

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?

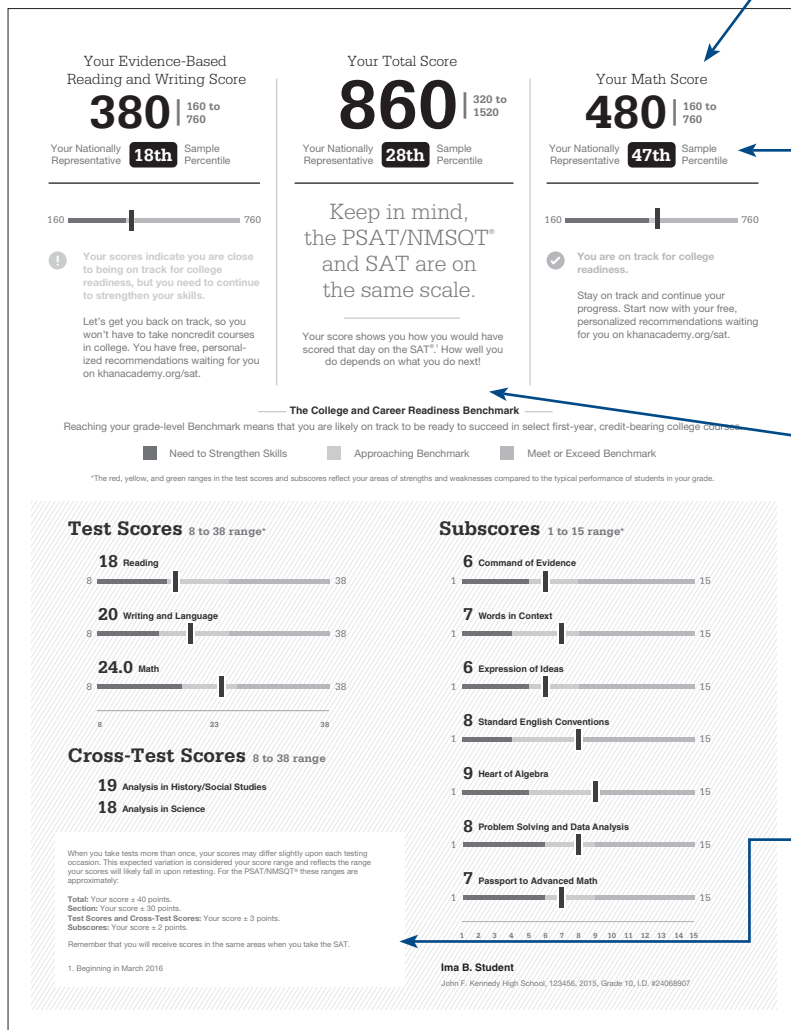
Since Ima is in the 10th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 10th-graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 18 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 47 percent 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 score 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
1500 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200
Evanston, IL 60201-4807

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 the right.

NOTE: Students leaving high school and entering college in 2016 or later must take the PSAT/NMSQT again in their 3rd year (junior year) of grades 9-12 to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Entry Requirements

(Information you provided on your answer sheet)

High school student:

YES

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 intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

Your Scores: Next Steps

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts

Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of a text to support claims or points in somewhat challenging text

Revise somewhat challenging text to ensure that information is presented in the most logical order

Reading Test

18

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Improve your skills by focusing on your ability to:

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 content appropriateness of word choices within challenging texts

Writing and Language Test

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

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

Math Test

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

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

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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 www.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.

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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

Writing and Language

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

Math Test – Calculator

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

Math Test – No Calculator

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
2	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
3	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
4	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
5	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
6	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
7	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
8	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
9	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
10	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	SCI
11	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
12	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
13	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
14	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
15	7	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
16	4.5 or 9/2	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS
17	1000	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA, PAM	HSS

Key:
✓ Correct
✗ Omitted
U Unscorable
■ ■ ■ Easy
■ ■ ■ ■ Medium
■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Hard

Subscore:

EOE Command of Evidence
WC Words in Context
EOL Expression of Ideas
SEI Standard English Conventions
HQA Heart of Algebra
PAM Passport to Advanced Math

Cross-Test Score:

HSS Analysis in History/Social Studies
SCI Analysis in Science

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