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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 (explained on the report), 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?

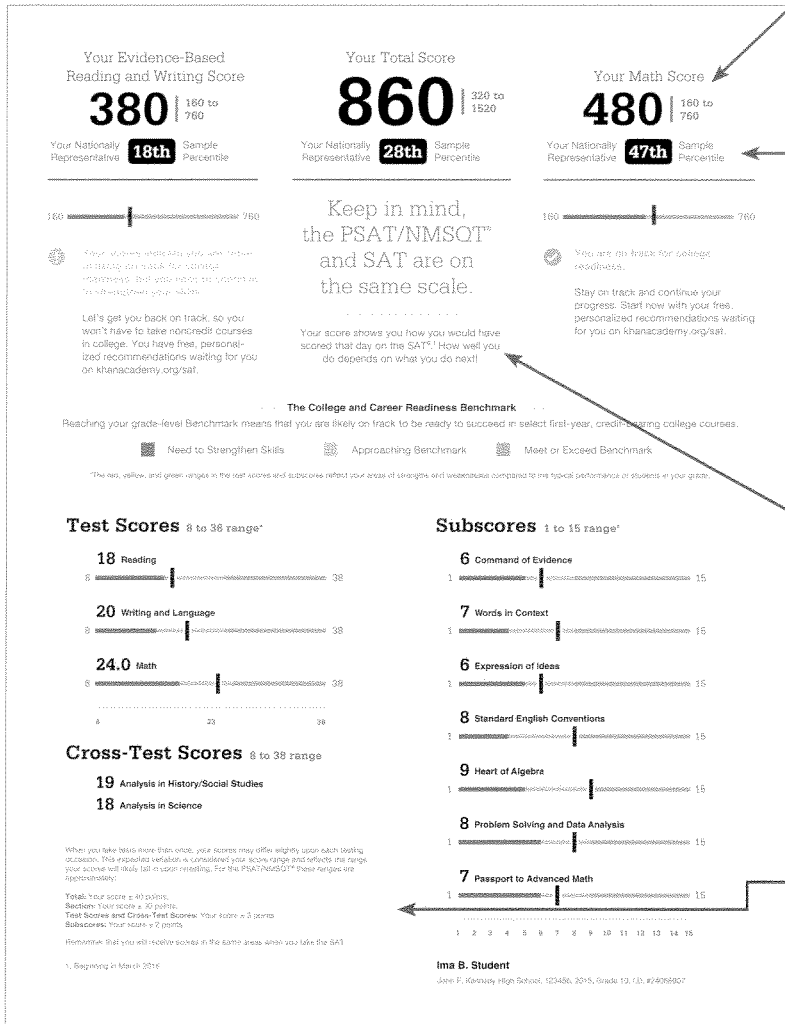
Since Ima is in the 10th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 10th-graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 18 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 47 percent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



Score Report

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) sponsors the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an outstanding opportunity for recognition and college scholarships. To designate students who qualify for recognition in the 2017 competition, NMSC will consider the PSAT/NMSQT® scores from every student who took the test in October 2016. High scores earned by students who meet eligibility requirements for more information, please visit www.nationalmerit.org.

8. Any of your responses to NMSC's "Entry Requirements" questions were right-hand columns are incorrect or have not been a change in items that may affect progress with the scholarship.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Attn: Scholarship Administration
 1660 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200
 Evanston, IL 60201-1087

Please use your name and home address along with your high school name, address, and a digit number.

Your NMSC Selection Index

124*

NMSC uses a selection index based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter the scholarship program. To see how your selection index compares the rest of the group, including students in your Language and Math Test scores.

Eligibility Information

You do not have a Selection Index because you took a Reading, Writing and Language, and/or Math Test score. *The selection index score does not meet entry requirements for the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. See your response to entry requirements to the form.

Entry Requirements

Information you provided on your answer sheets:
 High school status: **YES**
 Were 40 questions (18 selected and 22 not selected) in range: **2018**
 Were 12 to be reported in grade 9-12: **4**

U.S. Citizenship: **NO**, but I am a U.S.-born permanent resident or have applied for permanent residence, the application for which has not been denied and intend to become a U.S. citizen on 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 (18), Writing and Language (20), and Math (24) Test 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.

Your Scores: Next Steps

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

- Reverse text as needed to improve the accuracy or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts.
- Read or add information or ideas to a piece of a text to support claims or points in a somewhat challenging text.
- Revise somewhat challenging text to ensure that information is presented in the most logical order.



Improve your skills by focusing on your ability to:

- Return or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in a 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 accuracy or content appropriateness of word choices within challenging texts.



Draw reasonable conclusions from somewhat challenging texts.

- Determine the overall structure of a passage or challenging text.
- Identify claims and characteristics explicitly stated in a somewhat challenging passage.



Interpret a linear inequality in one variable with rational coefficients that represents a context. Select the equation of a line or function and interpret the slope and intercept of that 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.

Determine how a graph may be affected by a change in its equation.

- Determine the value of a constant or coefficient in 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 causes of two separate data sets with different graphs.
- Determine whether two events are independent given their probabilities.

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.

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

Your Question-Level Feedback

Writing and Language				Math Test – Calculator				Math Test – No Calculator			
Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Score	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Score	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Score
1	A	A	100	1	A	A	100	1	A	A	100
2	B	B	100	2	B	B	100	2	B	B	100
3	A	A	100	3	A	A	100	3	A	A	100
4	C	C	100	4	C	C	100	4	C	C	100
5	D	D	100	5	D	D	100	5	D	D	100
6	B	B	100	6	B	B	100	6	B	B	100
7	C	C	100	7	C	C	100	7	C	C	100
8	C	C	100	8	C	C	100	8	C	C	100
9	B	B	100	9	B	B	100	9	B	B	100
10	B	B	100	10	B	B	100	10	B	B	100
11	A	A	100	11	A	A	100	11	A	A	100
12	A	A	100	12	A	A	100	12	A	A	100
13	D	D	100	13	D	D	100	13	D	D	100
14	D	D	100	14	D	D	100	14	D	D	100
15	A	A	100	15	A	A	100	15	A	A	100
16	C	C	100	16	C	C	100	16	C	C	100
17	A	A	100	17	A	A	100	17	A	A	100
18	C	C	100	18	C	C	100	18	C	C	100
19	D	D	100	19	D	D	100	19	D	D	100
20	B	B	100	20	B	B	100	20	B	B	100
21	A	A	100	21	A	A	100	21	A	A	100
22	B	B	100	22	B	B	100	22	B	B	100
23	A	A	100	23	A	A	100	23	A	A	100
24	A	A	100	24	A	A	100	24	A	A	100
25	C	C	100	25	C	C	100	25	C	C	100
26	D	D	100	26	D	D	100	26	D	D	100
27	C	C	100	27	C	C	100	27	C	C	100
28	C	C	100	28	C	C	100	28	C	C	100
29	A	A	100	29	A	A	100	29	A	A	100
30	B	B	100	30	B	B	100	30	B	B	100
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32	A	A	100	32	A	A	100	32	A	A	100
33	D	D	100	33	D	D	100	33	D	D	100
34	C	C	100	34	C	C	100	34	C	C	100
35	D	D	100	35	D	D	100	35	D	D	100
36	A	A	100	36	A	A	100	36	A	A	100
37	B	B	100	37	B	B	100	37	B	B	100
38	A	A	100	38	A	A	100	38	A	A	100
39	D	D	100	39	D	D	100	39	D	D	100
40	B	B	100	40	B	B	100	40	B	B	100
41	A	A	100	41	A	A	100	41	A	A	100
42	C	C	100	42	C	C	100	42	C	C	100
43	A	A	100	43	A	A	100	43	A	A	100
44	B	B	100	44	B	B	100	44	B	B	100
45	D	D	100								
46	C	C	100								
47	D	D	100								

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What Are the Next Steps for Ima?

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 challenging 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 take advantage of practice resources by visiting studentscores.collegeboard.org.

How Can Ima Learn from Her 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.

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