SAT	ACT
Aptitude test: testing reasoning and verbal	Achievement test: testing what student has
abilities	learned in school
Predictive/Practice Test: PSAT	Predictive/Practice Test: PLAN
3 Scores:	Up to 5 Scores Plus Composite Score
Critical Reasoning (3 sections)	English
Math (3 sections)	Math
Writing (3 sections)	Reading
	Science
	Composite Score (ave. above)
	Optional Writing Test
Some multiple choice	ALL multiple choice (except optional
	writing section)
Points lost for guessing	Points for correct answers – no penalty for
	guessing
3 Hours, 45 Minutes	3 Hours, 25 Minutes (with Writing Test)
"more nuanced, trickier"	"more straightforward, knowledge-based"
Test-taking skills a factor – figuring out what	Speed is a factor – less time per question
they're really asking	
Degree of difficulty increases through	Consistent level of difficulty throughout
sections	
Scores range from 200-800; total between	Eng., Math, Reading & Science range: 1-36.
600-2400	Composite = average of 4 sections
Score Choice – YES (choose which set(s) of	Score Choice – YES
SAT scores to submit to colleges)	
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