

SAT[®] COMPARED TO SAT

Below you'll find a side-by-side comparison of the current and new tests to help you better understand some of the key changes to the SAT.

CURRENT SAT

- A logic question that students aren't likely to encounter in class

(Sample Question)

All of Kay's brothers can swim.

If the statement above is true, which of the following must also be true?

- (A) If Fred cannot swim, then he is not Kay's brother.
- (B) If Dave can swim, then he is not Kay's brother.
- (C) If Walt can swim, then he is Kay's brother.
- (D) If Pete is Kay's brother, then he cannot swim.
- (E) If Mark is not Kay's brother, then he cannot swim.

- Vocabulary that students aren't likely to use again after the test

(Sample Question)

The commentator characterized the electorate as _____ because it was unpredictable and given to constantly shifting moods.

- (A) mercurial
- (B) corrosive
- (C) disingenuous
- (D) implacable
- (E) phlegmatic

- Essay required

- Points subtracted for incorrect answers

- Scores ranging from 600 to 2400

NEW SAT

- A focus on the math that matters most for college and career, and that is related to the work students do in class

(Sample Question)

A musician has a new song available for downloading or streaming. The musician earns \$0.09 each time the song is downloaded and \$0.002 each time the song is streamed. Which of the following expressions represents the amount, in dollars, that the musician earns if the song is downloaded d times and streamed s times?

- A) $0.002d + 0.09s$
- B) $0.002d - 0.09s$
- C) $0.09d + 0.002s$
- D) $0.09d - 0.002s$

- Focus on widely used words and phrases found in texts in many different subjects – words students are likely to use in college and career; set in context so students can draw meaning from the passages

(Sample Question)

Note: the following paragraph is excerpted from a longer passage.

The nature of impeachment: a narrowly channeled exception to the separation of powers maxim. The Federal Convention of 1787 said that. It limited impeachment to high crimes and misdemeanors, and discounted and opposed the term "maladministration." "It is to be used only for great misdemeanors," so it was said in the North Carolina ratification convention. And in the Virginia ratification convention: "We do not trust our liberty to a particular branch. We need one branch to check the other."

As used in the first line, "channeled" most nearly means

- A) worn.
- B) sent.
- C) constrained.
- D) siphoned.

- Essay optional

- No penalty for guessing

- Scores ranging from 400 to 1600