

Understanding Your PSAT/NMSQT Results

5 Major Parts of Your PSAT/NMSQT Results

Your Scores

Review Your Answers

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Your Educational Plans

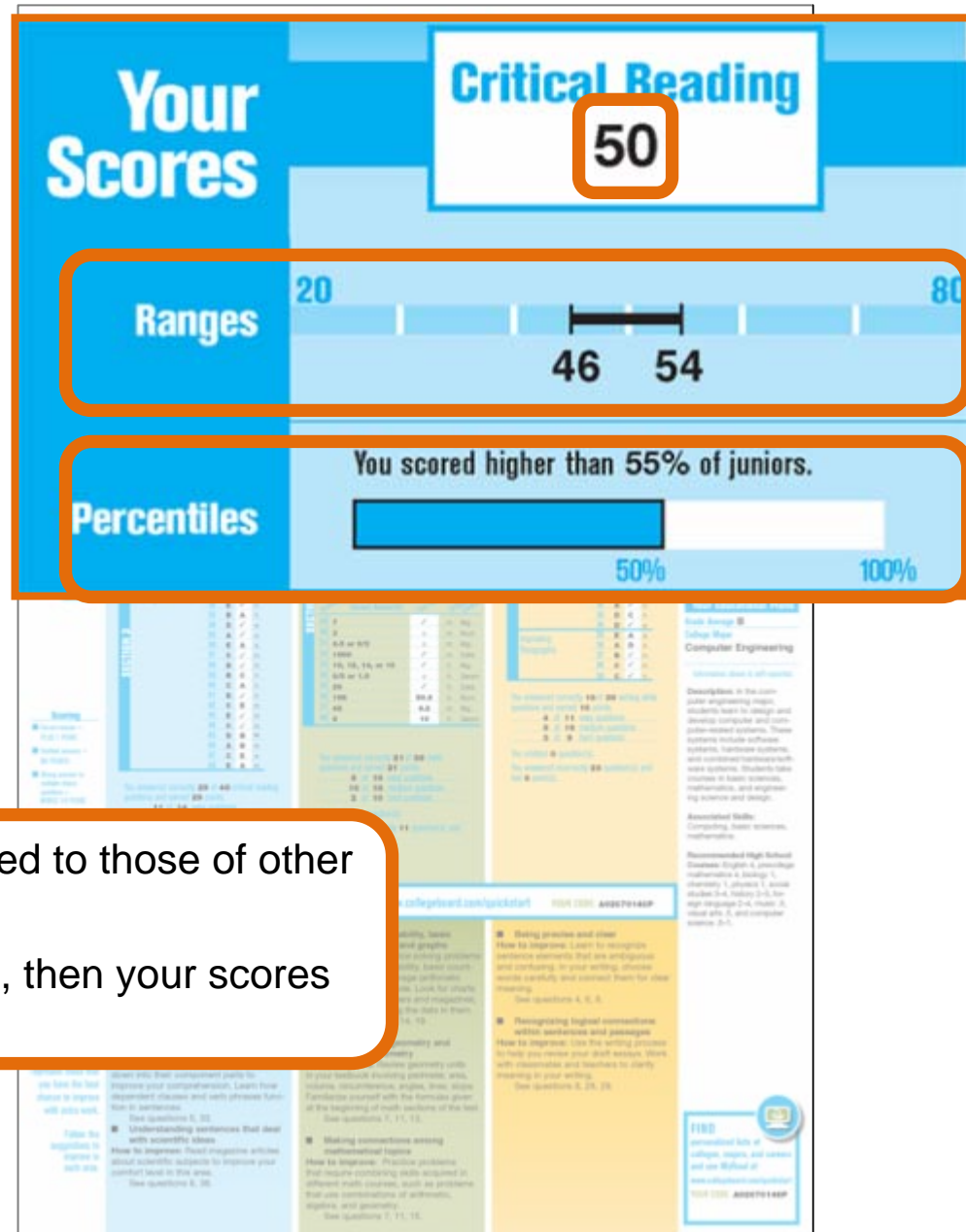
3 Test Sections

Critical Reading

Mathematics

Writing Skills

Your Scores



If you are a junior, your scores are compared to those of other juniors.

If you are a sophomore or younger student, then your scores are compared to those of sophomores.

Review Your Answers

Review Your Answers

Ask for your test book back so you can see the questions.

Key

- ✓ Correct
- Omitted
- u Unscorable
- e Easy

SECTION 1

Sentence Completions

Question	Correct Answer	Difficulty
1	A	✓
2	B	✓ e
3	A C	m
4	C A	h
5	B E	h
6	D	✓ e
7	B	✓ m
8	D	o e
9	B	✓ m
10	E B	h
11	D	✓ h
12	C	✓ m
13	A	✓ m
14	B A	m
15	A	✓ e
16	C	✓ m
17	A	✓ e
18	E	✓ m
19	B	✓ m
20	B E	m
21	E	✓ m
22	D B	h
23	E	✓ m
24	A	✓ m
25	D	✓ m
26	D	✓ e
27	D	✓ e
28	A	✓ e
29	C	✓ e
30	D E	m
31	A B	h

Passage-Based Reading

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You will get your original test book back with your PSAT/NMSQT results, so that you can review the test questions.

You may also review each test question by logging in to My College QuickStart.

Review Your Answers: Mathematics

Question	Correct Answer	Your Answer	Difficulty	Content
1	D	✓ e		Alg
2	E	✓ e		Data
3	E	✓ e		Geom
4	C	✓ e		Alg
5	B	✓ e		Geom
6	B	✓ e		Alg
7	C	o e		Num
8	A	✓ m		Geom
9	B	✓ m		Data
10	D	✓ m		Alg
11	B	o m		Geom
12	D	✓ m		Alg
13	B	D m		Alg
14	A	D h		Data
15	E	D m		Alg
16	E	✓ m		Num
17	A	C h		Num
18	E	o h		Geom
		A h		Alg
		C h		Geom
		✓ e		Num
		✓ e		Alg
		✓ m		Geom
		✓ m		Num
		✓ m		Geom
26	D	✓ e		Alg
27	C	A m		Alg
28	A	B m		Num

Alg = Algebra & Functions
 Data = Data Analysis, Statistics & Probability
 Geom = Geometry & Measurement
 Num = Number & Operations

Review Your Answers: Student-Produced Responses

Student Name: STEVEN, SMA ID: Year: 2008 Grade: 11 School Code: 123456 System Code: 00 Account ID: A0007040P

Subject	Score
Critical Reading	50
Mathematics	52
Writing Skills	44

PSAT/NMSQT
National Merit Scholarship Qualifying (NMQ) Program
Selection Index: 146
Percentile: 67

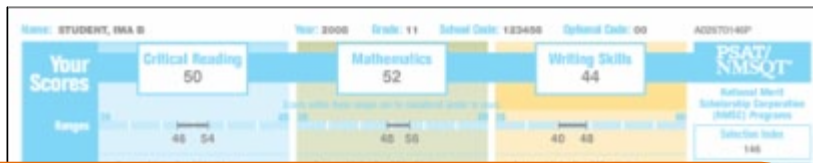
SECTION 4 Student-Produced Responses

Question	Correct Answer(s)	Your Answer	Difficulty	Content
29	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	m	Alg
30	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	m	Num
31	4.5 or 9/2	<input type="checkbox"/>	m	Alg
32	1000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	m	Data
33	10, 12, 14, or 16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	h	Alg
34	8/5 or 1.6	<input type="checkbox"/>	h	Geom
35	29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	h	Data
36	108	50.9	h	Num
37	42	4.2	m	Alg
38	2	10	h	Geom

The written answers are not scored.

Only answers gridded in the ovals are scored.

Answer Summary & Scoring



Correct answer = plus 1 point

Omitted answer = no points

Wrong answer on multiple-choice question = minus ¼ point

Wrong answer on student-produced response question = No points lost

You answered correctly **29** of **48** critical reading questions and earned **29** points.

11 of **14** easy questions

15 of **23** medium questions

3 of **11** hard questions

You omitted **1** question(s).

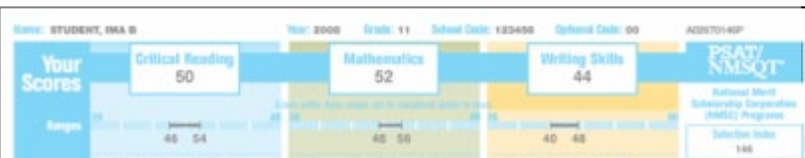
You answered incorrectly **18** question(s) and lost **5** point(s).

Understanding sentences that deal with scientific ideas
How to improve: Read magazine articles about scientific subjects to improve your comfort level in this area.
See questions 6, 30.

Understanding geometry and coordinate geometry
How to improve: Review geometry units in your textbook, focusing on circles, area, volume, circumference, angles, lines, slope. Familiarize yourself with the formulae given at the beginning of each section of the test.
See questions 7, 17, 18.

Writing sentences and passages
How to improve: Use the writing practice to help you revise your draft essays. Work with classmates and teachers to clarify meaning in your writing.
See questions 5, 25, 26.

Improve Your Skills



The skills listed are based on your individual performance.

Follow the suggestions noted in “how to improve” and work with your teachers.

Review skills using questions listed.

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on the test and represent those that you have the best chance to improve with extra work.

Follow the suggestions to improve in each area.

■ Determining an author's purpose or perspective

How to improve: Authors write for a variety of purposes, such as to inform, to explain, or to convince. When you read, try to determine why the author wrote what he or she wrote.

See questions 20, 42, 48.

■ Understanding complex sentences

How to improve: Ask your English teacher to recommend books that are a bit more challenging than those you're used to reading. Practice breaking the sentences down into their component parts to improve your comprehension. Learn how dependent clauses and verb phrases function in sentences.

See questions 5, 33.

■ Understanding sentences that deal with scientific ideas

How to improve: Read magazine articles about scientific subjects to improve your comfort level in this area.

See questions 8, 36.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Information

Your Scores

Section	Score
Critical Reading	50
Mathematics	52
Writing Skills	44

Selection Index
146

Percentile 47
compares your performance with college-bound juniors

Entry Requirements
Below is information you provided on your answer sheet.

High school student:	Yes
Year to complete high school and enroll full time in college:	2011
Years to be spent in grades 9-12:	4
U.S. citizenship:	Yes

The Selection Index (S.I.) is the sum of your critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills scores. NMSC uses the S.I. as an initial screen of over 1.5 million students who enter its scholarship programs (see reverse).

You are among the 55,000 high scorers who qualify for program recognition; you will be notified next September.

The Selection Index is the sum of your critical reading, mathematics and writing skills scores.

If it has an asterisk, you do not meet all of the eligibility requirements for the competition.

The Percentile compares your performance to that of other college-bound juniors.

The Entry Requirements section displays information you provided on your answer sheet.

Your Educational Plans

Based on the **college major** you provided on your answer sheet, this section will give you:

- Description of that major
- Skills associated with that major
- Recommended high school courses for that major

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Your Educational Plans

Grade Average **B**

College Major

Computer Engineering

Information above is self-reported.

Description: In the computer engineering major, students learn to design and develop computer and computer-related systems. These systems include software systems, hardware systems, and combined hardware/software systems. Students take courses in basic sciences, mathematics, and engineering science and design.

Associated Skills:

Computing, basic sciences, mathematics.

Recommended High School Courses: English 4, precollege mathematics 4, biology 1, chemistry 1, physics 1, social studies 3–4, history 2–3, foreign language 2–4, music .5, visual arts .5, and computer science .5–1.

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See questions 5, 32.
- Understanding sentences that deal with scientific ideas**
How to improve: Read magazine articles about scientific subjects to improve your comfort level in this area.
See questions 6, 38.
- Working with probability, basic statistics, charts, and graphs**
How to improve: Practice solving problems that involve basic probability, basic counting, and finding the average (arithmetic mean), median, and mode. Look for charts and graphs in newspapers and magazines, and actively interpreting the data in them.
See questions 11, 14, 19.
- Understanding geometry and coordinate geometry**
How to improve: Review geometry units in your textbook, including perimeter, area, volume, circumference, angles, lines, three-dimensional geometry with the formula given at the beginning of each section of the text.
See questions 7, 11, 13.
- Making connections among mathematical topics**
How to improve: Practice problems that require combining skills acquired in different math courses, such as problems that use combinations of arithmetic, algebra, and geometry.
See questions 7, 11, 16.

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to find the equivalent SAT scores?
in college in their home state?

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