

Understanding Your PSAT/NMSQT Results

5 Major Parts of Your PSAT/NMSQT Results

Your Scores

Review Your Answers

Improve Your Skills

NMSC Programs

Your Educational Plans

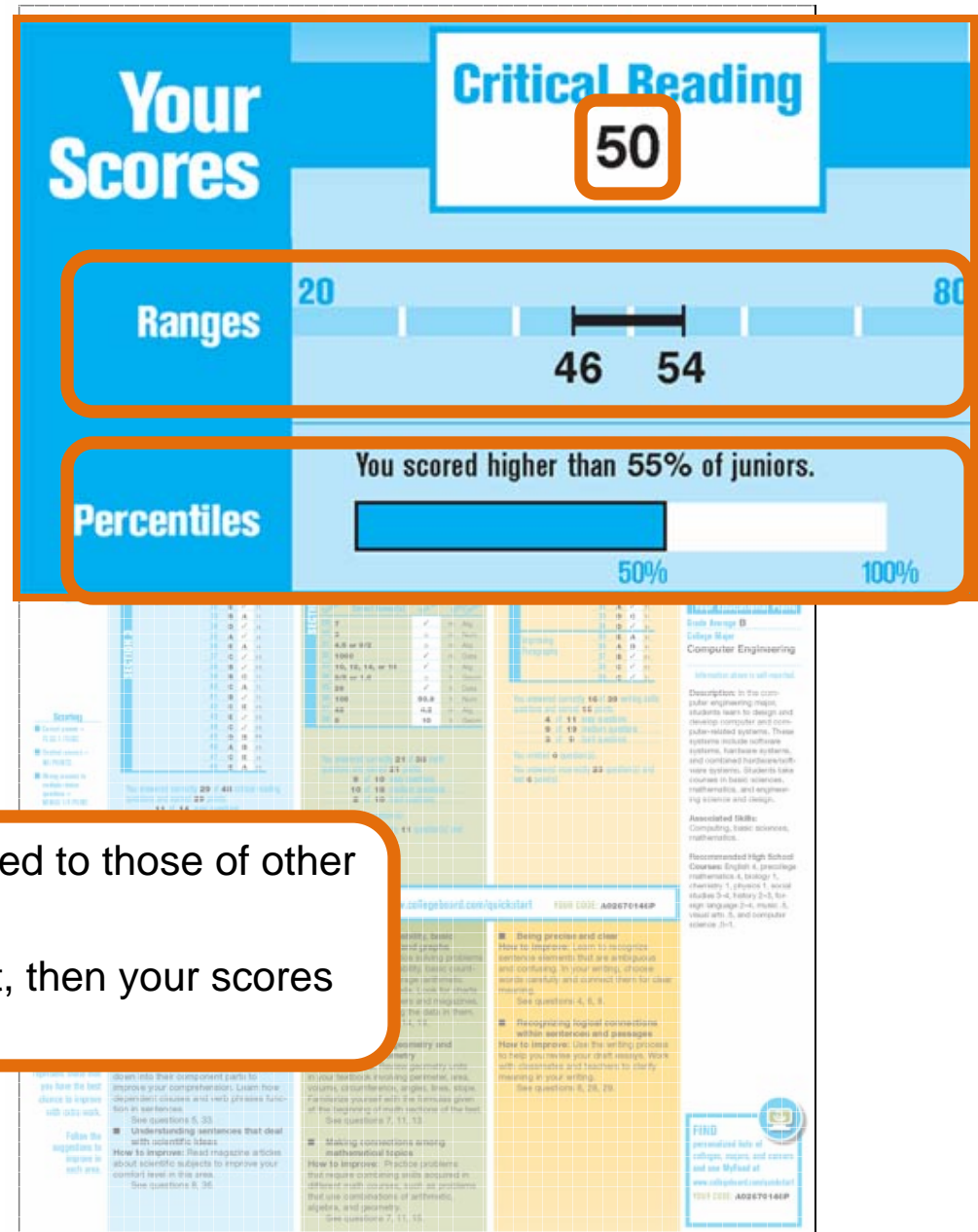
3 Test Sections

Critical Reading

Mathematics

Writing Skills

Your Scores



If you are a junior, your scores are compared to those of other juniors.

If you are a sophomore or younger student, then your scores are compared to those of sophomores.

Review Your Answers

Review Your Answers

Ask for your test book back so you can see the questions.

Key

- ✓ Correct
- Omitted
- u Unscorable
- e Easy

SECTION 1

Sentence Completions

Passage-Based Reading

Passage-Based Reading

Question	Correct Answer	Correct Your Answer?	Answer Difficulty
1	A	✓	
2	B	✓	e
3	A	C	m
4	C	A	h
5	B	E	h
6	D	✓	e
7	B	✓	m
8	D	○	e
9	B	✓	m
10	E	B	h
11	D	✓	h
12	C	✓	m
13	A	✓	m
14	B	A	m
15	A	✓	e
16	C	✓	m
17	A	✓	e
18	E	✓	m
19	B	✓	m
20	B	E	m
21	E	✓	m
22	D	B	h
23	E	✓	m
24	A	✓	m
25	D	✓	m
26	D	✓	e
27	D	✓	e
28	A	✓	e
29	C	✓	e
30	D	E	m
31	A	B	h

You will get your original test book back with your PSAT/NMSQT results, so that you can review the test questions.

You may also review each test question by logging in to My College QuickStart.

Review Your Answers: Mathematics

Question	Correct Answer	Your Answer	Difficulty	Content
1	D	✓ e		Alg
2	E	✓ e		Data
3	E	✓ e		Geom
4	C	✓ e		Alg
5	B	✓ e		Geom
6	B	✓ e		Alg
7	C	o e		Num
8	A	✓ m		Geom
9	B	✓ m		Data
10	D	✓ m		Alg
11	B	o m		Geom
12	D	✓ m		Alg
13	B	D m		Alg
14	A	D h		Data
15	E	D m		Alg
16	E	✓ m		Num
17	A	C h		Num
18	E	o h		Geom
		A h		Alg
		C h		Geom
		✓ e		Num
		✓ e		Alg
		✓ m		Geom
		✓ m		Num
		✓ m		Geom
26	D	✓ e		Alg
27	C	A m		Alg
28	A	B m		Num

Alg = Algebra & Functions
 Data = Data Analysis, Statistics & Probability
 Geom = Geometry & Measurement
 Num = Number & Operations

Review Your Answers: Student-Produced Responses

Name: STUDENT, JMA B Year: 2000 Grade: 11 School Code: 123456 Optional Code: 00 A02070146P

Your Scores	Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing Skills
	50	52	44

PSAT/NMSQT
National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) Programs

Selection Index: 148
Percentile: 47

High school students: Get a personalized SAT study plan at www.collegeboard.com/satplan.
 Check your personal SAT scores online. Do you know you can add a "T" to the end of each PSAT/NMSQT score to get the equivalent SAT score?
 See how your performance compares to that of students in your state. Do you know two-thirds of U.S. students begin college in their home state?

SECTION 4 Student-Produced Responses

Question	Correct Answer(s)	Your Answer	Difficulty	Content
29	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	m	Alg
30	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	m	Num
31	4.5 or 9/2	<input type="checkbox"/>	m	Alg
32	1000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	m	Data
33	10, 12, 14, or 16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	h	Alg
34	8/5 or 1.6	<input type="checkbox"/>	h	Geom
35	29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	h	Data
36	108	50.9	h	Num
37	42	4.2	m	Alg
38	3	10	h	Geom

Understanding complex sentences
How to improve: Ask your English teacher for compound/complex sentences that are a bit more challenging than those you're used to reading. Practice breaking the sentences down into their component parts to improve your comprehension. Learn how compound clauses and verb phrases function in sentences.
See questions 5, 33.

Understanding sentences that deal with scientific ideas
How to improve: Read magazine articles about scientific subjects to improve your comfort level in this area.
See questions 8, 36.

Understanding geometry and coordinate geometry
How to improve: Review geometry rules in your textbook, focusing on perimeter, area, volume, circumference, angles, lines, slope. Compare your work with the items on given at the beginning of each section of the test.
See questions 7, 11, 13.

Making connections among mathematical topics
How to improve: Practice problems that require combining skills acquired in different math concepts, such as problems that use combinations of arithmetic, algebra, and geometry.
See questions 7, 11, 16.

Recognizing logical connections within sentences and passages
How to improve: Use the writing process to help you refine your draft essays. Work with classmates and teachers to study meaning in your writing.
See questions 8, 28, 29.

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The written answers are not scored.
Only answers gridded in the ovals are scored.

Answer Summary & Scoring

Name:	STUDENT, IMA B	Year:	2008	Grade:	11	School Code:	123456	Optional Code:	00	ADD70146P
Your Scores		Critical Reading	50	Mathematics	52	Writing Skills	44	PSAT/NMSQT National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) Programs		
Range:		46 - 54		48 - 56		40 - 48		Selection Index		148

Correct answer = plus 1 point

Omitted answer = no points

Wrong answer on multiple-choice question = minus ¼ point

Wrong answer on student-produced response question = No points lost

You answered correctly **29 of 48** critical reading questions and earned **29** points.

11 of 14 easy questions

15 of 23 medium questions

3 of 11 hard questions

You omitted **1** question(s).

You answered incorrectly **18** question(s) and lost **5** point(s).

Question performance
To see the best and repeat these that you have the best chance to improve with our work.

Follow the guidelines to improve with our work.

How to improve: Ask your English teacher to recommend books that are a bit more challenging than those you're used to reading. Practice breaking the sentences down into their component parts to improve your comprehension. Learn how dependent clauses and verb phrases function in sentences.
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Improve Your Skills

Section	Score
Critical Reading	50
Mathematics	52
Writing Skills	44

Range	Percentile
46 - 54	50
40 - 56	52
40 - 48	44

Selection Index: 148

The skills listed are based on your individual performance.

Follow the suggestions noted in “how to improve” and work with your teachers.

Review skills using questions listed.

Improve Your Skills

The skills listed are based on **your individual performance** on the test and represent those that you have the best chance to improve with extra work.

Follow the suggestions to improve in each area.

■ Determining an author’s purpose or perspective

How to improve: Authors write for a variety of purposes, such as to inform, to explain, or to convince. When you read, try to determine why the author wrote what he or she wrote.

See questions 20, 42, 48.

■ Understanding complex sentences

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■ Understanding sentences that deal with scientific ideas

How to improve: Read magazine articles about scientific subjects to improve your comfort level in this area.

See questions 8, 36.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Information

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) Programs

Selection Index
146

Percentile 47
compares your performance with college-bound juniors

The Selection Index (S.I.) is the sum of your critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills scores. NMSC uses the S.I. as an initial screen of over 1.5 million students who enter its scholarship programs (see reverse).

Entry Requirements
Below is information you provided on your answer sheet.

Full-time high school student:
Yes

Year to complete high school and enroll full time in college:
2010

Years to be spent in grades 9–12:
4

U.S. citizenship:
Yes

If your Selection Index places you among the 55,000 high scorers who qualify for program recognition, you will be notified next September.

The Selection Index is the sum of your critical reading, mathematics and writing skills scores.

If it has an asterisk, you do not meet all of the eligibility requirements for the competition.

The Percentile compares your performance to that of other college-bound juniors.

The Entry Requirements section displays information you provided on your answer sheet.

Your Educational Plans

Based on the **college major** you provided on your answer sheet, this section will give you:

- Description of that major
- Skills associated with that major
- Recommended high school courses for that major

The image shows a student's PSAT/NMSQT score report for Student ID: STUDENT, IMA B, Year: 2008, Grade: 11, School Code: [redacted]. The 'Your Scores' table shows Critical Reading: 50, Mathematics: 52, and a Range of 46-54 for Critical Reading and 48-56 for Mathematics. Below the scores, there are sections for 'Improving Your Skills' with tips on determining author's purpose, understanding complex sentences, and understanding scientific texts. There are also sections for 'VIEW PSAT/NMSQT questions and answer explanations at www.collegeboard.com/psat' and 'Improving Your Skills' with tips on determining an author's purpose or perspective, understanding complex sentences, and understanding scientific texts.

Your Educational Plans

Grade Average **B**

College Major

Computer Engineering

Information above is self-reported.

Description: In the computer engineering major, students learn to design and develop computer and computer-related systems. These systems include software systems, hardware systems, and combined hardware/software systems. Students take courses in basic sciences, mathematics, and engineering science and design.

Associated Skills: Computing, basic sciences, mathematics.

Recommended High School Courses: English 4, precollege mathematics 4, biology 1, chemistry 1, physics 1, social studies 3-4, history 2-3, foreign language 2-4, music .5, visual arts .5, and computer science .5-1.

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Name: STUDENT, IMA B

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YOUR CODE: A02670146P

Do you want to find the equivalent SAT scores for your home state?

The access code that you may use to set up a My College QuickStart account is located in several places on the score report.

Use the access code at www.collegeboard.com/quickstart to set up your account.

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- Understanding sentences that deal with scientific ideas**
How to improve: Read magazine articles about scientific subjects to improve your comfort level in this area.
See questions 8, 36.
- Dealing with probability, statistics, charts, and graphs**
How to improve: Practice problems that involve basic probability, basic counting, and finding the average (arithmetic mean), median, and mode. Look for charts and graphs in newspapers and magazines, and practice interpreting the data in them.
See questions 13, 14, 19.
- Understanding geometry and coordinate geometry**
How to improve: Review geometry units in your textbook involving perimeter, area, volume, circumference, angles, lines, slopes. Familiarize yourself with the formulas given at the beginning of math sections of the test.
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- Making connections among mathematical topics**
How to improve: Practice problems that require combining skills acquired in different math courses, such as problems that use combinations of arithmetic, algebra, and geometry.
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