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Total Scaled Score Range by Level and Section:

- Upper Level
 - Verbal Reasoning: 797-935
 - Quantitative Reasoning: 815-940
 - Reading Comprehension: 825-940
 - Mathematics Achievement: 806-940
- Middle Level
 - Verbal Reasoning: 782-926
 - Quantitative Reasoning: 791-927
 - Reading Comprehension: 799-940
 - Mathematics Achievement: 774-907
- Lower Level
 - Verbal Reasoning: 760-903
 - Quantitative Reasoning: 766-911
 - Reading Comprehension: 764-913
 - Mathematics Achievement: 769-899

Total Testing Time:

- 2 hours and 50 minutes - Upper and Middle Levels
- 3 hours and 30 minutes - Lower Levels

Adaptive?: No

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

Sections and Timing:

UPPER LEVEL: Section	# of Questions & Time Limit	Content/Skills Covered	Question Types
Verbal Reasoning	40 questions in 20 min. 30 seconds / question	synonyms, words in context, vocabulary, grammar	four choice multiple-choice
Quantitative Reasoning	37 questions in 35 min. 57 seconds / question	algebra, coordinate geometry, plane geometry, data analysis, statistics, probability, logical reasoning, word problems, data analysis	four choice multiple-choice, quantity comparison
Reading Comprehension	36 questions in 35 min. 58 seconds / question	argument, reading comprehension, inference, purpose, theme, main idea, point of view, tone, figurative language	four choice multiple-choice following passages
Mathematics Achievement	47 questions in 40 min. 51 seconds / question	algebra, coordinate geometry, plane geometry, data analysis, statistics, probability, logical reasoning, word problems, data analysis	four choice multiple-choice
Essay	30 minutes for 2 pages maximum 30 minutes / 1 prompt	essay prompts will ask you to pull from personal experience, opinion, or your point of view	

<i>MIDDLE LEVEL:</i> Section	# of Questions & Time Limit	Content/Skills Covered	Question Types
Verbal Reasoning	40 questions in 20 min. 30 seconds / question	synonyms, words in context, vocabulary, grammar	four choice multiple-choice
Quantitative Reasoning	37 questions in 35 min. 57 seconds / question	probability, elementary and intermediate geometry, elementary and intermediate algebra, logical reasoning, decimals, whole numbers, word problems, data analysis	four choice multiple-choice
Reading Comprehension	36 questions in 35 min. 58 seconds / question	argument, reading comprehension, inference, purpose, theme, main idea, point of view, tone, figurative language	four choice multiple-choice following long passages
Mathematics Achievement	47 questions in 40 min. 51 seconds / question	probability, elementary and intermediate geometry, elementary and intermediate algebra, logical reasoning, decimals, whole numbers, word problems, data analysis	four choice multiple-choice
Essay	30 minutes for 2 pages maximum 30 minutes / 1 prompt	essay prompts will ask you to pull from personal experience, opinion, or your point of view	

LOWER LEVEL: Section	# of Questions & Time Limit	Content/Skills Covered	Question Types
Verbal Reasoning	34 questions in 20 min. 35 seconds / question	synonyms, words in context, vocabulary, grammar	four choice multiple-choice
Quantitative Reasoning	38 questions in 35 min. 55 seconds / question	probability, elementary geometry, elementary algebra, logical reasoning, decimals, whole numbers, word problems, data analysis	four choice multiple-choice
Reading Comprehension	25 questions in 25 min. 60 seconds / question	reading comprehension, inferences, theme, summary, main idea, detail, tone	four choice multiple-choice following long passages
Mathematics Achievement	30 questions in 30 min. 60 seconds / question	probability, elementary geometry, elementary algebra, logical reasoning, decimals, whole numbers, word problems, data analysis	four choice multiple-choice
Essay	30 minutes for 2 pages maximum 30 minutes / 1 prompt	essay prompts will ask you to pull from personal experience, opinion, or your point of view	

Scoring Details:

- A raw score for each section is calculated based on the number of correct responses
 - No points are earned or deducted for incorrect answers or omitted questions (so never leave anything blank!)
- The raw score for each section is converted to a scaled score
 - Scaled scores are used to standardize scores across different test forms. Scaled scores range from 760 to 940 for each section.
- The score report will provide a percentile rank for each section based on how the student's score compares to other test takers
- The score report will provide a stanine score
 - A stanine, short for "standard nine," is a grading scale with a score from 1 to 9, with 1 being the lowest and 9 the highest. Stanines provide a broad indication of a student's performance relative to other test-takers. Very broadly speaking, 1-3 is considered below average, 4-6 is average, and 7-9 is above average.
- Click [here](#) to view an example score report

Essay Grading:

- The essay section is not graded or factored into the score
 - The essay will still be reviewed by your graders and sent to schools. Schools will review the essay for handwriting, grammar, and communication skills, and it may give them some insight into your personality based on how you choose to respond to the prompts

Calculator Policy: No calculators are allowed for any level test on any section

- Calculators are permitted only if the student was approved for a testing accommodation that explicitly allows for calculator use.

Experimental Questions:

- These **questions are not counted toward the student's score**, though it does provide the test makers data about potential future test questions
- There may be 3-6 experimental questions per section, depending on the grade level test
- Since there is no reliable way to discern which questions are experimental, students should try their best on all questions they encounter on all sections

FAQs:

- **How often can a student take the test?**
 - Students are allowed to take the exam three times per year, with one test attempt allowed per window. Windows are defined as the following date ranges:
Fall: August-November
Winter: December-March
Spring: April-July
- **Are there breaks during the test?**
 - Yes, all levels receive two 5-10 minute breaks, one after each of the math sections (Quantitative Reasoning and Mathematics Achievement)
- **How long does it take to get the scores back?**
 - Generally, scores are available 7-10 business days after the exam date for students taking the paper exam, unless you pay for online access and expedited scores which are available as soon as the test is graded. For digital test takers, the ISEE Score Report is available to view as soon as the test is graded, which can be anywhere from 2-5 business days from the exam date
- **How long are scores valid?**
 - ISEE scores are only valid through the current testing year, which begins on August 1 and ends on July 31 of the following year
- **Is there a reference sheet?** No