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# The SAT<sup>®</sup>

**Question-and-Answer Service**

**May 2013 Administration**

**INSIDE:**

- Test questions and correct answers
- The difficulty level for each question
- Your essay prompt and all other essay prompts administered on your test day
- Instructions for scoring your test
- Suggestions for using this report

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# Using Your Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) Report

This booklet contains the SAT<sup>®</sup> y... prompts given in May, including the one you answered. It also includes scoring information. If the SAT you took included an unscored “equating” section, this booklet will not include that section.

## Reviewing Your QAS Report

To make the best use of your personalized QAS report, we suggest that you:

- Read each question in the booklet, then check the report for the type of question, the correct answer, how you answered it and the difficulty level.
- If you think you detect errors in how you recorded your answers — for example, a group of questions that you recall answering differently than what you see on the report — you may want to consider ordering a more rigorous form of score verification. See [sat.collegeboard.org/scores/verify-sat-scores](http://sat.collegeboard.org/scores/verify-sat-scores) for more details.
- Analyze test questions you answered incorrectly to understand why your answer was incorrect. Check to see whether you might have misread the question or mismarked the answer.
- You can use your QAS report, or, as with any SAT you take, you can print your online score report at [sat.org/scores](http://sat.org/scores) to keep track of how you did on the different types of questions. This can help you understand your academic strengths and identify areas for improvement.

## Reviewing Your Essay

View a copy of your essay online at [www.collegeboard.org/viewessay](http://www.collegeboard.org/viewessay). On the practice sheets in the back of this booklet, you can practice writing an essay for one of the prompts in this booklet.

## Scoring Your Test

Use the Scoring Worksheet, SAT Essay Scoring Guide and score conversion tables at the back of this booklet to verify the score on your test. Use the Form Code shown at the top of your personalized QAS report to locate your particular score conversion tables. The Scoring Worksheet and score conversion tables are specific to the test you took. Do not try to score any other tests using them.

## Practicing to Take the SAT Again

Now that you’re familiar with the test, you’re more prepared for the kinds of questions on the SAT. You’re also likely to be more comfortable with the test-taking process, including the time limits. On average, students who take the SAT a second time increase their combined critical reading, mathematics and writing scores by about 40 points.

If you decide to take the SAT again, your test results can help you identify the specific areas and types of questions to focus on for additional practice. Free practice resources are available on [sat.org/practice](http://sat.org/practice) including a practice test, additional practice questions and the SAT Skills Insight™ tool, which shows you the types of skills tested on the SAT and gives suggestions to help you improve your skills.



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### Important Reminders:

- **A pencil is required for the essay.** An essay written in ink will receive a score of zero.
- **Do not write your essay in your test book.** You will receive credit only for what you write on your answer sheet.
- **An off-topic essay will receive a score of zero.**
- **If your essay does not reflect your original and individual work, your scores for the entire test may be canceled.**
- **An electronic copy of your essay will be made available to each of your designated score recipients: colleges, universities, and scholarship programs.**

You have twenty-five minutes to write an essay on the topic assigned below.

Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below.

People use the term “wisdom” to mean many things. They describe someone as wise if that person is intelligent, well-informed, or capable of making good decisions. These descriptions, however, are not really useful in distinguishing wise people from unwise ones. Happiness is a better measure of wisdom: a wise person is a happy person. Even the most intelligent people should not be called wise if they are not happy.

**Assignment:** Is it best to determine how wise people are by how happy they are? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

BEGIN WRITING YOUR ESSAY ON PAGE 2 OF THE ANSWER SHEET.

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We live in an era of individualism. The individual is celebrated and praised in every way—for being special and creative, for making an original contribution, for competing with others to be the best. Nowadays individualism is a guiding idea for many people and has many benefits. But focusing on individuals has caused us to neglect our sense of community, our feeling that we are part of a harmonious group. The importance of belonging to a community has been forgotten.

Adapted from Piero Ferrucci, *The Power of Kindness*

**Assignment:** Has the emphasis on individualism in our society caused people to forget the importance of belonging to a community? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

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We live in a world that values action over thought. The idea of taking time to reflect and think things through is out of favor. Our most popular movies and novels focus on action, not reflection, and our most admired public figures are praised for what they do, not for what they think. While there is something to be said for taking action instinctively and without hesitation, the fact is that people put too much emphasis on action.

**Assignment:** Is it a mistake to value action over thought? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

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