Understanding 2017-18 PSAT 8/9 Results

A Case Study: Ima B. Student’s PSAT 8/9 Score Report

Take a look at Ima B. Student’s Sample Score Report below and on the back. Use the corresponding information to help you interpret your student’s PSAT™ 8/9 Score Report.

What Are Ima’s Scores?
Ima’s Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 460, and her Math score is 440. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima’s score exceeds the benchmark, and she is on track for college readiness. In Math, Ima is close to meeting the benchmark. Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores can give Ima a better understanding of areas to work on.

What Are Ima’s Score Percentiles?
Because Ima is in the ninth grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all ninth graders in the nation. Ima scored as well or better than 59% of a nationally representative group of ninth-grade students in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. In Math, she scored as well or better than 49% of a nationally representative group of freshmen. Additional percentiles are available in Ima’s online score report.

How Will Ima Do on the SAT®?
The PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT®, and SAT® are scored on a common scale. Therefore, if Ima had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT 8/9 on the same test date, she would have received the same score. By the time Ima takes the SAT, she will likely have had additional learning from school and practice. Her PSAT 8/9 results can help Ima focus her efforts in high school to be better prepared for the SAT.

What Are Ima’s Score Ranges?
Ima’s score would likely vary if she took the test repeatedly under the same conditions, even if her skill level remained the same. Her score report indicates her estimated score ranges.
How Can Ima Improve Her Academic Skills?

**Your Scores: Next Steps** are based on her test scores, and the general skills that similarly performing students understand. Ima can see which skills she performed well on and which she needs to improve. Ima can sign in to the full report online to see additional skills and improvement steps. (Note that she must be at least 13 years old to do so.) Ima can also link her account to Khan Academy® for personalized practice recommendations.

### What Are Ima’s Next Steps?

Under Get more next steps online, Ima is directed to studentscores.collegeboard.org to learn how to prepare for the SAT with Khan Academy and use her results to create a challenging coursework plan in high school.

## How Can Ima Measure Her Progress?

When she becomes a sophomore, Ima can take the PSAT/NMSQT or the PSAT™ 10 to measure the progress she’s made since she took the PSAT 8/9. She can take advantage of practice resources by visiting satpractice.org.

## How Can Ima Learn from Her Answers?

The score report helps Ima see how she performed by showing the skill areas covered (subscore and cross-test score) and whether the answer was correct, incorrect, or omitted.

### Your Scores: Next Steps

**Additional skills and improvement suggestions can be found in your online score report.**

#### Reading Text

- **Score**: 23 / 60

**Improving your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:**

When reading complex texts, look for clues that indicate the author’s purpose (e.g., a question or statement that provides a hint or signal to the reader).

- **Score**: 23 / 60

When you read aloud, you can naturally pause before every new sentence to help you reevaluate the overall meaning of the passage.

**Cross-Test Score**: 22.0

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#### Writing and Language Text

**Score**: 23 / 60

**Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:**

When you review a list of examples introduced by “for instance,” you can directly use the examples to improve your writing.

**Cross-Test Score**: 22.0

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#### Math Test

**Score**: 23 / 60

**Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:**

When solving and graphing equations, you can identify the possible solutions by graphing the equations and looking for intersection points.

**Cross-Test Score**: 22.0

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### Your Question-Level Feedback

#### Reading

- **Score Report**: Fall 2017, 9th Grade

#### Writing and Language

- **Score Report**: Fall 2017, 9th Grade

#### Math Test

- **Score Report**: Fall 2017, 9th Grade

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**How to use the feedback:**

- **Correct**: Your answer is correct.
- **Incorrect**: Your answer is incorrect.
- **Unscorable**: The question cannot be scored.
- **Multi-Grid/Incorrect**: You may have selected multiple answers or no answers.
- **Expression of Ideas**: The expression is unclear or inappropriate.
- **Words in Context**: The words are not used appropriately.
- **Prose/Paragraph Construction**: The paragraph is unclear or inappropriate.
- **Analysis of Evidence**: The evidence is unclear or inappropriate.
- **Conclusion**: The conclusion is unclear or inappropriate.

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