



ScoreWrite™

Practice Essay for the SAT®

Student Answer Sheet

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Essay #

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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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The biggest difference between people who succeed at any difficult undertaking and those who do not is not ability but persistence. Many extremely talented people give up when obstacles arise. After all, who wants to face failure? It is often said about highly successful people that they are just ordinary individuals who kept on trying, who did not give up.

Adapted from Tom Morris, *True Success: A New Philosophy of Excellence*

Assignment: Is persistence more important than ability in determining a person's success? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience or observations.

