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SAT® Test Day Quick Facts

ACTIVITY	TIME ALLOTTED	DESCRIPTION	
Preadministration	30 minutes	Distribute test materials, provide test instructions, and read the test script aloud	
Test Begins			
SECTION	TIME ALLOTTED	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS/PROMPTS	PASSAGE WORD COUNT
Reading Test	65 minutes	52 multiple-choice questions (4 answer options)	3,250 words total from 4 single passages and 1 pair; 500–750 words per passage or paired set
Break: 10 Minutes			
Writing and Language Test	35 minutes	44 multiple-choice questions (4 answer options)	1,700 words total from 4 passages; 400–450 words per passage
Mathematics Test—No Calculator	25 minutes	20 questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 15 multiple-choice questions (4 answer options)▪ 5 student-produced responses (SPR; grid-in)	N/A
Break: 5 Minutes			
Mathematics Test—Calculator*	55 minutes	38 questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 30 multiple-choice questions (4 answer options)▪ 8 student-produced responses (SPR; grid-in)	N/A
Break: 2 Minutes; Book Collection and Essay Distribution: 15 Minutes			
Essay**	50 minutes	1 prompt, based on a passage of 650–700 words	N/A

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*To learn about the SAT's calculator policy, go to: sat.org/calculator

**To review the SAT Essay scoring rubric, go to: sat.org/essay