



# ScoreWrite™

## Practice Essay for the SAT®

# Student Answer Sheet

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For office use only:  
Essay #  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/School \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date        /        /

Essay scores range  
from 2 to 12.\*  
Scores of 7 and 8  
are average.  
Your score is  
\_\_\_\_\_

*ScoreWrite™* helps you practice for the SAT® writing section by writing a short essay on an assigned topic. You will receive the score and feedback about your essay from your school.

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The essay on the SAT gives you an opportunity to show how effectively you can develop and express ideas. You should, therefore, take care to develop your point of view, present your ideas logically and clearly and use language precisely.

Your essay must be written on the lines provided on your answer sheet — you will receive no other paper on which to write. You will have enough space if you write on every line, avoid wide margins and keep your handwriting to a reasonable size. Remember that people who are not familiar with your handwriting will read what you write. Try to write or print so that what you are writing is legible to those readers.

**You have 25 minutes to write an essay on the topic on the next page.**

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- A pencil is required for the essay. An essay written in ink will receive a score of zero.
- An off-topic essay will receive a score of zero.

When you are told to do so, turn the page.

\*Essays not written on the essay assignment will receive a score of zero.

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### Essay Prompt:

Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below.

*From early childhood, we are encouraged — pressured, even — to be in the company of others: we are urged to belong to this or that group, to join this or that club, to spend time with this or that friend. People do everything to avoid being by themselves, treating solitude as though it were the equivalent of loneliness. And yet it is only when people are by themselves that they can truly achieve their most important goals.*

**Assignment:** Is solitude — spending time alone — necessary for people to achieve their most important goals?



