

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

1 What Are Ima's Scores?

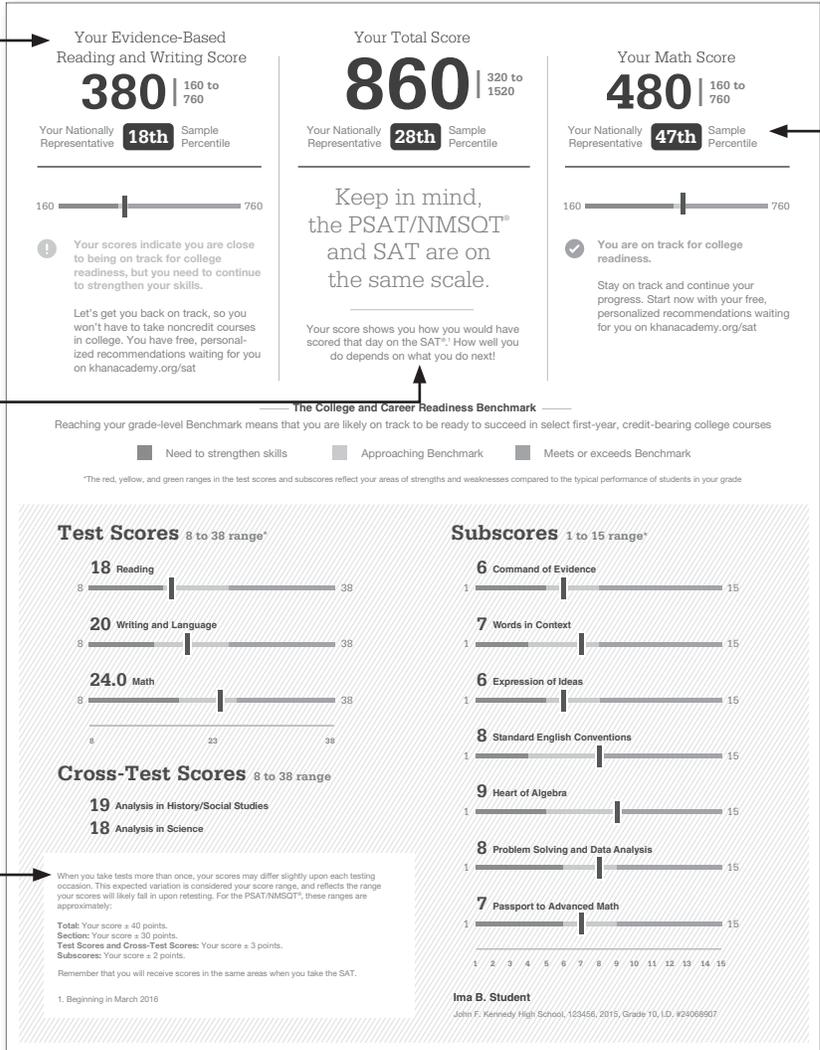
Ima's Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 380 and Math is 480. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima's score is approaching the benchmark, but she is not quite on track for college readiness. In Math, however, Ima is exceeding the benchmark and is on track. Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores can give Ima a better understanding of areas to work on.

2 What Are Her Score Percentiles?

Since Ima is in the 10th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 10th-graders in the nation. (If she were in the 11th grade, she would be compared to all 11th-graders.) Ima scored as well or better than 18 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. In Math, she scored as well or better than 47 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. Additional percentiles are available in Ima's online score report.

3 How Will Ima Do on the SAT®?

The PSAT/NMSQT® and SAT are on the same scale, therefore if Ima had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT/NMSQT on the same test date, she would have received an equivalent score. When Ima takes the SAT, she will likely have had additional learning from school and practice. If Ima challenges herself, she can affect the result of her SAT score.



4 What Are Her Score Ranges?

No test measures precisely what someone knows, and many factors can affect results. That is why test makers think of each score as a range that extends from a few points below to a few points above the score earned.

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 2017 competition, NMSC will consider the 2015 PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores of some 1.5 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 (see right-hand column) 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
1550 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.

Your NMSC Selection Index
124*

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

Eligibility Information

The asterisk () next to your Selection Index means you do not meet entry requirements for the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. See your responses to entry requirements to the right.

NOTE: Students leaving high school and entering college in 2016 or later must take the PSAT/NMSQT again in their 2nd year (junior year) of grades 9-12 to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Entry Requirements
(Information you provided on your answer sheet)

High school student:
YES

Year to complete high school and enroll full-time in college:
2016

Years to be spent in grades 9-12:
4

U.S. Citizenship:
NO. I am a U.S. lawful permanent resident (or have applied for permanent residence, the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

Your Scores: Next Steps

Your score indicates that you are **already likely able to:**

Reading Test

18
8 to 38

Writing and Language Test

20
8 to 38

Math Test

24.0
8 to 38

Get more next steps online
studentscores.collegeboard.org

SAT Practice
Connect to FREE, world-class SAT practice online on khanacademy.org/sat

AP® and Course Work
See which AP courses may be a good match for you

Register for the SAT
Select an SAT test date and register for

5 Will Ima Be Able to Enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program?

Ima has an NMSC Selection Index of 124, which is double the sum of her Reading (18), Writing and Language (20), and Math (24) Test scores. This index is used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation to designate students to be recognized in its National Merit Scholarship Program.

Since an asterisk appears next to Ima's score, it means she does not meet entry requirements for the program. However, even if Ima met entry requirements, her score is not likely to take her further in the competition for awards. For entry requirements and information on how the competition works, see the 2015 *Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT* or visit www.nationalmerit.org.

6 How Can Ima Improve Her Academic Skills?

Your Scores: Next Steps are based on her test scores, and what general skills similar performing students understand. Ima can see which skills she performed well on and which she needs to improve. When she goes online and logs in to the full report online, she can see additional skills and improvement steps. Ima can also link her account to Khan Academy® for personalized practice recommendations.

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7 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 and see her potential for AP® course work.

8 When Should Ima Take the SAT?

As a sophomore, 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 register for the test and take advantage of practice resources by visiting studentscores.collegeboard.org.

9 What Can We Learn from Ima's Answers?

The score report is designed to be used with the student's PSAT/NMSQT test booklet. It lists all of Ima's answers and allows her to see the correct answer and difficulty level for each question. Ima can use her online score report to review the questions she answered incorrectly or omitted, and see detailed answer explanations explaining why her responses were correct or incorrect.

Your Question-Level Feedback

Reading					Writing and Language					Math Test – Calculator					Math Test – No Calculator							
Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore			
1	A	✓	***	HDA	1	A	✓	***	HDA	1	A	✓	***	HDA	1	A	✓	***	HDA			
2	B	✓	***	CDE	2	B	✓	***	EOK, CDE	2	B	✓	***	PSD	2	B	✓	***	HDA			
3	A	✓	***	WIC	3	A	✓	***	EOK, WIC	3	A	✓	***	PSD	HSS	3	A	✓	***	HDA		
4	C	✓	***	WIC	4	C	✓	***	SEC	4	C	✓	***	HDA	4	C	✓	***	HDA			
5	D	✓	***	WIC	5	D	✓	***	EOK, WIC	5	D	✓	***	PSD	5	D	✓	***	PAM	HSS		
6	B	✓	***	WIC	6	B	✓	***	SEC	6	B	✓	***	HDA	6	B	✓	***	HDA			
7	C	B	***	CDE	7	C	✓	***	EOK, CDE	7	C	✓	***	PSD	7	C	✓	***	PAM			
8	C	✓	***	WIC	8	C	A	***	EOK	8	C	A	***	PSD	SC1	8	C	✓	***	PSD		
9	B	✓	***	WIC	9	B	D	***	EOK	9	B	✓	***	PSD	SC1	9	B	✓	***	PAM		
10	B	✓	***	HSS	10	B	✓	***	SEC	10	B	✓	***	PAM	10	B	✓	***	PAM	SC1		
11	A	✓	***	WIC	HSS	11	A	B	***	SEC	11	A	✓	***	HDA	11	A	✓	***	HDA		
12	A	✓	***	CDE	HSS	12	A	✓	***	EOK, CDE	HSS	12	A	✓	***	PSD	12	A	✓	***	PAM	
13	D	✓	***	CDE	HSS	13	D	✓	***	EOK, CDE	HSS	13	D	✓	***	PAM	13	D	✓	***	PAM	
14	D	✓	***	HSS	14	D	✓	***	SEC	14	D	✓	***	PSD	SC1	14	D	✓	***	PAM		
15	A	B	***	HSS	15	A	✓	***	EOK	HSS	15	A	✓	***	HDA	15	A	✓	***	HDA		
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17	A	✓	***	WIC	HSS	17	A	✓	***	EOK, WIC	HSS	17	A	✓	***	HDA	17	A	✓	***	PAM	
18	C	✓	***	HSS	18	C	B	***	EOK	HSS	18	C	✓	***	PSD	HSS	18	C	✓	***	PAM	
19	D	B	***	SC1	19	D	✓	***	SEC	19	D	✓	***	PSD	HSS	19	D	✓	***	PAM		
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36	A	✓	***	HSS	36	A	✓	***	SEC	36	A	✓	***	SEC	36	A	✓	***	SEC			
37	B	✓	***	HSS	37	B	✓	***	EOK	37	B	✓	***	EOK	37	B	✓	***	EOK			
38	A	✓	***	WIC	HSS	38	A	✓	***	EOK, WIC	38	A	✓	***	EOK, WIC	38	A	✓	***	EOK, WIC		
39	D	✓	***	SC1	39	D	✓	***	SEC	39	D	✓	***	SEC	39	D	✓	***	SEC			
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41	A	D	***	WIC	SC1	41	A	D	***	SEC	41	A	D	***	SEC	41	A	D	***	SEC		
42	C	✓	***	SC1	42	A	✓	***	SEC	42	A	✓	***	SEC	42	A	✓	***	SEC			
43	A	✓	***	WIC	SC1	43	A	B	***	EOK, WIC	43	A	B	***	EOK, WIC	43	A	B	***	EOK, WIC		
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45	D	✓	***	SC1	45	D	✓	***	SEC	45	D	✓	***	SEC	45	D	✓	***	SEC			
46	C	✓	***	SC1	46	C	✓	***	SEC	46	C	✓	***	SEC	46	C	✓	***	SEC			
47	D	✓	***	CDE	SC1	47	D	✓	***	CDE	47	D	✓	***	CDE	47	D	✓	***	CDE		

Key:
 ✓ Correct
 Ⓟ Omitted
 U Unscorable
 *** Easy
 ** Medium
 * Hard

Subscore:
 CDE Command of Evidence
 WIC Words in Context
 EOK Expressions of Ideas
 HDA Heart of Algebra
 PSD Problem Solving and Data Analysis
 PAM Passport to Advanced Math

Cross-Test Score:
 HSS Analysis in History/Social Studies
 SC1 Analysis in Science

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