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Can Happen to You!

LECTURE NOTES

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Thank you so much for coming to my seminars/ booth or purchasing this lecture on tape.

Here is the handout from my speech, complete with notes. These are highlights from my book, *College Prep Genius*, which contain over 350 tips, strategies, shortcuts, 75 scholarship web sites, college interview tips, 300 must-know math terms, etc.

For more information about getting free college and raising test scores, go to www.collegeprepgenius. com.

If you are interested in hosting one of my "Master the SAT Classes" in your city, you may contact me at 81-SAT-2-PREP (817-282-7737) or info@collegepre-pgenius.com.

Thanks again,

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Cost of College – Acquiring Money for School
$80,000 average cost of college

Easier Way!
Scholarships through standardized testing

Benefits of High Test Scores
College entrance, scholarships, full tuition, free room and board, study abroad stipends, graduate school money, etc.

What does SAT mean?
Standardized Assessment Test

SAT & PSAT tests of *logic, critical thinking and time management*

Purpose of the SAT
College entrance and scholarships

SAT vs. ACT
ACT is content-based and SAT is logic-based

Important SAT Facts
Highest score is 2400, no penalties for taking test many times, offered seven times a year, fee can be waived, sign up at www.collegeboard.com

Earn $500 an Hour For College

Take a good prep course that teaches correct test-taking techniques, learn clever acronyms to remember steps to success, take 25 College Board tests, review mistakes and conquer them -- could equal 150 hours and if a student receives a $75,000 scholarship, this equals $500 an hour for college.

Importance for Homeschoolers
SAT is unbiased and can be verified

HIGHER SCORES =

Highest Scores = All-inclusive Scholarship to higher-end colleges
Higher Scores = All-inclusive Scholarships to mid-range colleges
High SAT Scores = Partial Scholarships to certain colleges
Better SAT Scores = College entrance, more confidence, better test-taking skills

5 MYTHS OF THE SAT

1.   The SAT tests a student's knowledge.

False! It is a test of logic that contains recurring patterns that can be figured out.

2.   The PSAT is a practice SAT and is no big deal.

The "P" stands for Preliminary and this test taken in a student's junior year can yield unbelievable scholarship offers because of the National Merit Corporation Scholarship Program.

Important PSAT Facts:

Highest score is 240; No essay or Algebra 2; offered once in October; sign-up at school only; scores for scholarships vary according to state (Texas is around 215); Award levels are Commendable, Semi-finalist, Finalist and Scholar

3.   You have blown the one chance at the PSAT/scholarships.

The "Alternative Testing Method" allows students to retake it by substituting the SAT and converting the scores. Code 0085 must be used and the score can also be used as an SAT score.

4.   Only rich kids get the high test scores.

Families don't need to spend several thousand dollars for a prep class. The keys to acing these tests are: learn the recurring patterns on the questions, learn the shortcuts and strategies, practice the correct way.

5.   Save the SAT until you're a senior.

The longer you wait, the less time there is to improve and seniors have a lot going on so start test prep early (preferably 9th grade).

SAT/PSAT Strategy Overview

CRITICAL READING

2 Sections:

Passage-based Reading & Sentence Completion

Passage-based Reading

Three Question Types:
1. *Line Citation*
2. *Vocabulary Use*
3. *Overall Passage*

Four hidden patterns that make you second guess yourself:

C. *Completely Irrelevant*

O. *Obscure*

A. *Additional*

T. *Totally Contradictory*

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CRITICAL READING

Passage-based Reading (Line Citation Question)

Line 4   Historians have shown that Edwin Stevens' brother was nearly deaf which may explain the tremendous time that Stevens spent on inventing the hearing aid.

Question: According to Line 4, historians suggest that Stevens invented the hearing aid because

(A) His brother couldn't hear the train that ran near his home *Additional Info*

(B) His brother's perfect hearing inspired him to help others *Totally Contradicts*

(C) He wanted to listen to the birds sing in the morning *Additional Info*

(D) His brother invested in the discovery of his hearing problems *Obscure*

(E) His brother faced a challenge in his hearing *CORRECT*

Line 17   The newspaper critic boldly writes about new films-- what he approves and what he detests, what he will recommend and what he condemns.

Question: The author says the critic is audacious (line 17) but does bring a discriminating eye because he believes

(A) Reviewing movie is a matter of personal taste *CORRECT*

(B) Critics are main draw for people to buy newspapers *Completely Irrelevant*

(C) A critic's viewpoint is important for producers to gauge their work *Additional Info*

(D) Newspapers are a dying industry and critics need the job *Obscure*

(E) The expression of a well-written piece is exposed by its dialogue and perception *Completely Irrelevant*

CRITICAL READING

Sentence Completion

Three Important points:

- *Fits perfectly*

- *Restates other half*

- *Descriptive word*

Question: The human body is designed to be _____: every organ is supported by another system that functions together to run smoothly.

(A) Perfect *doesn't fit*

(B) Flawed *contradicts*

(C) Endured *doesn't fit*

(D) Efficient *CORRECT*

(E) Mobile *doesn't fit*

Question: Katie was a _____ editor, always overlooking typos and content errors.

(A) Dabster *unknown word*

(B) Popular *doesn't fit*

(C) Proficient *contradicts*

(D) Rude *irrelevant*

(E) Careless *CORRECT*

MATH

Two sections:

- *Multiple Choice*

- *Student-Response*

Four Important Points:

1. *Easy Math*

2. *Learn Hidden Patterns*

3. *Find Shortcuts*

4. *Read Critically*

Question: What is the product of 587,392 and 26,453?

(A) 14,107,987,535

(B) 14,880,123,640

(C) 15,538,280, 76

(D) 15,942,223,113

(E) 16,006,975,391

Multiply last two digits (2 and 3) which is 6 and find answer that ends in 6 (C) CORRECT

Question: $\dfrac{3}{5}$ X $\dfrac{5}{7}$ X $\dfrac{7}{9}$ X $\dfrac{9}{11}$ X $\dfrac{11}{13}$

(A) $\dfrac{3}{13}$ (B) $\dfrac{7}{13}$ (C) $\dfrac{7}{9}$ (D) $\dfrac{11}{13}$ (E) $\dfrac{34}{45}$

Cancel 5, 7, 9, 11 and you get 3/13 (A) CORRECT

Question: In the world's largest sub sandwich, the first section was ham, the second was turkey, the third pepperoni, the fourth roast beef, the fifth salami and the sixth was pickle loaf. If it continued in this pattern around the world, what flavor would be the 308, 893 meat?

(A) Ham

(B) Turkey

(C) Pepperoni

(D) Roast beef

(E) Salami

The meat repeats every 6 times and it is pickle loaf. Divide 308,893 by 6. There is one left over, so the answer is the next meat (ham) (A) CORRECT

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Question: How many different integers *n* will make the following statement true?

$$6 < 4n < 10$$

(A) One

(B) Two

(C) Three

(D) Four

(E) Five

Read critically what the question is asking. "How many integers" and there is only one (A) CORRECT

WRITING

Four sections:

- *Essay*

- *Sentence Error*

- *Improving Sentences*

- *Improving Paragraphs*

Essay

Five Important Points:

1. *Grading*

2. *Topics*

3. *Five Paragraphs*

4. *Sound Smart*

5. *Razzle Dazzle*

Sample Essay Topics:

Has the world-wide web turned out to be a better resource for information than the public library? *YES or NO?*

Does the news media help or hinder our insight into what is going on around the world?

HELP or HINDER?

WRITING

Improving Sentences

Question: Like all new animals, <u>the zoo's new surroundings baffled the panda bear</u> during his first visit.

(A) The zoo's new surroundings baffled the panda bear

(B) The new zoo surroundings baffling the panda bear

(C) The panda bear was baffled by the zoo's new surroundings

(D) The panda bear, who found the zoo's new surroundings baffling

(E) The new surroundings in the zoo which baffles the panda bear

(C) CORRECT   Answer will start with "panda" because the underlined portion modifies "animals"

Question: Unable to overcome his fear of flying, <u>the airplane made an emergency landing when Jeff asked to be let off the flight.</u>

(A) the airplane made an emergency landing when Jeff asked to be let off the flight.

(B) So the airplane was forced to land when Jeff asked.

(C) Jeff's request to be let off the flight meant that airplane was forced to make a landing.

(D) Jeff's flight was forced to land when he asked to be let off.

(E) Jeff asked to be let off the flight and the airplane made an emergency landing.

Answer will modify "his fear" so it will start with "Jeff" (E) CORRECT

MAKE THE SAT & PSAT A PRIORITY!

16 Steps To Test Success

1. Check out www.tip.duke.edu (Students 4th-8th grade)
2. Create an account at www.collegeboard.com
3. Work logic into your curriculum
4. Students should take the PSAT in 9th grade
      Sign-up early
      Make sure facility is homeschool-friendly
5. Buy "retired" PSAT tests ($3) at www.collegeboard.com
6. Practice for PSAT (30 min.-1 hour week) in 9th grade
7. Take PSAT in 10th grade (October)
8. Practice PSAT (2-3 hours per week) in 10th grade
9. Summer before junior year
      Practice at least 10 hours per week
      Saturdays- take full-length tests (2:20)
10. Take October SAT (1st Saturday) and November SAT
11. Take the PSAT as a junior (it now counts!)
12. Add SAT practicing in during junior year (6-10 hours per week)
13. Take a couple more SAT's in spring
14. Summer before senior year (if not happy with test score)
      Practice at least 10 hours per week
      Saturdays-take full-length tests (3:45)
      Check into early decision at the college of your choice
15. Take the October and November SAT
16. As soon as possible, learn the keys to acing the SAT/PSAT through College Prep Genius!

To find out more on how to ACE the SAT/PSAT, go to www.CollegePrepGenius.com and sign-up for one of our "Master the Sat Classes" or purchase the class program on DVD!