Going Digital:
The New SAT-ACT Landscape

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Two Paradigms for Thinking About Thinking

Paradigm 2: System 1 v. System 2

System 1

System 2

- 3 x 7 =

37

- The sky is _____

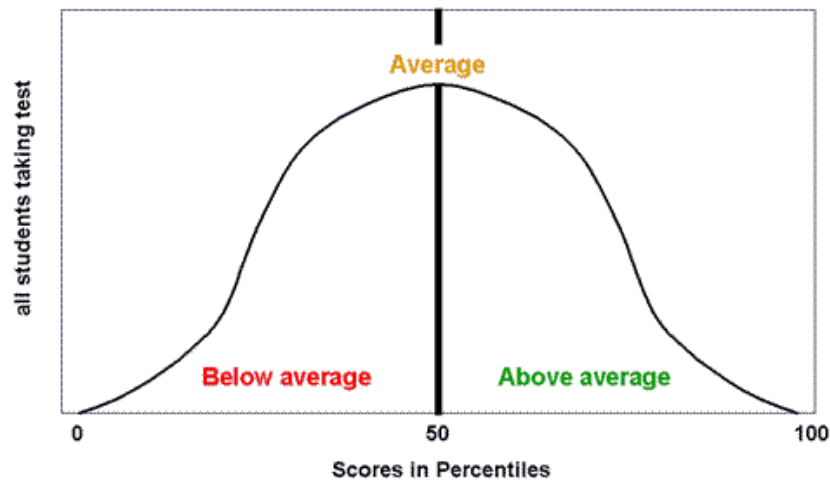x73

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- How many months have 28 days?

2590

2701

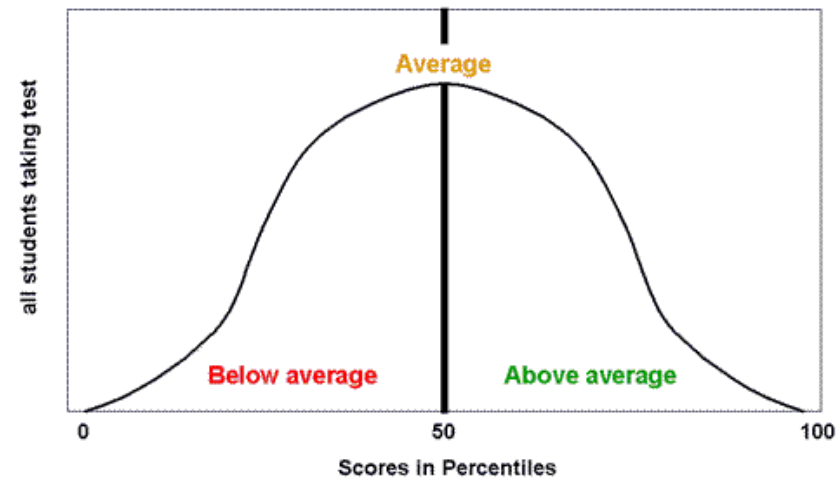# What It Is Really All About

SAT

The Bell Curve

Easy Q – Most Get Right
Med Q – Half Get Right
Hard Q – Most Get Wrong

ACT

The Bell Curve

Questions Straight-Forward
Huge Time Crunch
More Advanced Math

2024-25 SAT and ACT Testing Dates

SAT Testing Dates

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- December 7
- March 8
- May 3
- June 7

- August 24
- October 4
- November 8
- December 6

ACT Testing Dates

ACT Testing Dates

- December 14
- February 8
- April 5 → New Format Online
- June 14 → New Format Online
- July 12 → New Format Online

- September 13 → New Format Both
- October 25 → New Format Both
- December 13 → → New Format Both

Digital SAT Format

▶ Most Notable Changes

    ▶ Shorter Testing Time: 2 Hours 14 Minutes

        ▶ 2 Sections, Each with 2 Modules

            ▶ R&W Module 1 (32 minutes for 27 questions)

            ▶ R&W Module 2 (32 minutes for 27 questions)

            ▶ Math Module 1 (35 minutes for 22 questions)

            ▶ Math Module 2 (35 minutes for 22 questions)

    ▶ Adaptive Testing

        ▶ Difficulty of Module 2 Sections Adapted to Performance on Module 1

How Adaptive Testing Works: Module 1 and 2

▶ Module 1 Sections Feature Easy, Medium, Hard Questions

▶ Establish Students Into Lower or Higher Ranges

▶ Module 2 Narrows in on Precise Score Within That Range

Module 1: Lower Performance
- Stage 2 with Easier Questions
- <u>Estimated</u> Range: 200-600

Module 1: Higher Performance
- Stage 2 with Harder Questions
- <u>Estimated</u> Range: 450-800

Digital SAT: Logistics

- Students Still Go to Testing Sites

- Students Bring Their Own Laptop or Tablet
  - College Board's Bluebook App Most Be Downloaded in Advance

- Scratch Paper Will Be Provided (And Will Be Essential)

- Testing Tools Built Into Bluebook App: Calculator, Highlighting Tool, Question Flag, Answer Choice Eliminator

Testing Tools: Answer Choice Eliminator

Testing Tools: Review Screen

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Testing Tools: In-Module Review Screen

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Testing Tools: Graphing Calculator

ACT Practical Changes: Timing of New Formats

► Will Offer Digital and Paper Options

Current Paper Format	New Digital Format	New Paper Format
April 5	April 5	
June 14	June 14	
July 12	July 12	
	September 13	September 13
	October 25	October 25
	December 13	December 13

ACT Practical Changes: New Section Structure

	Current Format	New Format	Other Changes
English Section	45 minutes 75 questions	35 minutes 50 questions	Every question will include specific directions to indicate rule being tested
Math Section	60 minutes 60 questions	50 minutes 45 questions	Four answer choice options instead of five
Reading Section	35 minutes 40 questions	40 minutes 36 questions	
Science Section	35 minutes 40 questions	40 minutes 40 questions	OPTIONAL

ACT Practical Changes: What We Know and What We Don't

▶ What We Know

  ▶ Not an Adaptive Test

  ▶ Shorter (without Science Section): 2 hours 5 minutes

  ▶ Slightly More Time Per Question

▶ What We Don't Know for Sure

  ▶ Bell Curve Mechanism Appears to Still be Timecrunch

  ▶ How Will Colleges Respond to Optional Science?

  ▶ Will Colleges Superscore Across Testing Types?

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