reasoning Questions: *the SAT Reading section will include figures that show data. The student will need to interpret the data in the figure and place it in the context of the overall passage.*

- ⇒ The passages now test higher-level reasoning and ask you to analyze arguments, the tutor will help with understanding and deconstructing pieces to build on this strength.
- ⇒ The science passages will **not be heavily focused on science**. You won't need to know any formulas, the tutor will teach you to know how to read graphs and understand their relevance.
- ⇒ **Evidence Support questions are double-edged swords.** As they're intertwined, they can be an opportunity to check your thinking the tutor breaks this down for you and how you can catch your mistake ensure you are not led - if you pick a wrong answer to the first question, they'll give you a corresponding wrong answer on the second question.
- ⇒ **Personal biases** have always been a common cause of mistakes on the SAT. The tutor helps you understand that your job isn't to interpret the passages; it's to find the answer within the passage. They also help you have **greater control of your personal biases**. The SAT will always try not to be controversial you'll be more at risk for personal bias.



Greater emphasis on: *Logic and expression of ideas, higher-level writing skills, punctuation rules. Each question now refers to a sentence within the passage. Most grammatical questions will still deal with just a single sentence - questions 1-3, for example, can be answered in isolation without reading the rest of the passage.*

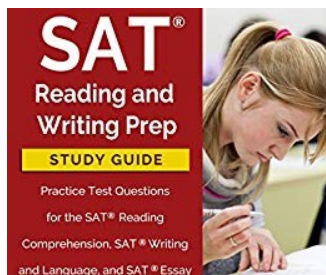
However, some questions will require you to read the whole passage and understand its organization. Question 4 requires you to know the context of the sentence to choose the right word. Question 5 requires you to understand the point of the paragraph so that you can determine the most logical flow.

- ⇒ Writing style now matters a lot more. SAT will test writing logic within the context of a longer passage. Our tutor will help you with this logically contextualisation.
- ⇒ Knowing grammatical rules is still important. The specific rules tested emphasize punctuation and common English usage. The tutor will be able to walk you picking and identifying these aspects.

The SAT Essay

- The essay is 50 minutes long
- It gives a passage written by an author who is taking a stance on an issue. The student's job is to analyze how the author builds the argument.
- The essay is scored on a scale of 2-8 on each of Reading, Analysis, and Writing. This is not combined with the Reading and Writing section score of 800.

Greater emphasis on: *analyzing an argument; understanding how evidence and rhetorical devices contribute to an argument.*



English Tutors x 2

Qualifications : *Degreed*

Trained in SAT Tutoring for English & Essay writing

Hours : *Minimum of 10-15 hours preparation for the course content*

The Maths Section

There are multi-step problems that ask the student to take multiple mathematical steps. There is one section that bans the calculator. Basic trigonometry is now on the test, but there are very few questions that test this.

Greater emphasis on: *data interpretation and graphs; algebra and solving equations; realistic scenarios as prompts for questions.*

Math Question Types

- ⇒ The SAT emphasizes **real situations and word problems** much more. Real situations make the questions seem more relevant to everyday life:
- ⇒ **Multi-part questions** are not only based on realistic scenarios but also present more complicated situations that require understanding what math concepts to employ.
- ⇒ Finally, **trigonometry** is on the SAT, but limited to very few (<5%) questions.

Student Study Tips for the Math Section

- ◆ Our tutor works on more emphasis on understanding what a long scenario question is asking for and how to get to the answer.
- ◆ The critical focus should be on **identifying your weak points and drilling those skills**. If you're weak in algebra, you need to do a lot of algebra problems. This is how we work through it

IMPORTANT POINTS

- ◇ If you have done Cambridge Core Maths you must advise tutors as there is a need to increase hours for students
- ◇ If you are pursuing studies in any engineering, medical sciences and STEM program you must show evidence of a clear understanding on Maths, therefore scoring must be of a higher level.



Maths Tutors x 2

Qualifications : *Degreed*

Trained in SAT Tutoring for Maths & Extended Maths

Hours : *Minimum of 10-15 hours preparation for the course content
15-25 hours for Cambridge Core Maths students*