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  - College Entrance Exams
  - ACT: act.org
  - SAT: collegeboard.org

- **Scoring**
  - ACT: 1-36
  - SAT: 600 - 1600

- **Time**
  - ACT: 3 hours and 45 minutes
  - SAT: 3 hours (optional 80-minute essay)

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ACT: 2 hrs 55 mins without Writing
3 hrs 35 mins with Writing (Optional)

SAT: 3 hrs without Essay
3 hrs 50 mins with Essay (Optional)
Sections of the Test

ACT
English
Reading
Math
Science
Writing (Optional)

SAT
Reading
Writing and Language
Math No Calculator
Math Calculator
Essay (Optional)
Timing

SAT gives more time per question in all sections.
Math

ACT
More
GEOMETRY
and TRIG

SAT
More time
logic type
problems

Only on ACT:
Matrices, Graphs of
Trig Functions, and
Logarithms

Table of Math
Formulas

1/4 Your Score

1/2 Your Score

5 Choices A-E

4 Choices A-D

Only Multiple Choice

Grid in
Questions
**Reading**

**SAT:** Has evidence-support questions. Follow chronological order.

**ACT:** None, questions always separate from each other. Random order.
9. Why does Akira say his meeting with Chie is “a matter of urgency” (line 32)?
   A) He fears that his own parents will disapprove of Naomi.
   B) He worries that Naomi will reject him and marry someone else.
   C) He has been offered an attractive job in another country.
   D) He knows that Chie is unaware of his feelings for Naomi.

10. Which choice provides the best evidence for the answer to the previous question?
    A) Line 39 (“I don’t . . . you”)
    B) Lines 39-42 (“Normally . . . community”)
    C) Lines 58-59 (“Depending . . . Japan”)
    D) Lines 72-73 (“I see . . . you”)
Chronological SAT

11. The authors most likely use the examples in lines 1-9 of the passage (“Every . . . showers”) to highlight the
   A) regularity with which people shop for gifts.
   B) recent increase in the amount of money spent on gifts.
   C) anxiety gift shopping causes for consumers.
   D) number of special occasions involving gift-giving.

12. In line 10, the word “ambivalent” most nearly means
   A) unrealistic.
   B) conflicted.
   C) apprehensive.
   D) supportive.
36. One main purpose of the last paragraph is to suggest that unlike their bouncer-defense jump, the trap-jaw ants’ escape jump may have arisen through:

F. the ants’ trying and failing to bite intruders.
G. a change in the structure of the mandibles of several lineages of ants.
H. an accidental behavior of the ants.
J. the ants’ experiencing a positive outcome when they would attack in a large group.

37. As it is used in line 31, the word *domain* most nearly means:

A. living space.
B. area of expertise.
C. taxonomic category.
D. local jurisdiction.
Cost

ACT: $52.00
SAT: $49.50

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Resources

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