

CHAPTER 19: SCORING YOUR SSAT PRACTICE TEST

Your SSAT score is calculated by using a formula that cannot be directly applied to your practice tests. Therefore, it is impossible to provide a completely accurate score for your practice tests. Nevertheless, you'll understandably want to get an idea of how well you have performed.

Follow the steps described below to obtain a rough approximation of what your score on the actual SSAT might be. First, add up the number of questions you got right and the number of questions you got wrong. Questions left blank are worth zero points. Then, do the math, based on the following:

	Verbal (60 questions total)	(Quantitative) Math (50 questions total)	Reading Comprehension (40 questions total)
+ 1 point for each right answer	_____	_____	_____
$-\frac{1}{4}$ point for each wrong answer	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL:	_____	_____	_____

This is called your **raw score**. Next, take your raw score and look at the following chart, which *approximates* a conversion to a **scaled score**. A scaled score takes into account the range in difficulty level of the various editions of the test.

Again, while the following scores and percentiles are close approximations, they do not reflect the official scores and percentiles used on the SSAT. Among other contributing factors, your actual test score will take into account the group of students to whom you will be compared to on your test administration.

UPPER- AND MIDDLE-LEVEL SCORES

Upper-level scores are based on a scale of 500–800. Middle-level scores are based on a scale of 440–710. Once you have looked up your scaled score, refer to the 50th Percentile score chart below: This will tell you the score at which equal numbers of students scored above and below you. With this information, you will be able to gauge how well you have done with respect to other students.

SCALED SCORES

Raw Score	Upper Level			Middle Level		
	Reading	Verbal	Math*	Reading	Verbal	Math*
60		800			710	
55		800			710	
50		779	800		700	710
45		752	782		681	698
40	800	725	755	710	652	672
35	722	698	725	669	623	654
30	692	671	698	639	592	622
25	662	644	668	609	565	590
20	632	617	641	589	551	579
15	602	590	614	559	533	554
10	572	563	584	529	502	524
5	542	533	557	499	472	497
0	512	506	530	469	449	470
–5 or lower	500	500	500	440	440	440

*Both math sections have been combined. Add together both of your scores for those sections.

MEDIAN SCORE: 50TH PERCENTILE

Grade	Reading	Verbal	Math
5	592	590	589
6	594	613	597
7	610	639	614
8	629	662	647
9	644	683	668
10	647	671	692
11	626	653	689

ELEMENTARY-LEVEL SCORES

Elementary-level test scores are based on a scale of 300–600. Once you have looked up your scaled score, refer to the 50th Percentile score chart below: That chart will tell you the score at which equal numbers of students scored above and below you. This way, you will be able to gauge how well you have done with respect to other students.

SCALED SCORES

Raw Score	Reading	Verbal	Math
30		600	600
28	600	560	555
25	550	520	520
20	500	480	490
15	450	440	450
10	400	390	400
5	350	340	350
0	310	310	310
–5 or lower	300	300	300

MEDIAN SCORE: 50TH PERCENTILE

Grade	Reading	Verbal	Math
3	450	450	450
4	450	450	450