

# Understanding Your PSAT/NMSQT Results

## 5 Major Parts of Your PSAT/NMSQT Results

Your Scores

Review Your Answers

Improve Your Skills

NMSC Programs

Your Educational Plans

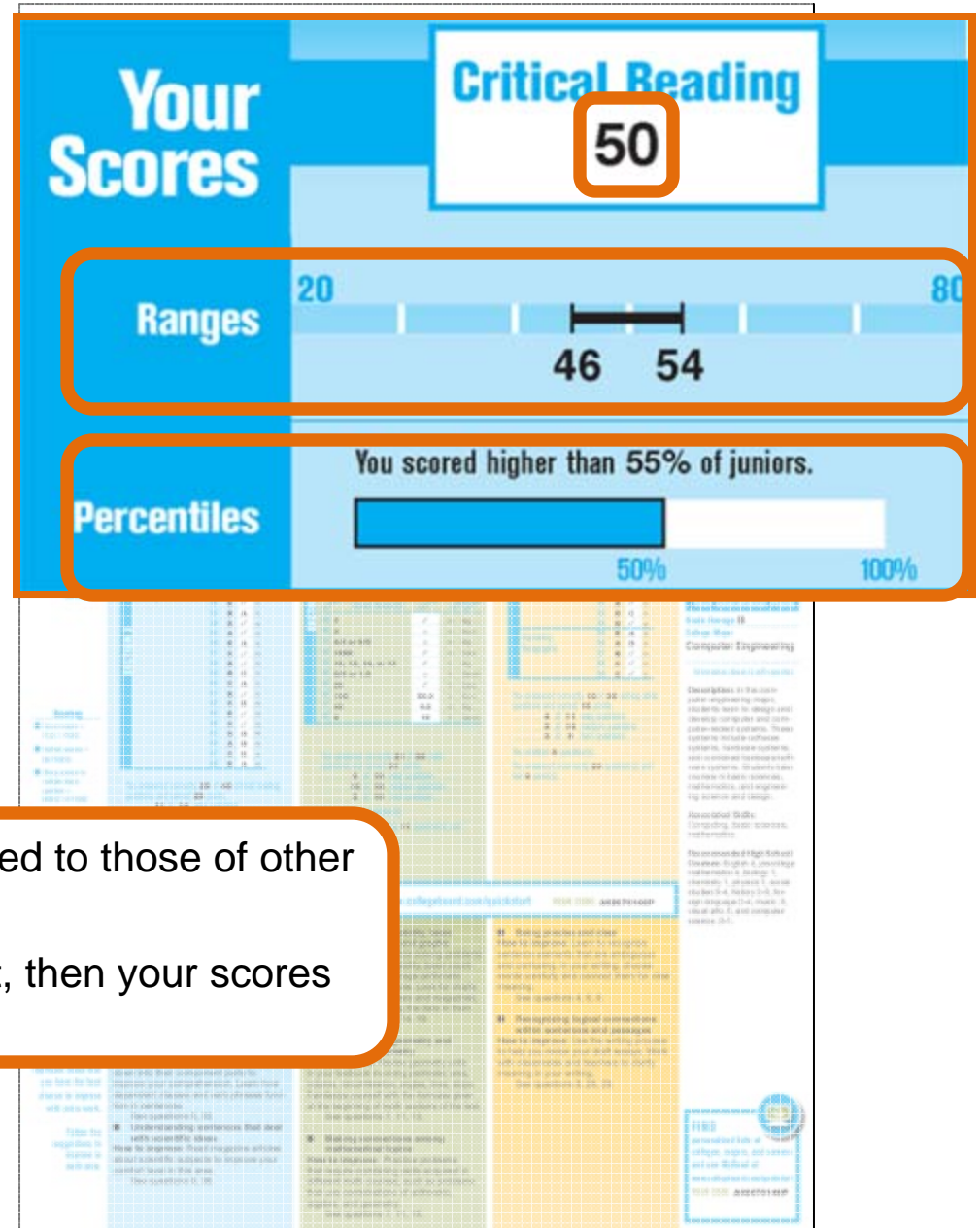
## 3 Test Sections

Critical Reading

Mathematics

Writing Skills

# Your Scores



If you are a junior, your scores are compared to those of other juniors.

If you are a sophomore or younger student, then your scores are compared to those of sophomores.

# Review Your Answers

## Review Your Answers

Ask for your test book back so you can see the questions.

### Key

- ✓ Correct
- Omitted
- u Unscorable
- e Easy

### SECTION 1

#### Sentence Completions

#### Passage-Based Reading

#### Passage-Based Reading

Question Number	Correct Answer	Correct Your Answer?	Answer Difficulty
1	A	✓	
2	B	✓	e
3	A	C	m
4	C	A	h
5	B	E	h
6	D	✓	e
7	B	✓	m
8	D	○	e
9	B	✓	m
10	E	B	h
11	D	✓	h
12	C	✓	m
13	A	✓	m
14	B	A	m
15	A	✓	e
16	C	✓	m
17	A	✓	e
18	E	✓	m
19	B	✓	m
20	B	E	m
21	E	✓	m
22	D	B	h
23	E	✓	m
24	A	✓	m
25	D	✓	m
26	D	✓	e
27	D	✓	e
28	A	✓	e
29	C	✓	e
30	D	E	m
31	A	B	h

You will get your original test book back with your PSAT/NMSQT results, so that you can review the test questions.

You may also review each test question by logging in to My College QuickStart.

# Review Your Answers: Mathematics

Question	Correct Answer	Your Answer	Difficulty	Content
1	D	✓	e	Alg
2	E	✓	e	Data
3	E	✓	e	Geom
4	C	✓	e	Alg
5	B	✓	e	Geom
6	B	✓	e	Alg
7	C	o	e	Num
8	A	✓	m	Geom
9	B	✓	m	Data
10	D	✓	m	Alg
11	B	o	m	Geom
12	D	✓	m	Alg
13	B	D	m	Alg
14	A	D	h	Data
15	E	D	m	Alg
16	E	✓	m	Num
17	A	C	h	Num
18	E	o	h	Geom
	A	h	Alg	
	C	h	Geom	
	✓	e	Num	
	✓	e	Alg	
	✓	m	Geom	
	✓	m	Num	
	✓	m	Geom	
26	D	✓	e	Alg
27	C	A	m	Alg
28	A	B	m	Num

Alg = Algebra & Functions  
 Data = Data Analysis, Statistics & Probability  
 Geom = Geometry & Measurement  
 Num = Number & Operations

# Review Your Answers: Student-Produced Responses

Section	Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing Skills
Score	50	52	44
Percentile	48	48	40

### SECTION 4 Student-Produced Responses

Question	Correct Answer(s)	Your Answer	Difficulty	Content
29	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	m	Alg
30	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	m	Num
31	4.5 or 9/2	<input type="checkbox"/>	m	Alg
32	1000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	m	Data
33	10, 12, 14, or 16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	h	Alg
34	8/5 or 1.6	<input type="checkbox"/>	h	Geom
35	29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	h	Data
36	108	<b>50.9</b>	h	Num
37	42	<b>4.2</b>	m	Alg
38	2	<b>10</b>	h	Geom

The written answers are not scored.

Only answers gridded in the ovals are scored.

## Answer Summary & Scoring

Section	Score
Critical Reading	50
Mathematics	52
Writing Skills	44

Correct answer = plus 1 point

Omitted answer = no points

Wrong answer on multiple-choice question = minus ¼ point

Wrong answer on student-produced response question = No points lost

You answered correctly **29** of **48** critical reading questions and earned **29** points.

**11** of **14** easy questions

**15** of **23** medium questions

**3** of **11** hard questions

You omitted **1** question(s).

You answered incorrectly **18** question(s) and lost **5** point(s).

# Improve Your Skills

Section	Score
Critical Reading	50
Mathematics	52
Writing Skills	44

The skills listed are based on your individual performance.

Follow the suggestions noted in “how to improve” and work with your teachers.

Review skills using questions listed.

## Improve Your Skills

The skills listed are based on *your individual performance* on the test and represent those that you have the best chance to improve with extra work.

Follow the suggestions to improve in each area.

### ■ Determining an author’s purpose or perspective

**How to improve:** Authors write for a variety of purposes, such as to inform, to explain, or to convince. When you read, try to determine why the author wrote what he or she wrote.

See questions 20, 42, 48.

### ■ Understanding complex sentences

**How to improve:** Ask your English teacher to recommend books that are a bit more challenging than those you’re used to reading. Practice breaking the sentences down into their component parts to improve your comprehension. Learn how dependent clauses and verb phrases function in sentences.

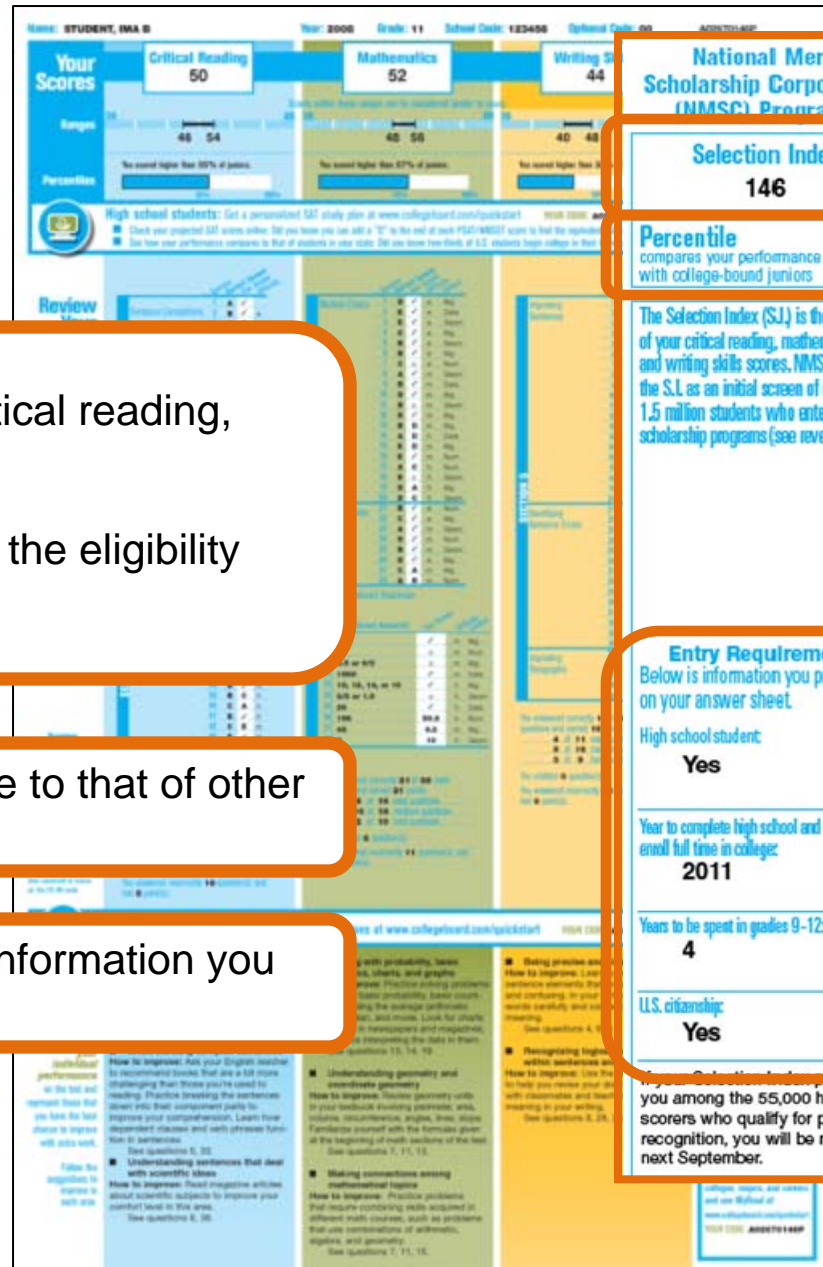
See questions 5, 33.

### ■ Understanding sentences that deal with scientific ideas

**How to improve:** Read magazine articles about scientific subjects to improve your comfort level in this area.

See questions 8, 36.

# National Merit Scholarship Corporation Information



## National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) Programs

**Selection Index**  
146

**Percentile** 47  
compares your performance with college-bound juniors

The Selection Index (S.I.) is the sum of your critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills scores. NMSC uses the S.I. as an initial screen of over 1.5 million students who enter its scholarship programs (see reverse).

### Entry Requirements

Below is information you provided on your answer sheet.

High school student:  
**Yes**

Year to complete high school and enroll full time in college:  
**2011**

Years to be spent in grades 9-12:  
**4**

U.S. citizenship:  
**Yes**

You are in the top 1% of students who qualify for program recognition, you will be notified next September.

The Selection Index is the sum of your critical reading, mathematics and writing skills scores.

If it has an asterisk, you do not meet all of the eligibility requirements for the competition.

The Percentile compares your performance to that of other college-bound juniors.

The Entry Requirements section displays information you provided on your answer sheet.

# Your Educational Plans

Based on the **college major** you provided on your answer sheet, this section will give you:

- Description of that major
- Skills associated with that major
- Recommended high school courses for that major

## Your Educational Plans

Grade Average **B**

College Major

**Computer Engineering**

*Information above is self-reported.*

**Description:** In the computer engineering major, students learn to design and develop computer and computer-related systems. These systems include software systems, hardware systems, and combined hardware/software systems. Students take courses in basic sciences, mathematics, and engineering science and design.

**Associated Skills:**

Computing, basic sciences, mathematics.

**Recommended High School Courses:** English 4, precollege mathematics 4, biology 1, chemistry 1, physics 1, social studies 3–4, history 2–3, foreign language 2–4, music .5, visual arts .5, and computer science .5–1.

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to begin college in their home state?

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