

Scoring Your Paper PSAT/NMSQT Practice Test #1

Congratulations on completing a Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) practice test. To score your test, follow the instructions in this guide.

IMPORTANT: This scoring guide is for students who completed the paper version of this digital PSAT/NMSQT practice test.

1 Total Score 320–1520 Scale	Total Score	
2 Section Scores 160–760 Scale	Reading and Writing	Math
	Modules 1 & 2	Modules 1 & 2
1 NMSC Selection Index 48–228 Scale	NMSC Selection Index	

Scores Overview

Each assessment in the digital SAT® Suite of Assessments (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT™ 10, and PSAT™ 8/9) reports test scores on a common scale.

For more details about scores, visit psat.org/scores.

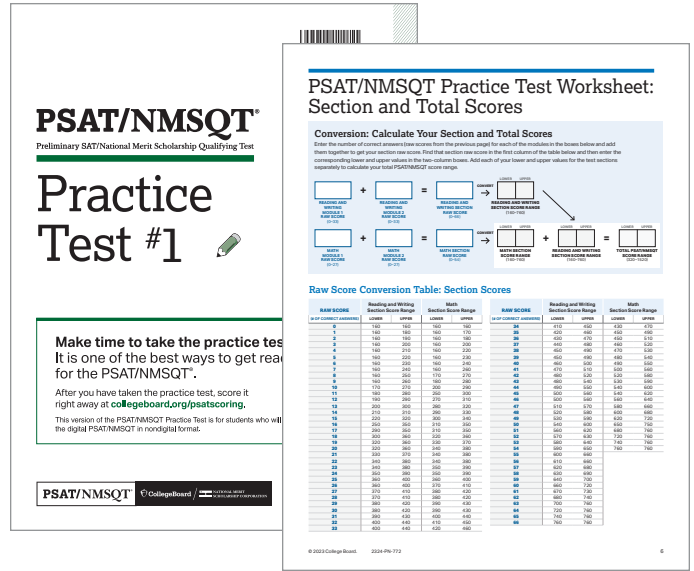
The NMSC® Selection Index score is used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) as an initial screen of students who enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program. The Selection Index scores of all students who meet entry requirements will be considered for program recognition. See the [PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide](#) or www.nationalmerit.org for more information about the National Merit Scholarship Program.

How to Calculate Your Practice Test Scores

The worksheets on pages 5 and 6 help you calculate your test scores.

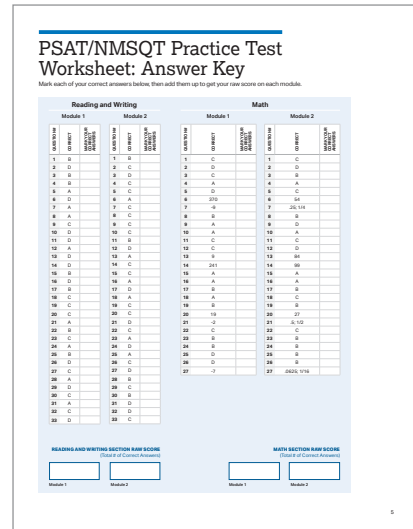
GET SET UP

- 1 In addition to your practice test, you'll need the conversion tables and answer key on pages 5 and 6.



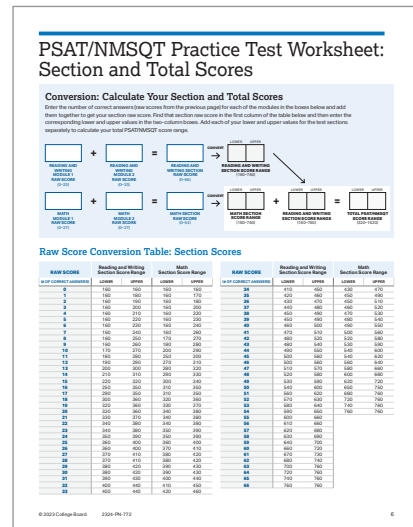
SCORE YOUR PRACTICE TEST

- 2 Compare your answers to the answer key on page 5, and count up the total number of correct answers for each section. Write the number of correct answers for each section in the answer key at the bottom of that section.



CALCULATE YOUR SCORES

- 3 Using your marked-up answer key and the conversion tables, follow the directions on page 6 to get your section and test scores.



Get Section and Total Scores

Section and total scores for the paper version of this digital PSAT/NMSQT practice test are expressed as ranges. That's because the scoring method described in this guide is a simplified (and therefore slightly less precise) version of the one used in the actual test.

To obtain your Reading and Writing and Math section scores, use the provided answer key to determine the number of questions you answered correctly in each section. These numbers constitute your raw scores for the two sections. Use the provided table to convert your raw score for each section into a scaled score range consisting of a lower and upper value. Add the two lower values together and the two upper values together to obtain your total score range.

GET YOUR READING AND WRITING SECTION SCORE

Calculate your PSAT/NMSQT Reading and Writing section score (it's on a scale of 160–760).

- 1 Use the answer key on page 5 to find the number of questions in module 1 and module 2 that you answered correctly.
- 2 To determine your Reading and Writing raw score, add the number of correct answers you got on module 1 and module 2.
- 3 Use the Raw Score Conversion Table: Section Scores on page 6 to turn your raw score into your Reading and Writing section score.
- 4 The lower and upper values associated with your raw score establish the range of scores you might expect to receive had this been an actual test.

GET YOUR MATH SECTION SCORE

Calculate your PSAT/NMSQT Math section score (it's on a scale of 160–760).

- 1 Use the answer key on page 5 to find the number of questions in module 1 and module 2 that you answered correctly.
- 2 To determine your Math raw score, add the number of correct answers you got on module 1 and module 2.
- 3 Use the Raw Score Conversion Table: Section Scores on page 6 to turn your raw score into your Math section score.
- 4 The lower and upper values associated with your raw score establish the range of scores you might expect to receive had this been an actual test.

GET YOUR TOTAL SCORE

Add together the lower values for the Reading and Writing and Math sections, and then add together the upper values for the two sections. The result is your total score, expressed as a range, for this PSAT/NMSQT practice test. The total score is on a scale of 320–1520.

1 Total Score 320–1520 Scale	Total Score	
2 Section Scores 160–760 Scale	Reading and Writing	Math
	Modules 1 & 2	Modules 1 & 2
1 NMSC Selection Index 48–228 Scale	NMSC Selection Index	

Your total score on this PSAT/NMSQT practice test is the sum of your Reading and Writing section score and your Math section score. On this paper version of the digital PSAT/NMSQT practice test, you'll receive a lower and upper score for each test section and the total score. This is the range of scores that you might expect to receive.



Use the worksheets on pages 5 and 6 to calculate your section and total scores.

Get Your Selection Index Score

As described on page 3, the scoring method in this guide is a simplified version of the one used on the actual test and is slightly less precise. Here's how to calculate your range of Selection Index scores for this practice test:

- 1 Follow the instructions on page 6 to get your Reading and Writing section score and your Math section score. (Both of these scores are expressed as a range and are on a scale of 160–760.)
- 2 To calculate the lower value of your Selection Index score, you'll multiply the lower value of your Reading and Writing section score by two. Add that to the lower value of your Math section score. Divide the sum of those two numbers by 10. The result is the lower value of your Selection Index score. (See Selection Index Score on page 7.)
- 3 To calculate the upper value of your Selection Index score, you'll multiply the upper value of your Reading and Writing section score by two. Add that to the upper value of your Math section score. Divide the sum of those two numbers by 10. The result is the upper value of your Selection Index score.
- 4 The lower and upper values of your Selection Index score establish the range of Selection Index scores you might expect to receive had this been an actual test.

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The NMSC Selection Index score is based on the Reading and Writing section score and the Math section score. The Selection Index score is used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation as an initial screen of students who enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.



Use the worksheet on page 7 to calculate your Selection Index score.

PSAT/NMSQT Practice Test Worksheet: Answer Key

Mark each of your correct answers below, then add them up to get your raw score on each module.

Reading and Writing

Module 1

QUESTION #	CORRECT	MARK YOUR CORRECT ANSWERS
1	B	
2	D	
3	B	
4	B	
5	A	
6	D	
7	A	
8	A	
9	C	
10	D	
11	D	
12	A	
13	D	
14	D	
15	B	
16	D	
17	B	
18	C	
19	C	
20	C	
21	A	
22	B	
23	C	
24	A	
25	B	
26	D	
27	C	
28	A	
29	D	
30	C	
31	A	
32	C	
33	D	

Module 2

QUESTION #	CORRECT	MARK YOUR CORRECT ANSWERS
1	B	
2	C	
3	D	
4	C	
5	C	
6	A	
7	C	
8	C	
9	C	
10	C	
11	B	
12	D	
13	A	
14	C	
15	C	
16	A	
17	D	
18	A	
19	C	
20	C	
21	D	
22	C	
23	A	
24	D	
25	A	
26	C	
27	D	
28	B	
29	C	
30	B	
31	D	
32	D	
33	C	

Math

Module 1

QUESTION #	CORRECT	MARK YOUR CORRECT ANSWERS
1	C	
2	D	
3	C	
4	A	
5	D	
6	370	
7	-9	
8	B	
9	A	
10	A	
11	C	
12	C	
13	9	
14	241	
15	A	
16	A	
17	B	
18	A	
19	B	
20	19	
21	-2	
22	C	
23	B	
24	B	
25	D	
26	D	
27	-7	

Module 2

QUESTION #	CORRECT	MARK YOUR CORRECT ANSWERS
1	C	
2	D	
3	B	
4	A	
5	C	
6	54	
7	.25; 1/4	
8	B	
9	D	
10	A	
11	C	
12	D	
13	84	
14	99	
15	A	
16	A	
17	B	
18	C	
19	B	
20	27	
21	.5; 1/2	
22	C	
23	B	
24	B	
25	B	
26	B	
27	.0625; 1/16	

READING AND WRITING SECTION RAW SCORE
(Total # of Correct Answers)

Module 1

Module 2

MATH SECTION RAW SCORE
(Total # of Correct Answers)

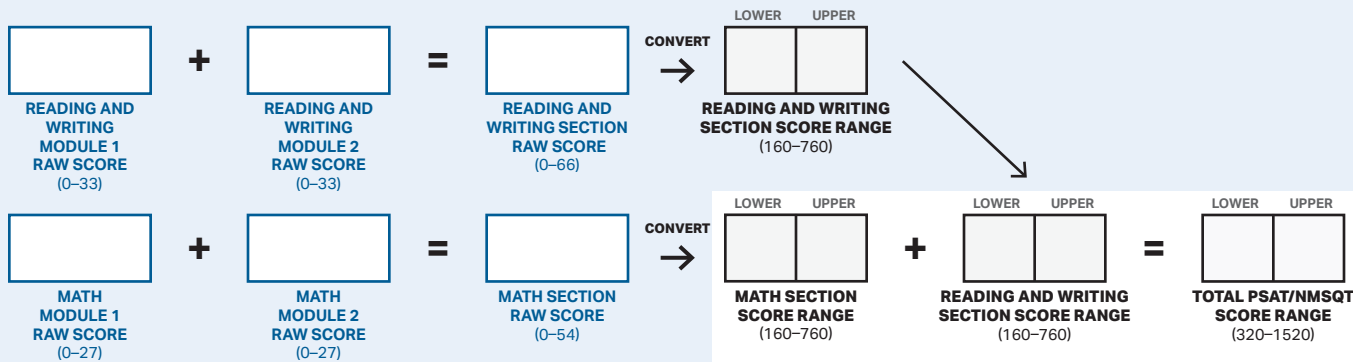
Module 1

Module 2

PSAT/NMSQT Practice Test Worksheet: Section and Total Scores

Conversion: Calculate Your Section and Total Scores

Enter the number of correct answers (raw scores from the previous page) for each of the modules in the boxes below and add them together to get your section raw score. Find that section raw score in the first column of the table below and then enter the corresponding lower and upper values in the two-column boxes. Add each of your lower and upper values for the test sections separately to calculate your total PSAT/NMSQT score range.



Raw Score Conversion Table: Section Scores

RAW SCORE (# OF CORRECT ANSWERS)	Reading and Writing Section Score Range		Math Section Score Range		RAW SCORE (# OF CORRECT ANSWERS)	Reading and Writing Section Score Range		Math Section Score Range	
	LOWER	UPPER	LOWER	UPPER		LOWER	UPPER	LOWER	UPPER
0	160	160	160	160	34	410	450	430	470
1	160	180	160	170	35	420	460	450	490
2	160	190	160	180	36	430	470	450	510
3	160	200	160	200	37	440	480	460	520
4	160	210	160	220	38	450	490	470	530
5	160	220	160	230	39	450	490	480	540
6	160	230	160	240	40	460	500	490	550
7	160	240	160	260	41	470	510	500	560
8	160	250	170	270	42	480	520	520	580
9	160	260	180	280	43	480	540	530	590
10	170	270	200	290	44	490	550	540	600
11	180	280	250	300	45	500	560	540	620
12	190	290	270	310	46	500	560	560	640
13	200	300	280	320	47	510	570	580	660
14	210	310	290	330	48	520	580	600	680
15	220	320	300	340	49	530	590	620	720
16	250	350	310	350	50	540	600	650	750
17	290	350	310	350	51	560	620	680	760
18	300	360	320	360	52	570	630	720	760
19	320	360	330	370	53	580	640	740	760
20	320	360	340	380	54	590	650	760	760
21	330	370	340	380	55	600	660		
22	340	380	340	380	56	610	660		
23	340	380	350	390	57	620	680		
24	350	390	350	390	58	630	690		
25	360	400	360	400	59	640	700		
26	360	400	370	410	60	660	720		
27	370	410	380	420	61	670	730		
28	370	410	380	420	62	680	740		
29	380	420	390	430	63	700	760		
30	380	420	390	430	64	720	760		
31	390	430	400	440	65	740	760		
32	400	440	410	450	66	760	760		
33	400	440	420	460					

PSAT/NMSQT Practice Test Worksheet: Selection Index Score

Enter the lower and upper values of your Reading and Writing section score range and Math section score range (from previous page) in the corresponding two-column boxes below. To obtain your Selection Index score range for this practice test, you will first calculate your lower Selection Index score, using the lower value from each section score range, and then your upper Selection Index score, using the upper value from each section score range. The resulting lower and upper values establish the range of Selection Index scores you might expect to receive had this been an actual test.

Calculate Your Lower Selection Index Score

READING AND WRITING
SECTION SCORE RANGE
(160-760)

LOWER	UPPER
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MATH SECTION
SCORE RANGE
(160-760)

LOWER	UPPER
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$$\frac{(2 \times \text{LOWER}_{RW}) + \text{LOWER}_M}{10} = \text{LOWER}_{\text{NMSC SELECTION INDEX SCORE (LOWER) (48-228)}}$$

Calculate Your Upper Selection Index Score

READING AND WRITING
SECTION SCORE RANGE
(160-760)

LOWER	UPPER
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MATH SECTION
SCORE RANGE
(160-760)

LOWER	UPPER
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$$\frac{(2 \times \text{UPPER}_{RW}) + \text{UPPER}_M}{10} = \text{UPPER}_{\text{NMSC SELECTION INDEX SCORE (UPPER) (48-228)}}$$

NMSC Selection Index Score Range (48-228)

LOWER	UPPER
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