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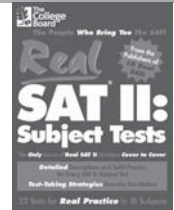
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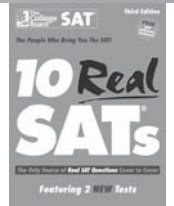
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About the SAT II: Subject Tests

Many colleges require or recommend one or more SAT II: Subject Tests for admission or placement.

Subject Tests, one-hour, mostly multiple-choice tests, measure how much students know about a particular academic subject and how well they can apply that knowledge.

Subject Tests fall into five subject areas: English, history, mathematics, sciences, and languages. They help colleges compare the academic achievement of students from different schools where course preparation and academic backgrounds may vary widely.

Subject Test results can be added to your portfolio to support your competency in academic areas, even if the tests are not required by colleges to which you're applying.

This book describes each Subject Test's

- purpose
- format
- recommended preparation
- test directions
- scores reported
- sample questions and answers

How Colleges Use Subject Test Scores

Colleges use Subject Test scores, in combination with other information (your high school record, scores from other tests, teacher recommendations, etc.), as a dependable measure of your academic background and achievement and as a good predictor of your future performance.

The scores help colleges

- determine how well prepared you are for different college programs
- place you in freshman and higher-level courses
- advise you on course selection

How to Register

All the information you need to register and report scores to colleges is available online at www.collegeboard.com and in the *Registration Bulletin* available in your school's guidance office.

Score Choice™ is no longer available.

If you tested while Score Choice was in effect and have scores on hold, you may keep them on hold until you decide to release them. Once you release a score, it will be included on all subsequent score reports and cannot be placed on hold again. There are three ways to release scores:

- use the online Score Release service
- follow the instructions on the Score Release Form (available in your school office)
- call Customer Service

Remember to release your scores in time to meet college application deadlines.

How to Prepare

■ **Know what to expect on test day.** See www.collegeboard.com or the *Registration Bulletin* for details.

■ **Know what to expect on your tests.** Study the descriptions of the tests, directions, and sample questions in this book or online at www.collegeboard.com.

■ **Try the full-length practice tests in *Real SAT II: Subject Tests*.** See ad on page 2.

■ **Learn the test directions.**

■ **Know how the tests are scored.** You get one point for each right answer and lose a fraction of a point for each wrong answer. Omitted answers are not counted either way.

Which Subject Tests should you take?

You can find out if the colleges you are interested in require or recommend Subject Tests by:

- Contacting colleges directly.
- Reviewing college catalogs.
- Checking the College Board's *College Handbook*.
- Using the online college search at www.collegeboard.com.

When should you take Subject Tests?

- Read the test descriptions in this book. See how much preparation is recommended.
- Ask your teacher or counselor for advice.
- Take tests such as United States History, Biology E/M, Chemistry, or Physics as soon as possible after you complete the course, while the material is still fresh in your mind.
- You'll do better on other tests like languages after at least two years of study.

The Day Before the Tests

- Make sure your calculator is in good working order, if you are taking a Mathematics Test.
- Make sure your cassette player with earphones is in good working order, if you are taking a listening test.

After the Tests

About 3 weeks after the test date, your scores are mailed to you, your high school, and the college and scholarship programs you entered on your Registration Form. Your score report includes your scores, percentiles, and interpretive information.

Get your scores sooner with **Scores by Phone** or online at www.collegeboard.com. See the *Registration Bulletin* for a complete description of these services and the back cover of this booklet for dates when scores are available.

Note: Some scores may take longer to report because of problems such as late receipt of answer sheets or inconsistent identification information.

Preparing for Language Tests with Listening

- Ask your counselor for a copy of the practice cassette that was shipped to your school with this book.
- Bring an acceptable cassette player to the test center. Your cassette player **MUST** be:
 1. equipped with earphones
 2. portable (hand-held)
 3. battery operated
 4. single deck (not dual)
 5. standard size (using 2 1/2" by 4" tapes only)
- Make sure your cassette player is in good working order. Insert fresh batteries the day before the test. You may bring additional batteries and a backup player to the test center. Test center staff will not have batteries, cassette players, or earphones for your use.
- You may not share a cassette player with another test-taker.
- If the volume on your cassette player disturbs other test-takers, the test center supervisor may ask you to move to another seat.
- If your cassette player malfunctions:
 1. Raise your hand and tell the test supervisor.
 2. Switch to backup equipment, if you have it, and continue to test. Your score on the listening test will be canceled if you do not have backup equipment.
- If you are given a defective tape on test day, raise your hand and ask the supervisor for a replacement.

Note: If applicable, before the start of the test, you must deactivate the programming feature that fast forwards automatically to fill pauses in a tape or you will not have enough time to answer the test questions.

Test-Taking Tips

1. Answer the easy questions first. Mark only one answer for each question.

2. Pace yourself. Answer the questions you know first and come back later to those you didn't know.

3. Guess smart. If you can rule out one or more answers as wrong, your chances of guessing correctly among the remaining choices improve.

4. Omit questions only when you have no idea how to answer them.

5. Use your test book for scratchwork. Transfer your answers to your answer sheet.

6. The answer sheet has five ovals for each question. Some questions, though, have only 3 or 4 answers. Mark your answer in the correct column.

7. Erasing all the answers to one Subject Test is considered a request for cancellation. Scores from all Subject Tests taken that day will be canceled.

Note: You must cancel scores on ALL Subject Tests you take at an administration unless your equipment malfunctions. (See above for cassette player malfunctions and page 22 for calculator malfunctions.)

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Registration Deadlines

Early (International)	N/A	Sept. 3	Oct. 8	Nov. 26	N/A	March 3	April 7
Regular (All)	Sept. 9	Sept. 26	Oct. 30	Dec. 22	Feb. 20	March 25	April 29
Late (U.S.)	Sept. 13	Oct. 8	Nov. 12	Dec. 31	March 4	April 7	May 12

Test Dates¹

	Oct. 11	Nov. 1	Dec. 6	Jan. 24	March 27	May 1²	June 5
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31	Literature	•	•	•	•	•	•
47	United States (U.S.) History	•	•	•	•	•	•
17	World History			•			•
32	Math Level IC ⁴	•	•	•	•	•	•
53	Math Level IIC ⁴	•	•	•	•	•	•
99	Biology E/M	•	•	•	•	•	•
22	Chemistry	•	•	•	•	•	•
23	Physics	•	•	•	•	•	•

Languages

Reading Only

33	French	•		•	•	•	•
34	German						•
13	Modern Hebrew						•
14	Italian			•			•
42	Latin			•			•
41	Spanish	•		•	•	•	•

Reading and Listening⁵

35	Chinese		•				
55	French		•				
54	German		•				
24	Japanese		•				
18	Korean		•				
51	Spanish		•				
56	ELPT (English Language Proficiency Test) ⁶		•		•		

Scores Available

Online or by phone	Oct. 24	Nov. 14	Dec. 19	Feb. 6	April 9	May 14	June 18
Mailed	Nov. 3	Nov. 24	Jan. 2	Feb. 16	April 19	May 24	June 28

¹Sunday administrations usually follow each Saturday test date. In October 2003, however, the Sunday test date is October 5.

²The May test date in Singapore is May 8.

³We recommend that you bring an acceptable calculator to the test center to use on the math sections of the SAT I.

The SAT I Question-and-Answer Service is available for the October 11, January 24, May 1, and May 2 test dates. See *Registration Bulletin* or www.collegeboard.com for details.

⁴Some questions on the SAT II math tests require the use of an acceptable scientific or graphing calculator. Students who take these tests without a calculator will be at a disadvantage.

⁵Available at centers designated for listening tests (see *Registration Bulletin*). You **MUST** register by the late registration deadline and bring an acceptable cassette player with earphones to the test center in

order to take one of these tests. On test day, you **CANNOT** substitute a listening test for another test.

⁶ELPT is offered at designated test centers in November and January. ELPT is also offered at participating high schools in the United States, U.S. territories, and Puerto Rico on Tuesday, April 20, 2004. Contact your school counselor by February 13, 2004, if you want to take this test.