

PSAT vs. SAT vs. ACT

How are the tests different?

PSAT	*NEW* SAT	ACT
2 Hours 45 minutes	3 hours (+ 50 min for essay)	2 hours 55 min (+ 40 min for essay)
3 sections *no essay	4 sections + essay	4 sections + essay
No science section	No formal science section <i>*science questions focused on reading charts and graphs will be included.</i>	Includes science
Requires the use of trigonometric relationships	Includes trigonometry	Includes trigonometry
No penalty for incorrect answers	No penalty for incorrect answers	No penalty for incorrect answers
Content- based	Content-based	Content-based
	Math accounts for 50%	Math accounts for 25%
	Essay optional *recom	Essay optional *recom
Big challenge: new format	Big challenge: new format	Big challenge: time crunch!