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When is the test administered?	Seven times per year	Six times per year
What is the test structure?	Composed of three sections and an optional Essay section: Reading, Writing and Language and Math	Composed of four sections and an optional writing section: Reading, English, Math and Science
What is the test length and timing of test?	Reading: 65 minutes and 52 questions.  Writing and Language: 35 minutes and 44 questions.  Math: 80 minutes and 58 questions	Reading: 35 minutes and 40 questions.  English: 45 minutes and 75 questions.  Math: 60 minutes and 60 questions.  Science: 35 minutes and 40 questions.
What is the test content?	Reading: All reading test questions are multiple choice and based on passages. One passage comes from literary works, one passage comes from US History or Global History, one passage comes from a social science and two passages are based on science related issues.  Writing and Language: All questions are multiple choice and based on passages. Some of the questions will ask you to improve the way the passages develops information and ideas, other questions may ask you to improve word choice, you may be asked to edit the passage, some questions ask about the organization of the sentence or passage and it's structure and finally you may be asked to improve sentence structure, usage and punctuation.	Reading: Four passages one of prose fiction, social science, humanities and natural science.  English: Questions stress grammar.  Math: Algebra questions, geometry questions and trigonometry questions.  Science: Questions that are based on charts and experiments.  Writing: Read a passage and respond in written form based on evidence from the passage

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	<p>Math: Most questions are multiple choice and some ask you to come up with your own answer. The test is divided into two sections math test calculator and math test no calculator. The math section will cover algebra, data analysis, manipulation of complex equations, geometry and trigonometry</p> <p>Essay: You will read a passage, explain how the author builds an argument to persuade the audience and support your explanation with evidence from the passage.</p>	
Is there a penalty for wrong answers?	No	No
How is the test scored?	200 – 800 points per section. Both sections added together to give you a composite score (400-1600). Essay is reported in 3 dimensions 2-8.	1- 36 for each subject, averaged for a composite score. A 36 is the highest composite score. Essay is reported from 2-12.
Are all scores sent to schools?	Yes, if a student asks for a score report to be sent to the college all of the scores will be sent. However, most colleges will accept the best scores that you received and will combine them.	No. There is a score choice option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores AND which scores the schools will see.
Are there other uses for the exam?	Scholarship purposes. Some colleges may use the scores for placement purposes.	Scholarship purposes. Some colleges may use the scores for placement purposes.