

Understanding Your PSAT/NMSQT Results

5 Major Parts of Your PSAT/NMSQT Results

Your Scores

Review Your Answers

Improve Your Skills

NMSC Programs

Your Educational Plans

3 Test Sections

Critical Reading

Mathematics

Writing Skills

Review Your Answers

Review Your Answers

Ask for your test book back so you can see the questions.

Key

- ✓ Correct
- Omitted
- u Unscorable
- e Easy

SECTION 1

Sentence Completions

Passage-Based Reading

Passage-Based Reading

Question	Correct	Answer	Difficulty
1	✓	A	
2	✓	B	e
3		C	m
4	✓	A	h
5	✓	E	h
6	✓	D	e
7	✓	B	m
8	○	D	e
9	✓	B	m
10	✓	B	h
11	✓	D	h
12	✓	C	m
13	✓	A	m
14	✓	B	m
15	✓	A	e
16	✓	C	m
17	✓	A	e
18	✓	E	m
19	✓	B	m
20	✓	B	m
21	✓	E	m
22	✓	B	h
23	✓	E	m
24	✓	A	m
25	✓	D	m
26	✓	D	e
27	✓	D	e
28	✓	A	e
29	✓	C	e
30	✓	D	m
31	✓	A	h

You will get your original test book back with your PSAT/NMSQT results, so that you can review the test questions.

You may also review each test question by logging in to My College QuickStart.

Review Your Answers: Mathematics

Question	Correct Answer	Your Answer	Difficulty	Content
1	D	✓ e		Alg
2	E	✓ e		Data
3	E	✓ e		Geom
4	C	✓ e		Alg
5	B	✓ e		Geom
6	B	✓ e		Alg
7	C	o e		Num
8	A	✓ m		Geom
9	B	✓ m		Data
10	D	✓ m		Alg
11	B	o m		Geom
12	D	✓ m		Alg
13	B	D m		Alg
14	A	D h		Data
15	E	D m		Alg
16	E	✓ m		Num
17	A	C h		Num
18	E	o h		Geom
		A h		Alg
		C h		Geom
		✓ e		Num
		✓ e		Alg
		✓ m		Geom
		✓ m		Num
		✓ m		Geom
26	D	✓ e		Alg
27	C	A m		Alg
28	A	B m		Num

Alg = Algebra & Functions
 Data = Data Analysis, Statistics & Probability
 Geom = Geometry & Measurement
 Num = Number & Operations

Review Your Answers: Student-Produced Responses

PSAT/NMSQT
National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQT) Program
Selection Index
146
Percentile
67

SECTION 4 Student-Produced Responses

Question	Correct Answer(s)	Your Answer	Difficulty	Content
29	7	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	m	Alg
30	3	<input type="radio"/>	m	Num
31	4.5 or 9/2	<input type="radio"/>	m	Alg
32	1000	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	m	Data
33	10, 12, 14, or 16	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	h	Alg
34	8/5 or 1.6	<input type="radio"/>	h	Geom
35	29	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	h	Data
36	108	50.9	h	Num
37	42	4.2	m	Alg
38	10	10	h	Geom

The written answers are not scored.
Only answers gridded in the ovals are scored.

Answer Summary & Scoring

Name	STUDENT, JMA 0	Year	2008	Grade	11	School Code	123456	System Code	00	ADD701-80P
Your Scores		Critical Reading	50		Mathematics	52		Writing Skills	44	PSAT/NMSQT
		National Merit Scholarship Qualifying (NMQS) Programs						Selection Index		
		40-54		40-50		40-48		146		

Correct answer = plus 1 point

Omitted answer = no points

Wrong answer on multiple-choice question = minus ¼ point

Wrong answer on student-produced response question = No points lost

You answered correctly **29** of **48** critical reading questions and earned **29** points.

11 of **14** easy questions

15 of **23** medium questions

3 of **11** hard questions

You omitted **1** question(s).

You answered incorrectly **18** question(s) and lost **5** point(s).

Understanding
performance
in the test and
normal than that
you have the best
chance to improve
with your work.

Take the
opportunity to
improve in
with your

How to improve: Ask your English teacher
to recommend books that are a bit more
challenging than those you're used to
reading. Practice breaking the sentences
down into their component parts to
improve your comprehension. Learn how
dependent clauses and verb phrases function
in sentences.
See questions 5, 23.

Understanding sentences that deal
with scientific ideas
How to improve: Read magazine articles
about scientific subjects to improve your
comfort level in this area.
See questions 6, 30.

Understanding geometry and
coordinate geometry
How to improve: Review geometry rules
in your textbook, including perimeter, area,
volume, circumference, angles, lines, slope.
Practice journal with the formula given
at the beginning of each section of the test.
See questions 7, 17, 18.

Making connections among
mathematical topics
How to improve: Practice problems
that require connecting skills acquired in
different math courses, such as problems
that use combinations of arithmetic,
algebra, and geometry.
See questions 7, 17, 18.

Writing sentences and passages
How to improve: Use the writing practice
to help you refine your draft writing. Work
with classmates and teachers to clarify
meaning in your writing.
See questions 8, 25, 26.



Improve Your Skills

Section	Score
Critical Reading	50
Mathematics	52
Writing Skills	44

Additional information from the screenshot: Student Name: STUDENT, IMA ID, Year: 2008, Grade: 11, School Code: 123456, Student Code: 00, ADD20148P, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) Programs, Selection Index: 146.

The skills listed are based on your individual performance.

Follow the suggestions noted in “how to improve” and work with your teachers.

Review skills using questions listed.

Improve Your Skills

The skills listed are based on *your individual performance* on the test and represent those that you have the best chance to improve with extra work.

Follow the suggestions to improve in each area.

- **Determining an author’s purpose or perspective**
How to improve: Authors write for a variety of purposes, such as to inform, to explain, or to convince. When you read, try to determine why the author wrote what he or she wrote.
See questions 20, 42, 48.
- **Understanding complex sentences**
How to improve: Ask your English teacher to recommend books that are a bit more challenging than those you’re used to reading. Practice breaking the sentences down into their component parts to improve your comprehension. Learn how dependent clauses and verb phrases function in sentences.
See questions 5, 33.
- **Understanding sentences that deal with scientific ideas**
How to improve: Read magazine articles about scientific subjects to improve your comfort level in this area.
See questions 8, 36.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Information

The Selection Index is the sum of your critical reading, mathematics and writing skills scores.

If it has an asterisk, you do not meet all of the eligibility requirements for the competition.

The Percentile compares your performance to that of other college-bound juniors.

The Entry Requirements section displays information you provided on your answer sheet.

The screenshot shows a student's PSAT/NMSQT score report. At the top, it displays the student's name (STUDENT, JMA B), year (2008), grade (11), school code (123456), and test center code (00). The 'Your Scores' section shows Critical Reading (50), Mathematics (52), and Writing Skills (44). Below this, there are three graphs for each section, with a note that scores higher than 50% of juniors are highlighted in green. The 'Selection Index' is 146, and the 'Percentile' is 47. The 'Entry Requirements' section includes: High school student (Yes), Year to complete high school and enroll full time in college (2011), Years to be spent in grades 9-12 (4), and U.S. citizenship (Yes). A note at the bottom states: 'You are among the 55,000 high scorers who qualify for program recognition; you will be notified next September.'

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) Programs

Selection Index
146

Percentile 47
compares your performance with college-bound juniors

The Selection Index (S.I.) is the sum of your critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills scores. NMSC uses the S.I. as an initial screen of over 1.5 million students who enter its scholarship programs (see reverse).

Entry Requirements
Below is information you provided on your answer sheet.

High school student:
Yes

Year to complete high school and enroll full time in college:
2011

Years to be spent in grades 9-12:
4

U.S. citizenship:
Yes

You are among the 55,000 high scorers who qualify for program recognition; you will be notified next September.

Your Educational Plans

Section	Score
Critical Reading	50
Mathematics	52

Your Educational Plans

Grade Average **B**

College Major

Computer Engineering

Information above is self-reported.

Based on the **college major** you provided on your answer sheet, this section will give you:

- Description of that major
- Skills associated with that major
- Recommended high school courses for that major

Description: In the computer engineering major, students learn to design and develop computer and computer-related systems. These systems include software systems, hardware systems, and combined hardware/software systems. Students take courses in basic sciences, mathematics, and engineering science and design.

Associated Skills: Computing, basic sciences, mathematics.

Recommended High School Courses: English 4, precollege mathematics 4, biology 1, chemistry 1, physics 1, social studies 3–4, history 2–3, foreign language 2–4, music .5, visual arts .5, and computer science .5–1.

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Follow the suggestions to improve your score with your work.

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How to improve: Authors write for a variety of purposes, such as to inform, to explain, or to convince. When you read, try to determine why the author wrote what he or she wrote.
See questions 25, 40, 46.
- Understanding complex sentences**
How to improve: Ask your English teacher to recommend books that are a bit more challenging than those you're used to reading. Practice breaking the sentences down into their component parts to improve your comprehension. Learn how dependent clauses and verb phrases function in sentences.
See questions 5, 33.
- Understanding sentences that deal with scientific ideas**
How to improve: Read magazine articles about scientific subjects to improve your comfort level in this area.
See questions 6, 30.
- Working with probability, lines, statistics, charts, and graphs**
How to improve: Practice solving problems that involve probability, lines, graphs, and charts. The average difficulty level is medium. Look for charts and graphs in response and multiple-choice questions involving the data in them.
See questions 11, 14, 16.
- Understanding geometry and coordinate geometry**
How to improve: Practice geometry with your teacher. Working problems with volume, circumference, angles, area, area formulas, and the formula given at the beginning of each section of the test.
See questions 7, 11, 16.
- Making connections among mathematical topics**
How to improve: Practice problems that involve connections made among different math concepts, such as problems that use combinations of arithmetic, algebra, and geometry.
See questions 7, 11, 16.

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The access code that you may use to set up a My College QuickStart account is located in several places on the score report.

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