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Total Score: 36 points

Total Testing Time:

- 2 hours and 55 minutes - without the writing
- 3 hours and 35 minutes - with the writing

Adaptive?: (Unlike the new Digital SAT) The ACT is not adaptive.

- The difficulty level of the content does not change based on performance as the test taker progresses through the exam.

Sections and Timing:

Section	# of Questions & Time Limit	Content/Skills Covered	Question Types
English	75 questions in 45 min. 36 seconds / problem	grammar & usage, punctuation, sentence structure, strategy, organization, and style	multiple-choice questions each with four answer choices usage/mechanics and rhetorical skills questions
Math (Calculator allowed on all questions*)	60 questions in 60 min. 60 seconds / problem	pre-algebra, elementary algebra, intermediate algebra, coordinate geometry, plane geometry, and trigonometry	multiple-choice questions each with five answer choices
Reading	40 questions in 35 min. 52.5 seconds / problem	reading comprehension of what is directly stated or implied	multiple-choice questions each with four answer choices referring and reasoning questions

Science	40 questions in 35 min. 52.5 seconds / problem	interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem solving	multiple-choice questions each with four answer choices data representation, research summaries, and conflicting viewpoints questions
Writing (optional)	1 essay in 40 min.	writing skills	

Scoring Details:

- The reported score is a scaled score out of **36 points**
 - You gain points for correct answers.
 - You do not lose points for incorrect answers.
- The four (4) multiple choice sections are given a *raw score* based on how many questions you answer correctly.
 - The *raw score* is then converted to a *scaled score** out of 36 points.
- The *ACT score* is then found by taking the average of these four scaled scores.
 - **different exams and test sections are scaled differently.*

Below is an **example** of a raw score conversion for the 4 test sections:

★ (LINK to Zinkerz Score conversion to come!)

# Correct/Section aka Section Score	English Score	Math Score	Reading Score	Science Score
0	1	1	1	1
1	1	4	2	3
2	2	6	4	5
3	3	8	6	6
4	3	9	7	8
5	4	10	8	9
6	4	11	10	10
7	5	12	10	11
8	5	12	11	11
9	6	13	12	12
10	6	13	12	13
11	7	14	13	14
12	7	14	14	15
13	7	14	14	16
14	8	15	15	17
15	8	15	16	17
16	8	15	16	18
17	9	16	17	19
18	9	16	17	19
19	9	16	18	20
20	10	16	19	20

21	10	17	20	21
22	11	17	20	22
23	11	17	21	22
24	12	18	22	23
25	12	18	22	23
26	13	19	23	24
27	13	19	24	24
28	13	20	24	25
29	14	20	25	25
30	14	21	26	26
31	15	21	27	27
32	15	22	28	28
33	15	23	29	29
34	16	23	30	30
35	16	24	31	31
36	16	24	32	32
37	17	24	33	33
38	17	25	34	35
39	17	25	35	36
40	18	26	36	36
41	19	26		
42	19	26		
43	19	27		
44	20	27		
45	20	28		
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58	25	35		
59	25	36		
60	26	36		
61	27			
62	27			
63	28			
54	28			
65	29			
66	30			
67	31			
68	32			
69	33			

70	33			
71	34			
72	35			
73	35			
74	36			
75	36			

Essay Grading:

Two readers read and assign a score of 1-6 to the essay in each domain:

- Ideas and Analysis
- Development and Support
- Organization
- Language Use and Conventions

The two scores for each domain are added (totaling 2-12).

The *scaled* score of 1-36 is calculated based on these domain scores.

Calculator Policy: Calculators are allowed on all questions of the math section

Examinees may use any 4-function, scientific, or graphing calculator, as long as it is not on the [prohibited list](#)

Experimental Questions: Sometimes test-takers get an experimental section ...

- This **section is not counted toward the student's score**, though it does provide the test makers data about potential future test questions.
- When it shows up on the ACT (which is not every single test), the experimental section will appear after the science section for students who haven't opted to take the essay.
- The experimental section of the ACT will be an additional 20-minute section that some students will see at the end of the test.
- The experimental section could be a shortened version of any of the four sections on the test (English, math, reading, science).

FAQs:

- **How often can students take the test?**
 - Students can take the test as often as they'd like
 - The test is typically offered seven times per year: February, April, June, July, September, October, December
- **How long does it take to get the scores back? 2-8 weeks:**
 - Multiple choice scores are normally available within two weeks after each national test date, but it can sometimes take up to eight weeks.
 - Writing scores are normally available about two weeks after your multiple-choice scores.
 - For more information regarding ACT score release dates, please visit www.act.org.

- **For how long are the scores valid?** Always – scores never expire
- **Is there a reference sheet?** No