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Total Score:

- Elementary Level SSAT: 900-1800 points
 - Each section (Verbal, Quantitative, and Reading) range between 300-600
- Middle Level SSAT: 1320-2130 points
 - Each section (Verbal, Quantitative, and Reading) range between 440-710
- Upper Level SSAT: 1500-2400 points
 - Each section (Verbal, Quantitative, and Reading) range between 500-800

Total Testing Time:

- Elementary Level SSAT: 2 hours and 5 minutes
- Middle Level SSAT: 3 hours and 10 minutes
- Upper Level SSAT: 3 hours and 10 minutes

Adaptive?: No

- Student performance on one section does not impact the difficulty of the following sections

Sections and Timing:

| <u>ELEMENTARY LEVEL:</u> Section | # of Questions & Time Limit | Content/Skills Covered | Question Types |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quantitative | 30 questions in 30 min. 60 seconds / question | number sense, properties and operations, algebraic functions, geometry, spatial sense, measurement, probability, fractions, place value, graphical interpretation | five choice multiple choice questions |
| Verbal | 30 questions in 20 min. 40 seconds / question | synonyms, analogies (opposites, antonyms, part to whole, degree, homonym) | five choice multiple choice questions |
| Reading | 28 questions in 30 min. 64.3 seconds / question | prose, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, literal, inferential, evaluative comprehension, main idea, meaning | seven short passages with four five choice multiple choice questions each |
| Writing Sample (Essay) <i>not graded</i> | 1 essay in 15 min. 15 minutes / prompt | students will write a story about the picture prompt that includes a beginning, middle and end | picture prompt |
| Experimental <i>not graded</i> | 15-17 questions in 15 min. 53-60 seconds / question | mixture of verbal, math, and reading questions | five choice multiple choice questions |

| <i>MIDDLE LEVEL:</i> Section | # of Questions & Time Limit | Content/Skills Covered | Question Types |
|--|---|---|--|
| Writing Sample (Essay) <i>not graded</i> | 1 essay in 25 min. 25 minutes / prompt | students will write an essay responding to their choice of either a creative story starter or personal question prompt | creative story starter or personal question prompt |
| Quantitative (Part 1) | 25 questions in 30 min. 72 seconds / question | arithmetic, geometry, algebra, geometry | five choice multiple choice questions |
| Reading Comprehension | 40 questions in 40 min. 60 seconds / question | novels, poems, short stories, essays, point of view, main idea, inferences, meaning, purpose, attitude, tone, opinion, prediction | five choice multiple choice questions following 250-350 word narrative and argument passages |
| Verbal | 60 questions in 30 min. 30 seconds / question | synonyms, analogies (opposites, antonyms, part to whole, degree, homonym) | five choice multiple choice questions |
| Quantitative (Part 2) | 25 questions in 30 min. 72 seconds / question | arithmetic, geometry, algebra, geometry | five choice multiple choice questions |
| Experimental <i>not graded</i> | 16 questions in 15 min. 56.3 seconds / question | mixture of verbal, math, and reading questions | five choice multiple choice questions |

| <i>UPPER LEVEL:</i> Section | # of Questions & Time Limit | Content/Skills Covered | Question Types |
|--|---|---|--|
| Writing Sample (Essay) <i>not graded</i> | 1 essay in 25 min. 25 minutes / prompt | students will write an essay responding to their choice of either a general or personal question prompt | general or personal question prompt |
| Quantitative (Part 1) | 25 questions in 30 min. 72 seconds / question | arithmetic, geometry, algebra, geometry | five choice multiple choice questions |
| Reading Comprehension | 40 questions in 40 min. 60 seconds / question | novels, poems, short stories, essays, point of view, main idea, inferences, meaning, purpose, attitude, tone, opinion, prediction | five choice multiple choice questions following 250-350 word narrative and argument passages |
| Verbal | 60 questions in 30 min. 30 seconds / question | synonyms, analogies (opposites, antonyms, part to whole, degree, homonym) | five choice multiple choice questions |
| Quantitative (Part 2) | 25 questions in 30 min. 72 seconds / question | arithmetic, geometry, algebra, geometry | five choice multiple choice questions |
| Experimental <i>not graded</i> | 16 questions in 15 min. 56.3 seconds / question | mixture of verbal, math, and reading questions | five choice multiple choice questions |

Scoring Details:

- Elementary Level SSAT: Total of 900-1800 points
 - Each section (Verbal, Quantitative, and Reading) range between 300-600
 - Writing Sample (Essay) and Experimental sections are not graded
 - Students earn a point for each correct answer
 - There is no penalty for incorrect answers or omitted questions

- Middle Level SSAT: Total of 1320-2130 points
 - Each section (Verbal, Quantitative, and Reading) range between 440-710
 - Writing Sample (Essay) and Experimental sections are not graded
 - Students earn a point for each correct answer
 - A quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a point is subtracted for each incorrect answer, but **there is no penalty for omitted/blank questions**

- Upper Level SSAT: Total of 1500-2400 points
 - Each section (Verbal, Quantitative, and Reading) range between 500-800
 - Writing Sample (Essay) and Experimental sections are not graded
 - Students earn a point for each correct answer
 - A quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a point is subtracted for each incorrect answer, but **there is no penalty for omitted questions**
- The score report will provide additional information on percentile rankings which are based on how the student's score compares to other test-takers
 - View an example of an [Elementary Level score report](#)
 - View an example of a [Middle Level score report](#)
 - View an example of an [Upper Level score report](#)

Writing Sample (Essay) Grading:

- The Writing Sample (Essay) is not graded on any level test
- Writing Samples are provided to the schools that you opt to receive the SSAT score report, helping them assess the student's writing abilities. Parents may obtain a copy of the writing sample as a separate purchase

Calculator Policy: Not allowed

- Calculators are not allowed on any questions of any math section on any level test

Experimental Questions:

- The experimental section quality tests future SSAT questions to ensure they are reliable, secure, and acceptable
- This **section is not counted toward the student's score**, though it does provide the test makers data about potential future test questions

FAQs:

- **What are the test-taking options?**
 - Standard paper test at a testing facility on a set test date
 - "Flex" paper testing is available for students who cannot find a standard test date and location that works for them
 - Open Flex tests at a school or testing facility with a large group of students
 - Closed Flex tests for individuals and small groups administered by an educational consultant
 - Online test (not available for Elementary Level)
 - At home
 - At a Prometric testing center
 - For more information regarding test registration, visit ssat.org

- **How often can a student take the test?**
 - Students can take the standard paper test as many times as they want. These are usually offered five times per year in October, November, December, January, and February
 - Students can take up to three online (at home or Prometric) tests and one Flex test per test season (August 1-July 31)

- **How long does it take to get the scores back? 1-2 weeks:**
 - Standard paper test-takers will receive their scores within two weeks of their test date
 - Online:
 - At home test-takers will receive their scores on the Wednesday following their test date
 - Prometric test-takers will receive their scores the Wednesday following the Sunday ending the scoring period (for tests taken Monday through Sunday)
 - Visit ssat.org for more information on SSAT score release dates

- **How long are scores valid?**
 - Scores are kept on file and can be reported for two testing years (August 1st to July 31st). In other words, the scores are available for the current testing year plus one more. After this, scores are considered inactive and cannot be reported to schools anymore, though they can be accessed by families.

- **Is there a reference sheet? No**

- **Are there breaks given during the test?**
 - Elementary Level SSAT: One 15-minute break between section 2 (Verbal) and section 3 (Reading)
 - Middle Level SSAT: Two 10 minute breaks; one after section 1 (Writing Sample (Essay)) and one after section 4 (Reading Comprehension)
 - Upper Level SSAT: Two 10 minute breaks; one after section 1 (Writing Sample (Essay)) and one after section 4 (Reading Comprehension)