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## SSAT Introduction

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### Introduction

Who am I?

Why are we here?

Where would you like to go to Middle School/ High School? \_\_\_\_\_

S \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_

### What do schools look at in deciding to accept you or other students?

- 1) Grades – I usually earn \_\_\_\_\_s
- 2) SSAT Scores
- 3) Interview – The best version of yourself
- 4) Writing Sample
- 5) Teachers' Recommendations
- 6) *"You never get a second chance to make a 1<sup>st</sup> impression"*




### Sections of the Test - Take Notes!

#	Section	# of Questions	# of Minutes
E			
1			
2			
3			
4			



## Content vs. Strategy



	<p style="text-align: center;">R.I.P. the test!</p> <p>R =</p> <p>I =</p> <p>P =</p>
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**Scoring**

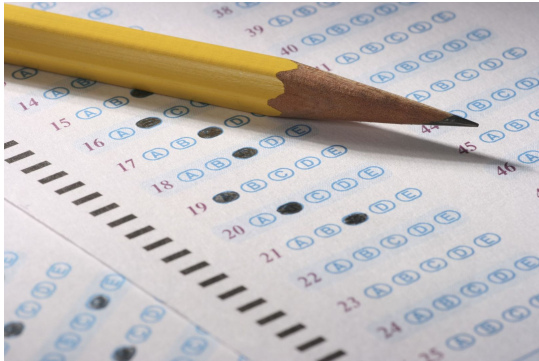
<u>If you answer the question:</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Decimal</u>
Right = :)		
Wrong = X		
Skip = S		

Calculate the score if a student receives 18 right and 5 wrong on a math section.

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Skips \_\_\_\_\_

*I strongly recommend against discussing percent scores with your children, rather, let's direct them on how aggressive they should be and how many they need correct in each section.*

The questions on the SSAT typically look like this. How many answers are right ? \_\_\_\_\_ How many are wrong? \_\_\_\_\_

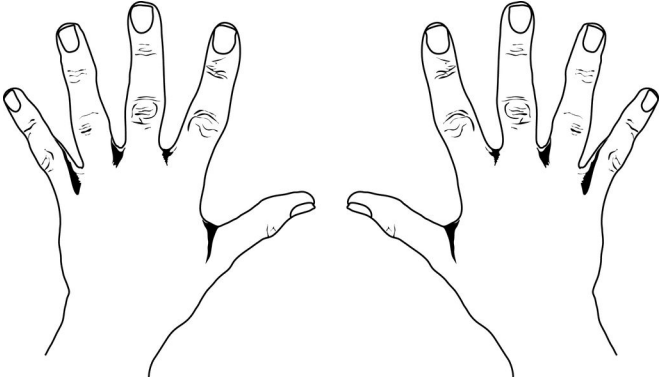
<p>Question?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) First answer</li> <li>B) Second answer</li> <li>C) Third answer</li> <li>D) Fourth answer</li> <li>E) Fifth answer</li> </ul>	
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<u>What if...?</u>	<u>Fraction</u>	<u>Percent</u>
If you must guess randomly, what is your chance of getting a question right?		
If you can eliminate 1 choice?		
If you can eliminate 2 choices?		
If you can eliminate 3 choices?		
If you can eliminate 4 choices?		
If you can eliminate 5 choices?		

When should I guess? \_\_\_\_\_

I should guess when I can eliminate \_\_\_\_\_ answers.

In order to eliminate an answer choice, I need to be \_\_\_\_\_ % sure it's wrong.

<p><b>Keep or Cross?</b></p> <p>A) Maybe          B) Could be          C) No way          D) Sure          E) Yes</p>	
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**Two Handed Test**

Come up with your answer, before you look at their answers. Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Do the test writers like to trick children? \_\_\_\_\_

Now you try it.

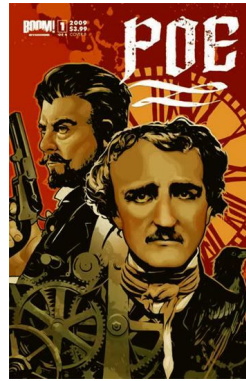
- 1) What are two prime factors of 21? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) What does **FORTUNATE** mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) The DOLPHINS are to MIAMI as: the \_\_\_\_\_ are to \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) What is the Capital of Malawi? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) How many Presidential elections did FDR win? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Which one of the following is NOT a Pokemon? \_\_\_\_\_

Now practice covering the answers to the non-question below.

Then draw a giant hand over the answers to show the strategy of a **2 - Handed Test**.

*Non-Question?*

- A) Non answer letter A
- B) Don't look here. "Cover me up!"
- C) SUCKA! We love to trick children.
- D) Decide for yourself first. You are smarter than the test!
- E) Interact with the test! Write stuff down!



**POE is not just a great POEt!**

P \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_

Try these.

<p>1) What is the Capital of Malawi?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Miami</li> <li>B) Boston</li> <li>C) California</li> <li>D) Lilongwe</li> <li>E) Washington D.C.</li> </ul>	<p>3) Which one of the following is <b>NOT</b> a Pokemon?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Pikachu</li> <li>B) Snorlax</li> <li>C) Donald Trump</li> <li>D) Bulbasaur</li> <li>E) Charmander</li> </ul>
<p>2) How many Presidential elections did FDR win?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) 0</li> <li>B) 1</li> <li>C) 2</li> <li>D) 4</li> <li>E) Avocado</li> </ul>	<p>4) Multiply 123,456 by 654,321</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Lilongwe</li> <li>b) 4</li> <li>c) Donald Trump</li> <li>d) -3.14</li> <li>e) 80,779,853,376</li> </ul>

**Pacing & Guessing**

- Pacing - Should I Rush? \_\_\_\_\_ SLOW \_\_\_\_\_
- I should use time \_\_\_\_\_
- Guessing – I should Guess when \_\_\_\_\_. Yes really!
- Be aggressive and tenacious

**Know what you Know!** (And admit what you don't)

Did you know the word **tenacious**? Be honest! If not, circle it and look it up!

## Take the test twice!

<u>Do I know this?</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Pass?</u>
Know		
Sort of Know		
Don't Know		

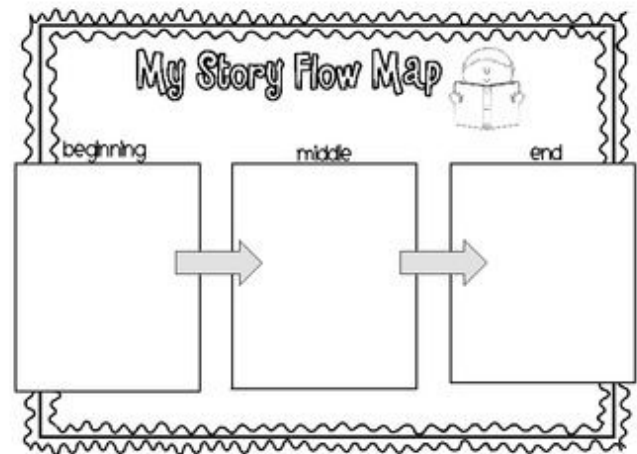
## Essay

Plan for \_\_\_ minutes, write for \_\_\_ minutes

B = \_\_\_\_\_

M = \_\_\_\_\_

E = \_\_\_\_\_



**Math** - not a grade level test even 7th graders take the ML test.

- < or > than 1 minute
- Interact with the test! Un-sharpen your pencil!
- +, -, x, divide Fractions and Decimals
- Basic Geometry
- Converting from fractions to decimals to percents.
- Word problems
- Math vocabulary

A collage of mathematical concepts and formulas overlaid on a background image of a woman's face. The formulas include:
 

- Circle area:  $A = \pi r^2$
- Circle circumference:  $C = 2\pi r$
- Cone volume:  $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$
- Cylinder volume:  $V = \pi r^2 h$
- Trigonometric values for 30°, 45°, and 60° angles.
- Integration formulas:  $\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C$ ,  $\int \frac{dx}{\cos^2 x} = \tan x + C$ ,  $\int \frac{dx}{\sin x} = \ln|\csc x - \cot x| + C$ ,  $\int \frac{dx}{a^2 + x^2} = \frac{1}{a} \arctan \frac{x}{a} + C$ ,  $\int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln|x| + C$ .
- Quadratic formula:  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
- Quadratic equation:  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$
- Quadratic function:  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$
- Quadratic discriminant:  $b^2 - 4ac$

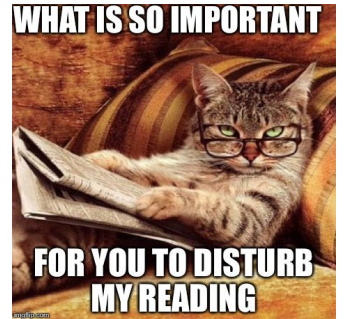
# Reading

- ★ Read \_\_\_\_\_ly, but Answer \_\_\_\_\_ly.
- ★ Are you allowed to write in the book? \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ If you read a passage try to answer all the questions, don't skip!
- ★ Circle which one is easier to do well in 40 minutes:

Read 8 passages and  
Answer 40 questions

or

Read 7 passages and  
Answer 35 questions



## Verbal

Synonyms = Same \_\_\_\_\_

**#1 strategy** Write down your own definition Try it:

<u>WORD</u>	<u>Your definition 1-3 words</u>
CHILLY =	
PROHIBIT =	
VACANT =	
FORTIFY =	

A meme featuring a dinosaur's head with its mouth open. The text at the top says "WHAT DO YOU CALL A DINOSAUR WITH A LARGE VOCABULARY" and at the bottom "A THESAURUS".

Analogies = Same \_\_\_\_\_

**#1 strategy** - Think how are the two words related and connect them with a bridge sentence, then draw an arrow.

Try it:

Kitten \_\_\_\_\_ Cat

Stanza \_\_\_\_\_ Poem

Laughter \_\_\_\_\_ Joke

Strategies for the Whole Test:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

Questions about the test?

What can I do now?

- Take the practice test right here next Saturday, May 2, 2020.
- Read, learn new words and be curious about the world.
- Pay attention in math class.
- Keep Reading!

#### FAQ

- ❑ What should my role be as a parent through this process?
- ❑ Who do I use for content tutors?
- ❑ How can you support me and my family through the process?
- ❑ What is the location of the tutoring?
- ❑ Is it better to tutor in small groups or individually?
- ❑ What are the ingredients of successful test takers in the past?
- ❑ Can my child qualify for extra time or extended time?
- ❑ What is a FLEX test?
- ❑ What is the ISEE? Does it require different preparation?

We can answer these questions and more.

***"Breathe. It is going to be OK"***  
- Josh



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