

THE PSAT/NMSQT SCORE REPORT

A Case Study: Ima B. Student's PSAT/NMSQT Score Report

Take a look at Ima B. Student's sample score report below and on the next page. Use the corresponding information to help you interpret your student's PSAT/NMSQT Score Report.

What Are Ima's Scores?

Ima's Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 380 and Math is 480. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima's score is approaching the benchmark, but she is not quite on track for college readiness. In Math, however, Ima is exceeding the benchmark and is on track. Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores can give Ima a better understanding of areas to work on.

What Are Her Score Percentiles?

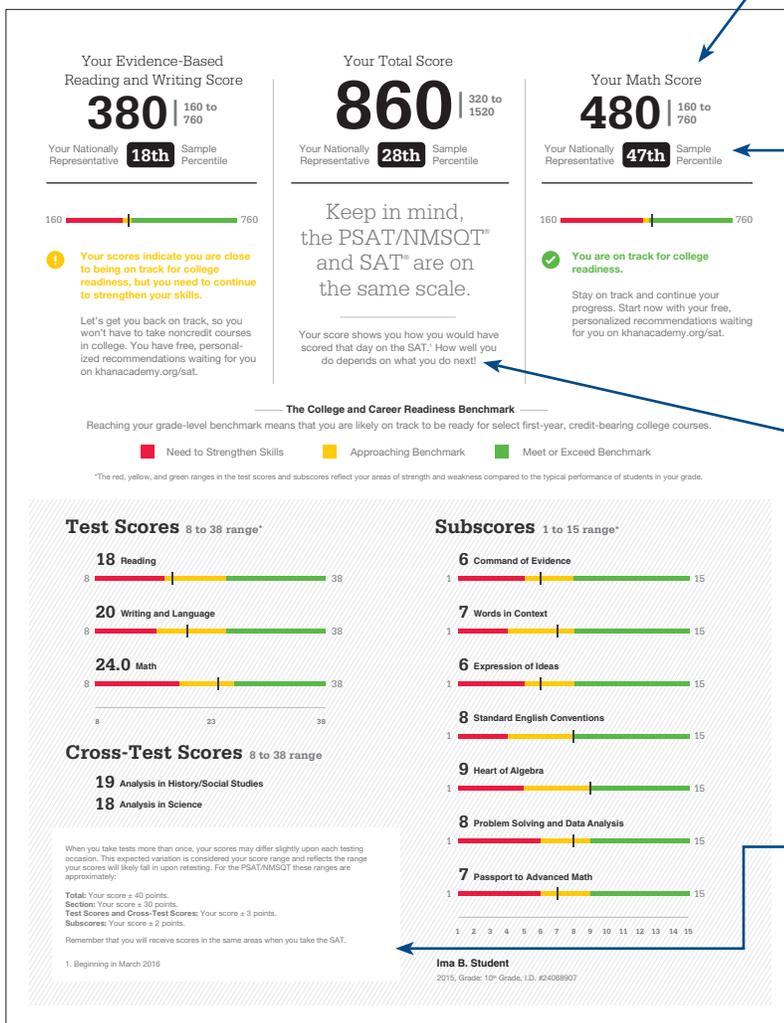
Since Ima is in the 10th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 10th-graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 18 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 47 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. Additional percentiles are available in Ima's online score report.

How Will Ima Do on the SAT?

The PSAT/NMSQT and SAT are scored on a common scale; therefore, if Ima had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT/NMSQT on the same test date, she would have received the same score. When Ima takes the SAT, she will likely have had additional learning from school and practice. Her PSAT/NMSQT results can help Ima focus her efforts in high school to be better prepared for the SAT.

What Are Her Score Ranges?

No test measures precisely what someone knows, and many factors can affect results. That is why test makers think of each score as a range that extends from a few points below to a few points above the score earned.



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National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) conducts the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships. To designate students who qualify for recognition in its 2017 competition, NMSC will consider the 2015 PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores of some 1.5 million test-takers (usually high school juniors) who meet program entry requirements. For more information, please visit: www.nationalmerit.org.

If any of your responses to NMSC's "Entry Requirements" questions (see right-hand column) are inaccurate or there has been a change in plans that may affect program entry, write immediately to:

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Attn: Scholarship Administration
1500 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200
Evanston, IL 60201-4897

Include your name and home address along with your high school name, address, and six-digit code number.

Your NMSC Selection Index
124*

NMSC uses a Selection Index based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. To calculate your Selection Index, double the sum of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

Eligibility Information

You do not have a Selection Index because you lack a Reading, Writing and Language, and/or Math Test score.

The asterisk () means you do not meet entry requirements for the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. See your responses to entry requirements to be right.

NOTE: Students leaving high school and entering college in 2018 or later must take the PSAT/NMSQT again in their 11th year (junior year) of grades 9-12 to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Entry Requirements
 (Information you provide on your answer sheet)

YES

High school student.

Year to complete high school and enroll full-time in college:

2018

Years to be spent in grades 9-12:

4

U.S. Citizenship:

NO, but I am a U.S. lawful permanent resident (or have applied for permanent residence, the application for which has not been denied) and I intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

Will Ima Be Able to Enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program?

Ima has an NMSC Selection Index of 124, which is double the sum of her Reading Test (18), Writing and Language Test (20), and Math Test (24) scores. This index is used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation to designate students to be recognized in its National Merit Scholarship Program.

Since an asterisk appears next to Ima's score, it means she does not meet entry requirements for the program. However, even if Ima met entry requirements, her score is not likely to take her further in the competition for awards. For entry requirements and information on how the competition works, see the 2015 *Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT* or visit nationalmerit.org.

How Can Ima Improve Her Academic Skills?

Your Scores: Next Steps are based on her test scores, and what general skills similarly performing students understand. Ima can see which skills she performed well on and which she needs to improve. When she goes online and logs in to the full report online, she can see additional skills and improvement steps. Ima can also link her account to Khan Academy for personalized practice recommendations.

Your Scores: Next Steps

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

Reading Test
 18
 8 to 38

Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:

- Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text
- Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience
- Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or rhetorical appropriateness of word choices within challenging texts

Writing and Language Test
 20
 8 to 38

- Draw reasonable inferences and logical conclusions from challenging texts
- Analyze information presented quantitatively in such forms as graphs, tables, and charts and relate that information to information presented in somewhat challenging text
- Determine how the selection of specific words shapes meaning and tone in a challenging passage
- Draw reasonable conclusions from somewhat challenging texts
- Describe the overall structure of a somewhat challenging text
- Identify claims and counterclaims explicitly stated in a somewhat challenging passage

Math Test
 24.0
 8 to 38

- Determine how a graph may be affected by a change to its equation
- Determine the value of a constant or coefficient for an equation with no solution or infinitely many solutions
- Using a specified model, make a prediction and compare the predicted values with the actual values in the data set
- Within a context, compare the center of two separate data sets with different spreads
- Determine whether two events are independent given their probabilities
- Interpret a linear inequality in one variable with rational coefficients that represents a context. Select the equation of a line of best fit and interpret the slope and intercept of the line in the context of the situation (when a linear model is appropriate)
- Interpret sample statistics understanding and using margin of error
- Solve and interpret a quadratic function or equation that represents a context and requires multiple steps
- Calculate and interpret frequency distributions using tables and other representational methods

Get more next steps online
studentscores.collegeboard.org

SAT Practice
 Connect to FREE, world-class SAT practice online on khanacademy.org/sat.

AP® and Course Work
 See which AP courses may be good matches for you.

Register for the SAT
 Select an SAT test date and register for it now.

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What Are Ima's Next Steps?

Under *Get more next steps online*, Ima is directed to studentscores.collegeboard.org to learn how to prepare for the SAT and see her potential for AP® course work.

When Should Ima Take the SAT?

As a sophomore, Ima should begin planning when she will take the SAT. Most students take the SAT for the first time in their junior year. By planning now, Ima can ensure she has adequate time to practice for the SAT. She can register for the test and take advantage of practice resources by visiting studentscores.collegeboard.org.

What Can We Learn from Ima's Answers?

The score report is designed to be used with the student's PSAT/NMSQT test booklet. It lists all of Ima's answers and allows her to see the correct answer and difficulty level for each question. Ima can use her online score report to review the questions she answered incorrectly or omitted, and see detailed answer explanations explaining why her responses were correct or incorrect.

Your Question-Level Feedback

Ima B. Student											
Grade: 10 th Grade, I.D. #2406880											
Reading											
Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	1	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
2	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	2	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
3	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	3	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
4	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	4	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
5	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	5	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
6	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	6	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
7	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	7	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
8	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	8	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
9	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	9	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
10	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	10	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
11	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	11	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
12	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	12	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
13	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	13	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
14	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	14	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
15	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	15	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
16	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	16	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
17	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	17	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
18	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	18	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
19	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	19	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
20	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	20	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
21	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	21	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
22	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	22	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
23	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	23	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
24	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	24	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
25	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	25	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
26	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	26	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
27	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	27	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
28	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	28	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
29	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	29	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
30	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	30	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
31	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	31	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
32	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	32	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
33	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	33	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
34	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	34	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
35	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	35	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
36	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	36	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
37	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	37	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
38	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	38	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
39	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	39	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
40	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	40	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
41	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	41	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
42	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	42	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
43	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	43	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
44	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	44	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
45	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	45	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
46	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	46	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
47	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	47	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI

Writing and Language											
Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	1	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
2	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	2	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
3	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	3	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
4	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	4	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
5	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	5	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
6	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	6	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
7	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	7	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
8	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	8	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
9	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	9	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
10	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	10	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
11	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	11	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
12	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	12	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
13	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	13	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
14	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	14	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
15	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	15	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
16	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	16	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
17	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	17	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
18	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	18	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
19	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	19	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
20	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	20	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
21	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	21	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
22	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	22	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
23	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	23	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
24	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	24	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
25	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	25	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
26	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	26	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
27	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	27	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
28	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	28	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
29	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	29	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
30	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	30	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
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33	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	33	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
34	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	34	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
35	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	35	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
36	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	36	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
37	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	37	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
38	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	38	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
39	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	39	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
40	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	40	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
41	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	41	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
42	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	42	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
43	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	HSS	43	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
44	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, SEC	SCI	44	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI

Math Test – No Calculator											
Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	SCI	1	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
2	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	HSS	2	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
3	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	HSS	3	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
4	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	HSS	4	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
5	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	SCI	5	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
6	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	SCI	6	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
7	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	SCI	7	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
8	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	SCI	8	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
9	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	SCI	9	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
10	B	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	SCI	10	B	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
11	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	HSS	11	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
12	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	HSS	12	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
13	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	SCI	13	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
14	D	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	SCI	14	D	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
15	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	HSS	15	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
16	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	SCI	16	C	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
17	A	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	SCI	17	A	✓	■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
18	C	✓	■ ■ ■	EOI, PAM	HSS						