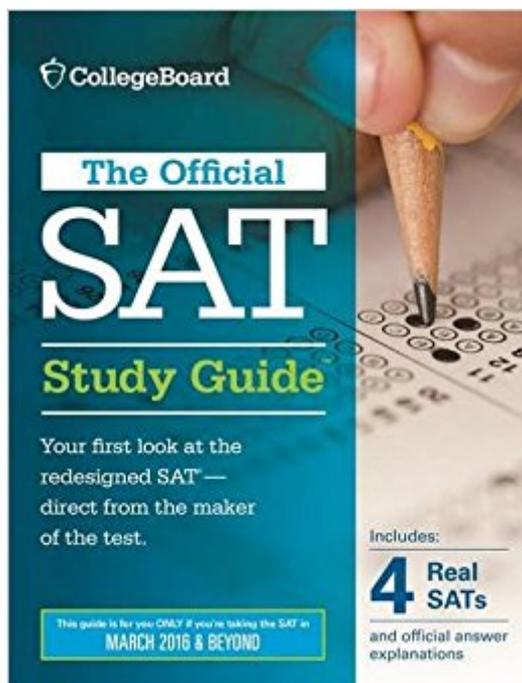


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# The Official SAT Study Guide, 2016 Edition



## Synopsis

The Official SAT Study Guide includes 4 official SAT® practice tests created by the test maker. As part of the College Board's commitment to transparency, all four practice tests are available on the College Board's website, but The Official SAT Study Guide is the only place to find them in print along with over 300 pages of additional instruction, guidance, and test information. Launching in March 2016, the new SAT introduces new question formats and content. Be ready with strategies and up-to-date information straight from the team that created the exam. Students will gain valuable experience and raise their confidence by taking practice tests, learning about test structure, and gaining a deeper understanding of what is tested on the SAT. The Official SAT Study Guide will help students get ready for the SAT with: 4 official SAT practice tests, written in the exact same process and by the same team of authors as the actual exam 4 detailed descriptions of the math and evidenced based reading and writing sections of the SAT 4 targeted practice questions for each SAT question type 4 guidance on the new optional essay, including practice essay questions with sample responses 4 a review of math concepts tested in the exam 4 test-taking approaches and suggestions that underscore important points 4 seamless integration with Khan Academy's free SAT practice resources 4 scaled scoring for all 4 official SAT practice tests available in July on collegeboard.org There's also a complete chapter on the new PSAT/NMSQT®, which is aligned to the content and scores of the new SAT. The new PSAT/NMSQT also has over \$180 million of scholarships connected to student performance. This is the guide for the new SAT that launches in March 2016 and the new PSAT/NMQST that launches in October 2015.

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## Customer Reviews

I am a private math tutor and author of Ultimate Guide to the Math SAT. The printed contents of this book with the DVD are the same as that of its predecessor without the DVD, The Official SAT Study Guide, 2nd edition. I gave this book five stars for the same reason as its predecessor: it contains the best practice tests available. The difference between this book and its predecessor edition is the DVD and the price, which on is an extra \$8.11 ( prices as of Jan 5, 2012). The answer as to whether the DVD is worth the extra cost will vary. Many students have complained that College Board books do not contain explanations to the problems on the practice tests, only an answer key. Those who purchase either edition of book (with the DVD or without) will be happy to know that they can have online access to the explanations. I should note that others have independently published books with explanations to the College Board practice tests, but I am not familiar with those and cannot compare them. The biggest difference between this DVD edition and the no-DVD edition is that the DVD contains a bonus SAT that was administered previously. If you anticipate needing another practice test (many students do) then that alone is worth the price. Explanations to the bonus test are also available online. The DVD contains some videos and other tools that students may find useful. But some of these are already available on the College Board web site or in the SAT Preparation Booklet (these booklets are sometimes available at your school's guidance office).

This is the most essential preparation book for the new, revised SAT and PSAT (beginning in March 2016 and October 2015, respectively) because it's the only physical source of official revised SATs—the practice SATs in all other books are nothing more than subpar imitations of the real thing. However, the PDFs of all 4 tests in this book, along with answer explanations, can also be downloaded from the College Board website for free (google "SAT Practice Tests - The College Board"). In addition, there are no score conversion tables provided: you will have to visit the College Board website (google "Scoring your SAT Practice Test #1") in order to convert your raw scores (total number correct on each section) into scaled scores (400-1600 scale, with additional sub-scores). So in some ways, this book is a waste of \$18 plus tax, as other reviewers have already noted. On the other hand, the physical book does still have its advantages over a bunch of PDFs—perhaps most importantly, the tests are already printed out for you (for now, the SAT is still a paper and pencil test, and you are allowed to write on the test, so in the interest of practicing the

way you play, you should never attempt to take it on a computer screen). Those of you who have printers at home know how frustrating and/or expensive it can be to print out a 64-page test (68 if you include the essay portion, and 70 if you include the answer sheets). Even if you print double-sided, which you should, thatâ€™s still 35 pieces of paper and a lot of printer ink. And if you want the detailed answer explanations, then youâ€™ll have to print out twice as much. Thatâ€™s more than 100 pages of printing per test! Never mind the hassle of trying to keep all those pages organized. Do you staple them?

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