

A PARENT TUTORIAL

Understanding 2018 PSAT/NMSQT Results

A Case Study: Ima B. Student's PSAT/NMSQT Score Report

Take a look at Ima B. Student's sample score report below and on the back. Use the information to help you interpret your student's PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report.

YOUR SCORE TODAY

Your Total Score

960 | 320 to 1520

You are in the **51st** percentile

You scored equal to or higher than 51% of students

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score

430 | 160 to 760

You are in the **31st** percentile

Your Math Score

530 | 160 to 760

You are in the **69th** percentile

Your Test Scores*

Reading **23** | 8 to 38

Math **26.5** | 8 to 38

Writing and Language **20** | 8 to 38

*Additional detailed scores, like test scores, provide students with a deeper understanding of their performance. Test scores are also used to calculate your NMSQT Selection Index.

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Go online for your full report

Ima, this was your score when you took the test; it is not a measure of how far you can grow!

+130 pts

Students with scores like yours increased their performance from the PSAT/NMSQT® to the SAT® by 130 points after 10 or more hours of personalized practice on Khan Academy®.

What are Ima's scores?

Ima's Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 430, and her Math score is 530. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima's score is approaching the benchmark, but she is not quite on track for college readiness. In Math, however, Ima is exceeding the benchmark and is on track. Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores can give Ima a better understanding of areas to work on.

What are Ima's score percentiles?

Since Ima is in the 11th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 11th graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 31% of a nationally representative group of juniors. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 69% of a nationally representative group of juniors. Additional percentiles are available in Ima's online score report.

How can Ima see her full report?

Ima is directed to psat.org/myscore to see her full score report, learn how to prepare for the SAT®, and see her potential for AP® coursework.

YOUR PATH TOMORROW

Here's what else is waiting for you online:

- 1** **A link to free personalized practice on Khan Academy**
Share your scores with Khan Academy to get your personalized practice.
- 2** **A list of the challenging courses you're ready for**
Congrats! Your scores show you're ready to succeed in AP® courses.
- 3** **Your customized starter college list**
Check out the tools at BigFuture™ to kick-start your college plans.

SAT **Don't forget!**
Register to take the SAT ahead of college application deadlines in spring of junior year and fall of senior year.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

Your NMSC Selection Index

139

NMSC uses a Selection Index score based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. The Selection Index score is double the sum of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

Eligibility Information

You meet entry requirements for the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program and your Selection Index score will be considered among 1.6 million program entrants.

If your Selection Index places you among the 50,000 high scorers who qualify for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition, you will be notified next September when qualifying Selection Index scores will be made available.

Entry Requirements

Information you provided on your answer sheet:

High school student: **YES**

Year to complete high school and enroll full time in college: **2020**

Total years to be spent in grades 9-12: **4**

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) conducts the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships.

To designate students who qualify for recognition in its 2020 competition, NMSC will consider the 2018 PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores of some 1.6 million test takers (usually high school juniors) who meet program entry requirements. For more information, please visit: www.nationalmerit.org

If any of your responses to NMSC's "Entry Requirements" questions are inaccurate or there has been a change in plans that may affect program entry, write immediately to:

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Attn: Scholarship Administration
1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200
Evanston, IL 60201-4897

Include your name and home address along with your high school name, address, and six-digit code number.

Score Report

What are Ima's next steps?

When Ima accesses her full score report at psat.org/myscore, she'll also be able to connect to free, personalized practice on Khan Academy®, see her potential for AP coursework, and use the college- and career-planning resources at BigFuture™.

Will Ima be able to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program?

Ima has an NMSC Selection Index score of 139, which is double the sum of her Reading Test (23), Writing and Language Test (20), and Math Test (26.5) scores. This Selection Index score is used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation to designate students to be recognized in its National Merit® Scholarship Program.

If an asterisk had appeared next to Ima's score, it would mean she did not meet entry requirements for the program or her score was provided for guidance purposes only and would not be considered in the National Merit Scholarship Program. In this case, Ima meets entry requirements and will be recognized if her score places her among the 50,000 high scorers. For entry requirements and information on the steps in the competition, see the 2018 *PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide* or visit www.nationalmerit.org.

When should Ima take the SAT?

As a junior, Ima should begin planning when she will take the SAT. Most students take the SAT for the first time in their junior year. By planning now, Ima can ensure she has adequate time to practice for the SAT. She can take advantage of practice resources by visiting psat.org/myscore.

How can Ima learn from her answers?

Using her score report with her PSAT/NMSQT test booklet, Ima can see the actual questions, correct answers, and difficulty level alongside her own answers. She can use her online score report to review the questions she answered incorrectly or omitted, and to see detailed answer explanations.

NOTE: For students at schools participating in the test administration study or research group or testing on Saturday, October 13, the actual questions, answers, and answer explanations won't be provided, and the score report won't include the correct answer column.

Your Question-Level Feedback

QUESTIONS OVERVIEW

READING	WRITING AND LANGUAGE	MATH - CALCULATOR	MATH - NO CALCULATOR
47 Total Questions	21 Correct Answers	25 Correct Answers	1 Omitted Answers
44 Total Questions	17 Correct Answers	26 Correct Answers	1 Omitted Answers
31 Total Questions	15 Correct Answers	14 Correct Answers	2 Omitted Answers
17 Total Questions	10 Correct Answers	7 Correct Answers	0 Omitted Answers

KEY

- ✓ Correct
- ✗ Omitted
- U Unavailable
- X Multi-choice/incorrect
- Easy Question
- Medium Question
- Hard Question
- Easy Question Missed?

READING				WRITING AND LANGUAGE				MATH - CALCULATOR				MATH - CALCULATOR			
Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty
1	✓	A	■	1	✓	D	■	1	✓	B	■	1	✓	C	■
2	✓	B	■	2	✓	B	■	2	✓	A	■	2	✓	B	■
3	✓	B	■	3	✓	C	■	3	✓	A	■	3	✓	B	■
4	✓	B	■	4	✓	C	■	4	✓	D	■	4	✓	B	■
5	✓	C	■	5	✓	B	■	5	✓	C	■	5	✓	C	■
6	✓	D	■	6	✓	B	■	6	✓	A	■	6	✓	A	■
7	✓	B	■	7	✓	A	■	7	✓	B	■	7	✓	B	■
8	✓	A	■	8	✓	B	■	8	✓	C	■	8	✓	B	■
9	✓	D	■	9	✓	A	■	9	✓	A	■	9	✓	A	■
10	✓	A	■	10	✓	D	■	10	✓	C	■	10	✓	C	■
11	✓	D	■	11	✓	D	■	11	✓	D	■	11	✓	D	■
12	✓	D	■	12	✓	B	■	12	✓	A	■	12	✓	A	■
13	✓	D	■	13	✓	C	■	13	✓	B	■	13	✓	B	■
14	✓	A	■	14	✓	C	■	14	✓	C	■	14	✓	D	■
15	✓	C	■	15	✓	D	■	15	✓	C	■	15	✓	C	■
16	✓	B	■	16	✓	B	■	16	✓	B	■	16	✓	B	■
17	✓	D	■	17	✓	B	■	17	✓	B	■	17	✓	B	■
18	✓	B	■	18	✓	A	■	18	✓	A	■	18	✓	A	■
19	✓	A	■	19	✓	B	■	19	✓	B	■	19	✓	B	■
20	✓	C	■	20	✓	C	■	20	✓	C	■	20	✓	C	■
21	✓	B	■	21	✓	A	■	21	✓	A	■	21	✓	A	■
22	✓	D	■	22	✓	A	■	22	✓	A	■	22	✓	A	■
23	✓	B	■	23	✓	C	■	23	✓	C	■	23	✓	C	■
24	✓	D	■	24	✓	D	■	24	✓	D	■	24	✓	D	■
25	✓	C	■	25	✓	C	■	25	✓	C	■	25	✓	C	■
26	✓	B	■	26	✓	A	■	26	✓	A	■	26	✓	A	■
27	✓	B	■	27	✓	A	■	27	✓	A	■	27	✓	A	■
28	✓	A	■	28	✓	B	■	28	✓	B	■	28	✓	B	■
29	✓	D	■	29	✓	D	■	29	✓	D	■	29	✓	D	■
30	✓	B	■	30	✓	C	■	30	✓	C	■	30	✓	C	■
31	✓	D	■	31	✓	D	■	31	✓	D	■	31	✓	D	■
32	✓	A	■	32	✓	B	■	32	✓	B	■	32	✓	B	■
33	✓	C	■	33	✓	D	■	33	✓	D	■	33	✓	D	■
34	✓	A	■	34	✓	D	■	34	✓	D	■	34	✓	D	■
35	✓	A	■	35	✓	D	■	35	✓	D	■	35	✓	D	■
36	✓	C	■	36	✓	B	■	36	✓	B	■	36	✓	B	■
37	✓	C	■	37	✓	C	■	37	✓	C	■	37	✓	C	■
38	✓	C	■	38	✓	A	■	38	✓	A	■	38	✓	A	■
39	✓	C	■	39	✓	C	■	39	✓	C	■	39	✓	C	■
40	✓	C	■	40	✓	D	■	40	✓	D	■	40	✓	D	■
41	✓	B	■	41	✓	D	■	41	✓	D	■	41	✓	D	■
42	✓	B	■	42	✓	A	■	42	✓	A	■	42	✓	A	■
43	✓	A	■	43	✓	C	■	43	✓	C	■	43	✓	C	■
44	✓	A	■	44	✓	B	■	44	✓	B	■	44	✓	B	■
45	✓	A	■	45	✓	C	■	45	✓	C	■	45	✓	C	■
46	✓	D	■	46	✓	A	■	46	✓	A	■	46	✓	A	■
47	✓	C	■	47	✓	B	■	47	✓	B	■	47	✓	B	■

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