

## Practice for the PSAT

### Before

Read about it and practice...I don't have a student study guide yet but you can do the following to prepare

1. <http://www.collegeboard.com/>
2. Click on "for students"
3. Click on "college board tests"
4. Click on "PSAT/NMSQT"
5. Click on "what's on the test"

### After

When you receive your results My College QuickStart to take the next steps

My College QuickStart is an online college and career planning kit available free of charge to all students who take the PSAT/NMSQT. It is personalized based on your test performance and is a valuable part of your PSAT/NMSQT experience.

You will need a College Board website account and the [access code](#) printed on your PSAT/NMSQT paper score report.

#### **Get these personalized features:**

- My Online Score Report—View your enhanced score report- with test questions, your answer, and the correct answer with answer explanations
- My SAT Study Plan™—Prepare for the SAT® with a personalized plan based on your test performance (includes a free practice test)
- **NEW!** My Personality—Take a personality test to learn more about yourself and find majors and careers that fit your strengths and interests
- My College Matches—Get a starter list of colleges (based on your home state and indicated choice of major) to help you begin your search
- My Major & Career Matches—Learn about different majors and careers and see what courses you should take now to be successful later

## What's on the PSAT Test?

The PSAT/NMSQT includes five sections:

- Two 25-minute critical reading sections
- Two 25-minute math sections
- One 30-minute writing skills section

The whole test requires two hours and 10 minutes.

### **Critical Reading**

Two 25-minute critical reading sections = 48 questions

- 13 Sentence completions
- 35 Critical reading questions

### **Math**

Two 25-minute math sections = 38 questions

- 28 multiple-choice math questions
- 10 Student-produced responses or grid-ins

Students are advised to bring a calculator with which they are comfortable. Students should have basic knowledge of 4 math categories:

- Numbers and Operation
- Algebra and Functions (but not 3rd year level math that may appear on the new SAT)
- Geometry and Measurement
- Data Analysis, Statistics and Probability

### **Writing Skills**

One 30-minute writing section = 39 questions

- 14 Identifying sentence errors
- 20 Improving sentences
- 5 Improving paragraph questions

These multiple-choice questions on writing skills measure a student's ability to express ideas effectively in standard-written English, to recognize faults in usage and structure, and to use language with sensitivity to meaning.