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**Reading**



**Science**



**Math**



**Calculator**



**Essay**

SAT	ACT
The SAT has <b>5 reading passages</b>	The ACT has <b>4 reading passages</b>
<b>No science</b> section	<b>Science</b> section that tests critical thinking skills
Both the SAT and ACT have the <b>same math concepts</b>	
Calculator allowed for <b>some math questions</b>	Calculator allow for <b>all math questions</b>
The SAT essay focuses more on <b>all students</b> of the source text	The ACT essay focuses more on <b>evaluation and analysis</b> of complex issues

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## Scores



## Structure



## Time



## Questions



## Test Prep

SAT	ACT
The SAT is scored on a scale of <b>400 - 1600</b>	The ACT is scored on a scale of <b>1 - 36</b>
<b>3 tests</b> + optional essay	<b>4 tests</b> + optional essay
<b>3 hours</b> + 50-minute optional essay	<b>2 hours 55 minutes</b> + 40-minute optional essay
<b>154</b>	<b>215</b>
Free online test prep for <b>all students</b> through Khan Academy	Free online test prep for <b>fee waiver students</b> through Kaplan

**ACT vs. SAT: Which test should you take:** <https://www.kaptest.com/sat/sat-vs-act>

Take 5 minutes and find out which college entrance exam is best for you.