

## Which Exam Is Right For You?

Comparing the PSAT, SAT, ACT, and CLT:

	PSAT	SAT	ACT	CLT
<b>Typically Taken</b>	10th or 11th grade	11th or 12th grade	11th or 12th grade	11th or 12th grade
<b>Length</b>	Approx 2 hours 45 min	Approx 3 hours 50 min	Approx 3 hours 35 min	Approx 2 hours 45 min
<b>Sections</b>	Reading, Writing and Language, Math (No essay)	Reading, Writing and Language, Math (Optional essay)	English, Math, Reading, Science, Optional essay	English, Math, Reading, Writing, Optional essay
<b>Scoring</b>	320 to 1520	400 to 1600	1 to 36	0 to 72
<b>Penalties</b>	No penalty for incorrect answers	Penalty for incorrect answers	No penalty for incorrect answers	No penalty for incorrect answers
<b>Content</b>	Similar to SAT, but slightly easier	College-level content	College-level content	Classical and Christian-based content
<b>Skills</b>	Reading comprehension, writing, math	Reading comprehension, writing, math	English language proficiency, math, reading comprehension, science	Reading comprehension, grammar, reasoning, logic, literary analysis
<b>Essay</b>	No	Optional essay	Optional essay	Optional essay
<b>Science</b>	Not specifically tested	Not specifically tested	Tested in the form of a separate section	Not specifically tested
<b>Math</b>	Algebra, geometry, trigonometry	Algebra, geometry, trigonometry, advanced math concepts	Algebra, geometry, trigonometry, advanced math concepts	Algebra, geometry, trigonometry
<b>Reading</b>	Passage-based reading comprehension	Passage-based reading comprehension	Passage-based reading comprehension	Passage-based reading comprehension
<b>Vocabulary</b>	Emphasis on context and word usage	Emphasis on context and word usage	Emphasis on context and word usage	Emphasis on context and word usage
<b>Calculator</b>	Allowed for certain math questions	Allowed for certain math questions	Allowed for all math questions	Not applicable
<b>Testing Dates</b>	Offered in October and January	Offered multiple times throughout the year	Offered multiple times throughout the year	Offered multiple times throughout the year