Scoring Your PSAT/NMSQT®

GET SUBSCORES

EXPRESSION OF IDEAS

The Expression of Ideas subscore is based on questions from the Writing and Language Test that focus on topic development, organization, and rhetorically effective use of language.

Add up your total correct answers from the following set of questions:

- Writing and Language Test: Questions 2; 6-9; 11; 15; 18-23; 26-29; 31; 34; 36-37; 40; 43-44

Your total correct answers from all of these questions is your raw score.

Use Raw Score Conversion Table 2: Subscores to determine your Expression of Ideas subscore.

STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS

The Standard English Conventions subscore is based on questions from the Writing and Language Test that focus on sentence structure, usage, and punctuation.

Add up your total correct answers from the following set of questions:

- Writing and Language Test: Questions 1; 3-5; 10; 12-14; 16-17; 24-25; 30; 32-33; 35; 38-39; 41-42

Your total correct answers from all of these questions is your raw score.

Use Raw Score Conversion Table 2: Subscores to determine your Standard English Conventions subscore.

WORDS IN CONTEXT

The Words in Context subscore is based on questions from both the Reading Test and the Writing and Language Test that address word/phrase meaning in context and rhetorical word choice.

Add up your total correct answers from the following set of questions:

- Reading Test: Questions 4; 8-9; 11-12; 24-25; 29; 34; 44
- Writing and Language Test: Questions 7; 9; 15; 22-23; 29; 40; 44

Your total correct answers from all of these questions is your raw score.

Use Raw Score Conversion Table 2: Subscores to determine your Words in Context subscore.

COMMAND OF EVIDENCE

The Command of Evidence subscore is based on questions from both the Reading Test and the Writing and Language Test that ask you to interpret and use evidence found in a wide range of passages and informational graphics, such as graphs, tables, and charts.

Add up your total correct answers from the following set of questions:

- Reading Test: Questions 2; 7; 13; 15; 21; 28; 31; 33; 42; 46
- Writing and Language Test: Questions 6; 11; 20-21; 26; 28; 37; 43

Your total correct answers from all of these questions is your raw score.

Use Raw Score Conversion Table 2: Subscores to determine your Command of Evidence subscore.

GET CROSS-TEST SCORES

The new PSAT/NMSQT also reports two cross-test scores: Analysis in History/Social Studies and Analysis in Science. These scores are based on questions in the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Tests that ask students to think analytically about texts and questions in these subject areas. Cross-test scores are reported on a scale of 8–38.

ANALYSIS IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES

Add up your total correct answers from the following set of questions:

- Reading Test: Questions 10-18; 29-38
- Writing and Language Test: Questions 2; 6-9; 11
- Math Test – No Calculator: Questions 10
- Math Test – Calculator: Questions 11; 16; 18; 30-31

Your total correct answers from all of these questions is your raw score.

Use Raw Score Conversion Table 3: Cross-Test Scores on page 9 to determine your Analysis in History/Social Studies cross-test score.

ANALYSIS IN SCIENCE

Add up your total correct answers from the following set of questions:

- Reading Test: Questions 19-28; 39-47
- Writing and Language Test: Questions 15; 18-22
- Math Test – No Calculator: Questions 2; 6
- Math Test – Calculator: Questions 3; 14; 23-25

Your total correct answers from all of these questions is your raw score.

Use Raw Score Conversion Table 3: Cross-Test Scores to determine your Analysis in Science cross-test score.

PSAT/NMSQT Practice Test # : Worksheets

ANSWER KEY

Reading Test Answers

1 A	11 D	21 B
2 B	12 D	22 D
3 B	13 D	23 B
4 B	14 A	24 D
5 C	15 C	25 C
6 D	16 B	26 B
7 B	17 D	27 B
8 A	18 B	28 A
9 D	19 A	29 D
10 A	20 C	B

READING TEST
RAW SCORE
(NUMBER OF
CORRECT ANSWERS)

Math Test

No Calculator

26 4 651.38 Tm[)]122A]TJ0 -1.8 TD[ )]122B]TJ[ )]122B]TJ[ )]122D]TJ0 7

26 8 651.38 Tm[)]129

3 7 B

8 A

9 D

10 A

14 D

5 D

13 D

14 A

15 C

16 B

10

Raw Score (# of correct answers)	Analysis in History/ Social Studies Cross-Test Score	Analysis in Science Cross-Test Score
	8	8
1	10	9
	11	11
3	13	13
	14	15
5	15	16
	16	17
7	17	18
	18	18
9	19	19
	20	20
11	21	20
	22	21
13	22	22
	23	22
15	24	23
	25	24