



**ERISHA**  
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An Ultimate  
**Guide** to the  
**Digital SAT**



## Introduction -

Erisha EduSupport, one of the top international educational services providers, is an educational initiative by Rana Group with a strong vision and belief to provide training and mentorship to students around the globe as significant tools to enhance, equip, and empower students to fulfill their dreams of higher education in India as well as abroad.

Many of you might have heard of the new version of the SAT born on March 2023. As you have rightly guessed, this book lets you to know everything about the new digital SAT and the right strategies to maximize your score by knowing the rules of the SAT.

Erisha EduSupport SAT course is a comprehensive program conducted by industry expert trainers with years on experience and focuses on techniques and strategies exclusively applicable for the new SAT. If you like to know more about our SAT preparation programs, please visit our website <https://www.edusupport.in/> or reach out to us at +91-82173-55908



# Everything you need to know about the new Digital SAT -

Before you start preparing for the SAT, it is important to know about the test in detail. Just by knowing the test in and out will help you to get a few more questions right! By reading this chapter, you can visualize the digital SAT and what is that you're going to prep for.

In simple words, SAT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities abroad to make undergrad admissions decisions.



The College Board, an American not-for-profit organization, conduct the SAT and they define SAT as a standardized test widely used for Undergrad College admissions in the United States, other top colleges in other countries and in India.

## Did You Know ?

SAT doesn't have any full form.

- o 1926: SAT full form was Scholastic Aptitude Test
- o 1993: SAT full form was Scholastic Assessment Test
- o 1997: SAT no longer means anything

“The SAT has become the trademark; it doesn't stand for anything,”said the College Board.

“The SAT is the SAT, and that's all it is.”

The paper-pencil SAT got expired on December 2022. Since March 2023, the mode of the SAT is digital; it is not an Online test though.

## ■ What does Digital SAT mean ?

- o The test can be taken on the custom-built digital SAT application called the BLUEBOOK. This application has to be downloaded and installed before the test.
- o The digital SAT is administered in a school or in a test center with a proctor present. Not at home.
- o Students have to take the digital SAT on a laptop or tablet. If students don't have a device, College Board will provide one on test day upon prior request while booking the test.
- o If the Internet disconnects or if the computer runs out of battery during testing, students will still be able to progress through the test with no disruption. All your work will be saved and won't lose testing time.



## Tools available on the digital SAT Testing platform -

Effective usage of the tools, saves time and helps to increase the accuracy. If a particular question is



A way to flag questions in order to come back to them later. Applicable only within the section.

time consuming, consciously you have to 'flag' that question and move to the next question. Within the section, you can always come back to the flagged question to continue working from where you stopped or have fresh look which could help you to solve the question much easily.



A countdown clock, which students can choose to show or hide at the top of their testing screen, that will alert them when they're running out of time

Not every question on the SAT require a calculator, you should know to use it wisely! Sometimes manual calculations or elimination method would be much faster.



A built-in graphing calculator students can use on the entire math section (or they can bring their own calculator)

Reference sheet have most of the commonly used formulas. While I'm sure you by heart the formula and know them in mid of your sleep as well, but remember to refer to the sheet even if you have a small doubt in rightly remembering the formula.

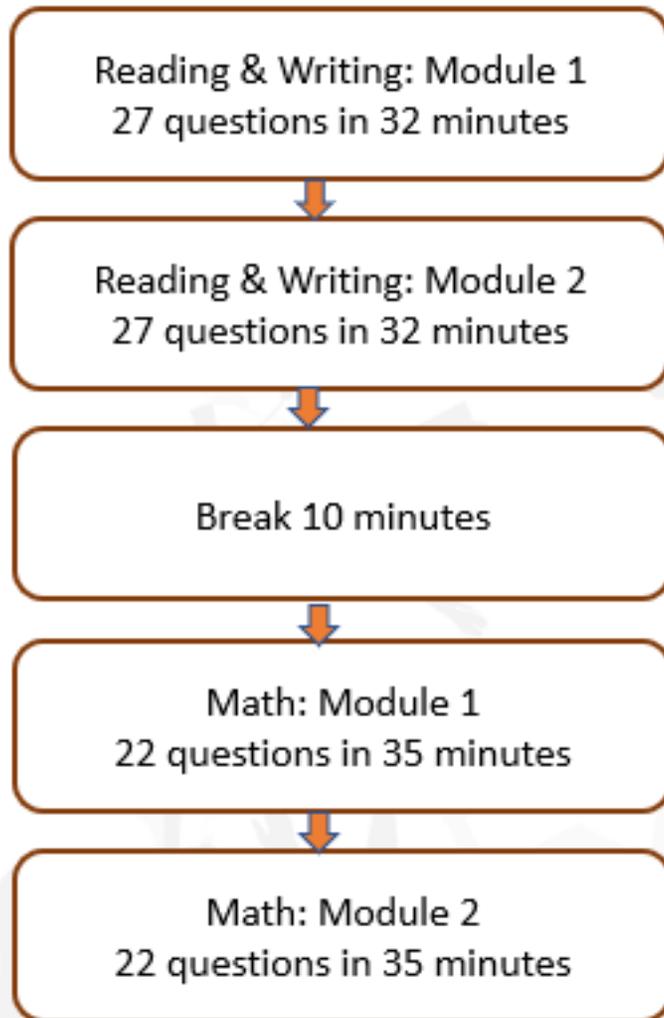


A reference sheet, for each math question, consisting of common formulas

# The Digital SAT Structure -

The total duration of the digital SAT is 2 hours and 14 minutes excluding a break of 10 minutes between the Verbal and the Math sections.

The digital SAT tests two components: Reading & Writing section and the Math section.



- o For each section there are two modules of questions tested.
- o Reading & Writing section: Each module have 25 operational questions & 2 pre test questions to be answered in 32 minutes
- o Math section: Each module have 20 operational questions & 2 pre test questions to be answered in 35 minutes.

Digital SAT is an adaptive test. Module 2 questions of each section is based on the number of right answers you've made in the module 1 of the same section.

If you've many correct answers in module 1, then module 2 will have more of hard questions and subsequently you're score will also be higher on answering the hard questions rightly.

Module 2 will be either more hard or more mediocre or more easy questions based on the number of correct answers you've made in module 1.

Digital SAT is scored as follows :

- o Reading & Writing section: 200 to 800, increment of 10 points.
- o Math section: 200 to 800, increment of 10 points.
- o Composite score: 400 to 1600, increment of 10 points.

## What is tested on the digital SAT Reading & Writing section?

The digital SAT Reading & Writing section tests reading comprehension, rhetoric, and language use by having them engage with academic and literary texts.

Skills on the Reading and Writing test can be split into the following four categories :

- o Information and Ideas: Use, locate, interpret, and evaluate information from various texts and infographics.
- o Craft and Structure: Determine the meaning of high-utility academic words and phrases in context, evaluate texts rhetorically, and make supportable connections between multiple related texts.
- o Expression of Ideas: Use revision skills and knowledge to improve the effectiveness of written expression to accomplish specified rhetorical goals.
- o Standard English Conventions: Use editing skills and knowledge to make texts conform to core conventions of Standard English sentence structure, usage, and punctuation.

In simple words, digital SAT Verbal section tests reading comprehension and grammar rules.

**Did  
You  
Know ?**

**Paper-pencil SAT used to be a 3 hours long test with dense passages on reading comprehensions whereas the new digital SAT is 2 hours with shorter RC passages.**

**You can consider yourself as lucky!!!**

## What is tested on the digital SAT Math section?

The digital SAT math section tests the most important concepts that are useful for college and career.

- o Algebra: Analyze, fluently solve, and create linear equations and inequalities as well as analyze and fluently solve systems of equations.
- o Advanced Math: Demonstrate attainment of skills and knowledge central for successful progression to more advanced math courses, including analyzing, fluently solving, interpreting, and creating a variety of equation types.
- o Problem-Solving and Data Analysis: Apply quantitative reasoning about ratios, rates, and proportional relationships; understand and apply units and rates; and analyze and interpret one and two-variable data.
- o Geometry and Trigonometry: Solve problems that focus on perimeter, area, and volume; angles, triangles, and trigonometry; and circles.

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# **Effective step by step approach for Digital SAT preparation -**

Unlike your school exams or other competitive exams, the digital SAT is a different test. Although the topics tested or skills required seems to be basic and looks like easy to crack, but the test writers have made it difficult by the trickiness of the test. The new digital SAT compared to the older version is easy in terms of RC passages or wordy math problems, still, techniques and strategies are inevitable if you target a high score on the SAT.

In this chapter, let us see step by step approach for your digital SAT preparation.

## **Step 1: Take a full-length digital SAT practice test (digital version and timed test)**

- o This helps you to understand the structure of the test, the question types, topics tested, difficulty level of the test, and much more.
- o It can be your first-hand experience about the test rather than someone explaining you the details of the test.
- o Based on analysis of the test, you can understand where you stand and to an extent gauge your actual score.
- o Test analysis will help you to understand your strength and areas to focus on and subsequently it helps to have a study plan for your SAT prep.

## **Step 2: Learn/Revise the basics required for the SAT**

Fully prepared is Half Done – Once you're thorough with the basics then application becomes easy.

- o Make a list of all the grammar rules tested on the SAT. Try quick grammar practice to lockdown the rules and to improve your speed.
- o Revise the concepts or formulas tested on the SAT Math. Try basic questions to improve speed and accuracy.

### **Step 3: Choose the Best ones for your SAT preparation**

- o **Right Mentors:** Choose your mentors wisely. With right mentors your SAT preparation can go in a right direction. Your mentors should be industry experts with hands on experience in mentoring the SAT kids.
- o **Right Books:** Ensure your practice books or tests are aligned with the new digital SAT in terms of structure, question types, topics, etc. The practice tests must have a detailed score report for analysis. Ample topic wise tests would be useful to lockdown the topics individually.

### **Step 4: Learn Techniques and Strategies for the digital SAT**

The digital SAT being a tricky test, you must learn techniques to do questions faster with high accuracy. Short cuts for math questions will save a lot of time which can be used for harder questions. Even general tips like there is no penalty for incorrect answers, both easy and hard questions have the same score will make an impact in the way you approach the test.

### **Step 5: Full length practice test and Test analysis**

You must take full length practice test at regular intervals, initially it can be two weeks once and then weekly once and close to the actual test, you can take a test three days once.

- o Always take as a full-length test in one go, as it is in the digital SAT structure.
- o Always take as a timed test.
- o Take the test in an environment where there is no disturbance.
- o Use all the tools effectively like you would be using it for the actual test.
- o Ensure you review each test to plan ahead.

Reviewing each test is more important than just taking the test. You can learn a lot from the mistakes. Your mentors can review the test to provide your constructive feedback to improve your scores.

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