

**2011 PSAT/NMSQT Answer Keys**  
*show the correct answers for Form W and Form S of the 2011 test.*

FORM W		
CRITICAL READING	MATH	WRITING SKILLS
<b>Section 1</b>	<b>Section 2</b>	<b>Section 5</b>
1. B 2. B 3. D 4. C 5. A 6. D 7. D 8. C 9. C 10. A 11. B 12. E 13. C 14. A 15. C 16. E 17. A 18. D 19. A 20. C 21. E 22. A 23. B 24. B	1. A 2. E 3. E 4. C 5. B 6. D 7. D 8. C 9. A 10. A 11. D 12. B 13. D 14. A 15. C 16. E 17. B 18. E 19. C 20. A	1. C 2. E 3. D 4. B 5. E 6. A 7. B 8. E 9. C 10. A 11. C 12. C 13. E 14. E 15. A 16. E 17. E 18. E 19. D 20. C 21. C 22. D 23. E 24. B 25. D 26. B 27. A 28. A 29. C 30. A 31. B 32. B 33. D 34. E 35. C 36. A 37. B 38. B 39. E
<b>Section 3</b>	<b>Section 4</b>	
25. C 26. B 27. A 28. D 29. D 30. D 31. B 32. B 33. C 34. A 35. E 36. D 37. C 38. B 39. E 40. C 41. D 42. B 43. A 44. E 45. B 46. D 47. C 48. D	21. C 22. A 23. E 24. C 25. C 26. D 27. B 28. E 29. 4, 5, or 6 30. 220 31. 9/10 or .9 32. 15 33. 11/2 or 5.5 34. 134 35. 15 36. 7.2 or 36/5 37. 1360 38. 35	

FORM S		
CRITICAL READING	MATH	WRITING SKILLS
<b>Section 1</b>	<b>Section 2</b>	<b>Section 5</b>
1. D 2. B 3. E 4. C 5. E 6. C 7. D 8. A 9. A 10. D 11. E 12. C 13. B 14. D 15. A 16. E 17. D 18. A 19. C 20. E 21. B 22. B 23. D 24. C	1. A 2. B 3. D 4. D 5. E 6. B 7. C 8. D 9. A 10. A 11. B 12. C 13. D 14. B 15. E 16. E 17. B 18. A 19. C 20. A	1. C 2. A 3. E 4. B 5. D 6. C 7. D 8. B 9. D 10. A 11. D 12. B 13. D 14. D 15. E 16. D 17. A 18. E 19. C 20. D 21. C 22. C 23. B 24. E 25. B 26. B 27. E 28. A 29. D 30. B 31. A 32. D 33. C 34. C 35. D 36. E 37. C 38. A 39. B
<b>Section 3</b>	<b>Section 4</b>	
25. A 26. C 27. B 28. A 29. A 30. B 31. A 32. D 33. E 34. B 35. D 36. B 37. D 38. C 39. A 40. E 41. C 42. B 43. D 44. B 45. B 46. C 47. C 48. B	21. A 22. E 23. C 24. B 25. C 26. E 27. D 28. A 29. 4000 30. 22, 23, or 24 31. 27 32. 109 33. 2 34. 1/4 or .25 35. 4.50 36. 30 37. 50 38. 2	

# 2011 PSAT/NMSQT Score Conversion Tables

show how points obtained on the test are converted to scores on the 20–80 PSAT/NMSQT scale.

PSAT/NMSQT FORM W — Wednesday, October 12, 2011								PSAT/NMSQT FORM S — Saturday, October 15, 2011							
Points	Scores			Points	Scores			Points	Scores			Points	Scores		
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing Skills		Critical Reading	Math	Writing Skills		Critical Reading	Math	Writing Skills		Critical Reading	Math	Writing Skills
48	80			15	43	46	43	48	80			15	42	45	43
47	80			14	42	44	42	47	80			14	41	44	42
46	77			13	41	43	41	46	75			13	40	43	41
45	75			12	40	42	40	45	74			12	39	42	40
44	74			11	39	41	39	44	73			11	38	41	39
43	73			10	38	40	38	43	71			10	37	39	38
42	71			9	37	39	38	42	69			9	36	38	37
41	69			8	36	38	36	41	67			8	35	37	36
40	68			7	34	37	35	40	67			7	34	36	35
39	67		80	6	33	36	34	39	66		80	6	33	34	34
38	66	80	76	5	32	35	34	38	64	80	75	5	32	33	33
37	64	77	71	4	31	33	32	37	63	77	70	4	30	31	32
36	63	74	70	3	29	32	31	36	62	74	69	3	29	30	30
35	62	72	69	2	27	30	29	35	61	72	68	2	27	28	29
34	61	70	67	1	25	29	28	34	60	70	66	1	25	25	27
33	60	69	64	0	24	27	27	33	59	68	64	0	23	23	26
32	59	67	62	-1	22	25	23	32	58	67	62	-1	21	21	23
31	58	66	61	-2	20	22	21	31	57	66	61	-2	20	20	21
30	57	65	60	-3	20	20	20	30	56	65	60	-3	20	20	20
29	56	63	58	-4	20	20	20	29	55	64	58	-4	20	20	20
28	55	62	57	-5	20	20	20	28	54	62	57	-5	20	20	20
27	54	61	55	-6	20	20	20	27	53	61	56	-6	20	20	20
26	53	59	54	-7	20	20	20	26	52	60	54	-7	20	20	20
25	52	58	53	-8	20		20	25	51	58	53	-8	20		20
24	51	57	52	-9	20		20	24	51	57	52	-9	20		20
23	51	55	51	-10	20		20	23	50	56	51	-10	20		20
22	49	54	49	-11	20			22	48	54	49	-11	20		
21	48	53	48	-12	20			21	48	53	49	-12	20		
20	48	51	48					20	47	52	48				
19	47	50	47					19	46	50	47				
18	46	49	46					18	45	49	45				
17	45	48	44					17	44	48	44				
16	44	47	44					16	43	47	43				

## Important to note

- Points represent the total number of correct answers minus a quarter (1/4) of a point for each incorrect answer to a multiple-choice question.
- Nothing is deducted for incorrect answers to student-produced response questions or for omitted answers of any type.
- Points are totaled, then converted to scores on the 20–80 PSAT/NMSQT scale.
- Converting points to scores adjusts for slight differences in difficulty between various forms. A statistical process called equating adjusts for these small differences. This ensures that a score of, say, 65 on one form of the test reflects a similar level of performance as does a 65 on another form of the test.
- There is no advantage or disadvantage in taking either the Wednesday or the Saturday test form.

**2011 PSAT/NMSQT Answer Key/Score Conversion Table**  
*shows the correct answers for Form A of the 2011 test and how points obtained on the test are converted to scores on the 20–80 PSAT/NMSQT scale.*

FORM A — ANSWER KEY		
CRITICAL READING	MATH	WRITING SKILLS
<b>Section 1</b>	<b>Section 2</b>	<b>Section 5</b>
1. C	1. C	1. C
2. E	2. D	2. C
3. C	3. B	3. A
4. B	4. B	4. C
5. A	5. A	5. D
6. C	6. E	6. B
7. B	7. C	7. D
8. D	8. E	8. D
9. B	9. B	9. D
10. A	10. E	10. A
11. E	11. A	11. C
12. C	12. D	12. D
13. B	13. B	13. D
14. C	14. B	14. E
15. C	15. C	15. A
16. B	16. D	16. C
17. C	17. E	17. D
18. B	18. A	18. D
19. D	19. C	19. E
20. D	20. B	20. D
21. D		21. C
22. E		22. B
23. E		23. A
24. A		24. B
		25. A
		26. B
		27. A
		28. E
		29. B
		30. E
		31. A
		32. D
		33. C
		34. D
		35. A
		36. A
		37. D
		38. D
		39. E
<b>Section 3</b>	<b>Section 4</b>	
25. B	21. A	
26. C	22. D	
27. A	23. C	
28. B	24. D	
29. A	25. E	
30. B	26. C	
31. D	27. B	
32. C	28. B	
33. D	29. 60	
34. D	30. 1/20 or .05	
35. C	31. 200	
36. E	32. 7173	
37. A	33. 1/2 or .5	
38. C	34. 42	
39. A	35. 1/4 or .25	
40. B	36. 380	
41. C	37. 8 or 10	
42. D	38. 54	
43. A		
44. E		
45. B		
46. A		
47. E		
48. B		

FORM A — SCORE CONVERSION TABLE							
Points	Scores			Points	Scores		
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing Skills		Critical Reading	Math	Writing Skills
48	80			15	42	46	43
47	80			14	41	45	42
46	79			13	40	44	41
45	76			12	39	43	40
44	74			11	38	42	39
43	72			10	37	41	38
42	71			9	36	40	37
41	69			8	35	39	36
40	68			7	34	38	34
39	67		80	6	33	37	33
38	65	80	76	5	32	36	31
37	64	78	72	4	31	34	28
36	63	74	70	3	30	33	25
35	62	71	68	2	29	31	22
34	61	70	66	1	27	29	20
33	60	68	64	0	26	26	20
32	59	67	62	-1	25	22	20
31	58	65	60	-2	24	20	20
30	57	64	59	-3	22	20	20
29	56	62	57	-4	20	20	20
28	55	61	56	-5	20	20	20
27	54	60	55	-6	20	20	20
26	53	58	53	-7	20	20	20
25	52	57	52	-8	20		20
24	51	55	51	-9	20		20
23	50	54	50	-10	20		20
22	49	53	49	-11	20		
21	48	52	48	-12	20		
20	47	51	47				
19	46	49	46				
18	45	48	45				
17	44	47	44				
16	43	46	43				