

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION (NMSC) INFORMATION



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Percentiles comparing you to other
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$\underset{\text { Not }}{\substack{\text { Not } \\ \text { als } \\ \text { college-bound } \\ \hline}}$ students

## SCORES



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## Verbal

Your verbal score of $\mathbf{4 5}$ is like an SAT I score of 450 . Juniors with a verbal score of 45 are likely to earn SAT I verbal scores between 410 and 510

## Math

Your math score of 49 is like a score of 490 . Juniors with a m score of 49 are likely to earn 5 math scores between 470 and

## Expected scores on the SAT I,

 an admission test measuring verbal and math reasoning skills and required by many colleges.
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## Estimated SAT Scores

The PSAT/NMSQT is excellent preparation and practice for the SAT - both the SAT I: Reasoning Test and the SAT II: Writing Test. PSAT/NMSQT scores can be used to estimate scores on both tests. If you take rigorous academic courses, participate in problem-solving activities, read a wide variety of challengins materials, and write frequently, your actual scores may be higher than the estimates given below. Ask your counselor or teachersmbout ways to prepare for these tests.

## What SAT scores can you expect?

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SAT I S
verbal 5 SAT I V 510

Expected scores on the SAT II: Writing Test, required by some colleges

## Writing Skills

 Your writing skills score of $\mathbf{4 6}$ is like an SAT II: Writing Test score of 460 Juniors with a writing skills score of 46 are likely to earn SAT II: Writing Test scores between 440 and 550 .Note that an SAT II: Writing score is also based on an essay.

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Selection Index 140 prcentile 41
The Selection Index of elinin' students is used by NMSC as an inntar screont on entrants to its scholarship competitions (see reverse of this eport). Your Selection Index is the total of your verbal, math, and writing skills scores ( $45+49+46$ ).

Eligibility: You are eligible to be included among the more
than 1 million entrants to NMSC's 1999 programs, based on information shown below that you provided on your answer sheet.
Full-time high school student ..... YES
Year to complete high school ..... 1999and enroll full time in college
Years to be spent in grades 9-12 ..... 4
U.S. citizenship ..... YES

## EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Grade Average B-

| College Major | Engineering |
| :--- | :--- |
| Career | Other |

Information above is self-reported.
DESCRIPTION: Engineering majors use knowledge of mathematics and science, gained by study and experimentation, to develop ways to use the materials and forces of nature for the benefit of human beings. In their chosen engineering specialty, they learn to In their chosen engineering specialty, they learn to research, develop, design, construct, maintain, and
manage the structures, equipment, and systems they will create.
ASSOCIATED INTERESTS: Science, mathematics, computers, games, puzzles, working with people, building things, how things work.

ASSOCIATED SKILLS: Curiosity, imagination, problem solving, leadership, teamwork, working with numbers, physical sciences, communicating effectively, working with computers.

Choosing a career is a long process, but many of the things you do in high school can be part of your career development; for example, the courses you take, the sports and clubs you are involved with, the volunteer work and part-time jobs you get, and the interests and abilities you develop. The college major you select is one pathway to a career; it offers specific content and skills as well as transferable skills such as analyzing or communicating. Below is information about the college major you coded. Information is taken from the book, The College Board Guide to 150 Popular College Majors.
RECOMMENDED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES: English 4, algebra
1.5 , calculus 1 , trigonometry . 5 , biology 1-2,
chemistry 1-2, physics $1-2$, history 2 , foreign
language 2, and computer science 1
THER MAJORS TO CONSIDER: Biology, Chemistry, Computer science, Geology, Information sciences and systems, Mathematics, and Physics.
CAREERS: Aerospace engineer, agricultural engineer, architectural engineer, biomedical engineer, chemical engineer, civil engineer, computer engineer, lectrical engineer, industrial engineer,
materials/metallurgical engineer, mechanical engineer, mining engineer, nuclear engineer, petroleurn engineer.

## information about the major field of study you indicated when you took the test



## Analogies, Sentence Completions, Critical Reading, and each type of Writing Skills Question

| question \# | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| correct answer | C | D | A | E | D | B | C | B | A | E | D | C | A |
| your answer | + | O | B | + | + | O | B | O | O | + | O | O | B |
| difficulty | E | E | E | E | M | M | M | M | M | H | H | H | H |



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Although not well-coordinated herself, Ellen never really __ her sister's athletic prowess; realizing that she could not match her sister at sports, she was content to remain a
(A) admitted .. fan
(B) tolerated .. friend
(C) desired .. contestant
(D) understood .. critic
(E) envied .. spectator

If the hazards of the research had been fully for the residents in the area of the study, some of them would surely have objected to the project.
(A) enumerated
(B) rebutted
(C) obliterated
(D) alleviated
(E) implemented


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## MICROSCOPE : IMAGE ::

(A) laboratory : experiment
(B) loudspeaker: sound
(C) windshield : glare
(D) microwave : oven
(E) glasses : lens

## OBSEQUIOUS : OBEY ::

(A) fractious : behave
(B) fawning : praise
(C) unfamiliar : recognize
(D) delirious : calm
(E) fashionable : admire


- Vocabulary in Context identify the meaning of a word from its context
- Literal Comprehension
understand significant pieces of information
- Extended Reasoning make inferences, analyze and synthesize information, evaluate the assumptions and methods used by an author
"A myriad of smaller groups might also be overlooked because they are primarily organized around a community's religious or social life. However, even these groups serve political functions. "

As used in line 55, the word "functions" most nearly means
(A) regulations
(B) purposes
(C) parties
(D) events
(E) behaviors
"It is too late to ask whether government should interfere in business enterprise. It has always interfered. The only relevant question is in what ways and to what extent.
In lines 44-46, the author of Passage 1 judges a question to be inappropriate because it
(A) portrays a moral dilemma as involving mere economic crisis
(B) invites criticism without providing adequate explanation
(C) attributes malicious motives to conventional capitalists
(D) debates an issue that has already been settled (E) cannot be answered without further study

## "Almost every version of modern culture has

 some futile and fatuous scheme for lifting human nature above its selfish purposes as painlessly as possible."In lines 48-50, the author of Passage 2 characterizes "modern culture" as
(A) self-deluding
(B) forward leaning
(C) hopelessly fragmented
(D) reactionary
(E) virtuous


# MATH <br> Standard Multiple-Choice and Quantitative Comparisons 

| question \# | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| correct answer | C | D | A | E | D | B | C | B | A | E | D | C | A |
| your answer | + | O | B | + | + | O | B | O | O | + | O | O | B |
| difficulty | E | E | E | E | M | M | M | M | M | H | H | H | H |
| content | A | R | R | G | G | A | A | R | A | G | A | G | G |

## If $3(2+x)=9$, what is the value of $x$ ?

(A) 1
(B) 3
(C) 7
(D) 10
(E) 12

When a number is entered into a computer, the computer is programmed to produce a result by multiplying the number by 7 and then subtracting 30 . The number 6 was entered into the computer, and the result was then entered back into the computer to produce a final result. What was the final result?

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { (A) } & 12 \\
\text { (B) } & 30 \\
\text { (C) } & 42 \\
\text { (D) } & 54 \\
\text { (E) } & 84
\end{array}
$$

## READ DIRECTIONS beforehand

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Points $V$ and $W$ are on the semicircle that has center $O$ and radius 4.

## Column A

Column B
The distance from
$O$ to $V$
The distance from
$O$ to $W$
A) Column $A$ is greater
B) Column B is greater
C) two quantities are equal
D) cannot be determined

## 100 centimeters $=1$ meter

## Column A

## Column B

The length of a side of a square whose area is 1/4 square meter
A) Column $A$ is greater
B) Column $B$ is greater
C) two quantities are equal
D) cannot be determined

## Student-Produced Response

| Correct Answer(s) |  | correct | omitted | incorrect | difficulty | content |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 33 | 150 | 150 |  |  | E | A |
| 34 | 2700 | 2700 |  |  | E | R |
| 35 | 5 |  |  | 1 | M | G |
| 36 | 18 | 18 |  |  | M | G |
| 37 | $1 / 2$ or .5 | $1 / 2$ |  |  | M | R |
| 38 | 100 | 100 |  |  | H | R |
| 39 | $25 / 2$ or 12.5 |  |  | .20 | H | A |
| 40 | 36 |  |  | 6 | H | A |

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## If $2 x+4 y=23$ and $x=4$, what is the value of $y$ ?

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 1 | 1 |  |
|  | $\odot$ | $\ddots$ | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |

If $t$ is greater than 10 and $t$ is also a factor of both 84 and 126, what is one possible value of $t$ ?

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ | $0$ | $\stackrel{1}{9}$ |  |
|  | (0) | (0) | (0) |
| (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) |
| (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) |
| (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) |
| (5) | (5) | (5) | (5) |
| (6) | (6) | (6) | (6) |
| (7) | (7) | (7) | (7) |
| (8) | (8) | (8) | (8) |
| (9) | (9) | (9) | (9) |



## SAT II: Writing Test

Multiple Choice.............. 40 minutes
30 Identifying Errors in Sentences
18 Improving Sentences
12 Improving Paragraphs

Writing Sample.............. 20 minutes

## PSAT/NMSQT <br> Writing Skills Questions

19 Identifying Errors in Sentences
14 Improving Sentences
6 Improving Paragraphs

Most of those present were people who, A B
by virtue of their achievements in various C
fields, had been awarded Nobel Prizes. D
No error E

Looking at the context of the editorial, the words "abrupt" and "blitz" are meant to place the redevelopment program in an unfavorable light.
(A) Looking at the context of the editorial
(B) In the context of the editorial
(C) When the editorial's context is looked at
(D) Considering its context
(E) Examining the editorial's context
(1) Barbara Hendricks had been pursuing a degree in mathematics and chemistry from the University of Nebraska with the intention of fulfilling her lifelong dream of becoming a doctor. (2) In 1968 the direction of her life changed when she decided that her future was in singing classical music.

In context, which is the most logical word to insert at the beginning of sentence 2 ?
(A) Undoubtedly,
(B) Predictably,
(C) Unfortunately,
(D) However,
(E) Moreover,

