

Two sections, four modules

Section	Modules	Time	What it tests
Reading and Writing (first)	2 × 27 questions	2 × 32 min	Craft and Structure, Information and Ideas, Standard English Conventions, Expression of Ideas
Math (second)	2 × 22 questions	2 × 35 min	Algebra (13—15 questions), Advanced Math (13—15), Problem-Solving and Data Analysis (5—7), Geometry and Trigonometry (5—7)
Total	98 questions	134 min	2 hours 14 minutes, plus a 10-minute break between the sections

Adaptive by section

- ✓ The **first module** of each section is the same mix of easy, medium and hard questions for everyone
- ✓ Do well on it and the **second module is harder**, which raises the score you can reach
- ✓ Every module carries **2 unscored pretest questions**; you cannot tell which, so treat every question as scored
- ✓ Within a module you can **flag a question** and come back; once a module ends you cannot return to it

Scoring

- ✓ **400—1600 total: 200—800 for Reading and Writing, 200—800 for Math**
- ✓ No passing score: each college decides what it looks for
- ✓ **No penalty for a wrong answer**: never leave a question blank
- ✓ Retake as often as you like, with no waiting period

Pacing

- ✓ **Reading and Writing**: about **71 seconds** a question
- ✓ **Math**: about **95 seconds** a question
- ✓ Math runs **easiest to hardest**: an early question that looks easy probably is; a late one that looks easy may hide a **trap**
- ✓ Short on time? Choose an answer, flag it, and come back if you can

Math tools on screen

- ✓ The **Desmos** graphing calculator is built in and allowed on **every** Math question; an approved calculator of your own is allowed too
- ✓ A **reference sheet** of area and volume formulas is one click away (see the Math reference sheet)
- ✓ About **25%** of Math questions have no choices: you **type the answer** (student-produced response)

Typing your own answer

- ✓ Up to **5 characters**, or **6** for a negative answer (the minus sign counts)
- ✓ A fraction too long to fit: enter its **decimal**
- ✓ A decimal too long to fit: **truncate or round** at the fourth digit
- ✓ A mixed number: as an **improper fraction** or a decimal: 7/2 or 3.5, never 3 1/2
- ✓ No **%**, **\$** or **comma**
- ✓ More than one right answer? Enter **one** of them

Two methods for every question

- ✓ **QUICKER** (Reading and Writing):
 - Question: read it first
 - Identify the kind of information
 - Knock out choices that don't fit
 - Review it in the original context
 - Understand the question type
 - Context is king: read what the type needs
 - Examine your answer to the end
- ✓ **UnCLES** (Math):
 - Understand key terms
 - Look at the answer choices
 - Solve carefully, step by step
 - Clarify what is asked
 - Establish a strategy