

## A PARENT TUTORIAL

# Understanding 2018 PSAT/NMSQT Results

### A Case Study: Ima B. Student's PSAT/NMSQT Score Report

Take a look at Ima B. Student's sample score report below and on the back. Use the information to help you interpret your student's PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report.

**YOUR SCORE TODAY**

**Your Total Score**

**960** | 320 to 1520

You are in the **51<sup>st</sup>** percentile

You scored equal to or higher than 51% of students

**Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score**

**430** | 100 to 380

You are in the **31<sup>st</sup>** percentile

**Your Math Score**

**530** | 200 to 780

You are in the **69<sup>th</sup>** percentile

**Your Test Scores\***

Reading: **23** | 8 to 28

Writing and Language: **20** | 8 to 35

Math: **26.5** | 0 to 35

\*Additional detailed scores, like test retakes, provide students with a deeper understanding of their performance. Test scores are also used to calculate your NMSQT Selection Index.

**psat.org/myscore**

Go online for your full report

**Ima, this was your score when you took the test; it is not a measure of how far you can grow!**

**+130 pts**

Students with scores like yours increased their performance from the PSAT/NMSQT® to the SAT® by 130 points after 10 or more hours of personalized practice on Khan Academy®.

#### What are Ima's scores?

Ima's Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 430, and her Math score is 530. 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.

#### What are Ima's score percentiles?

Since Ima is in the 11th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 11th graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 31% of a nationally representative group of juniors. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 69% of a nationally representative group of juniors. Additional percentiles are available in Ima's online score report.

#### How can Ima see her full report?

Ima is directed to [psat.org/myscore](https://psat.org/myscore) to see her full score report, learn how to prepare for the SAT®, and see her potential for AP® coursework.

**YOUR PATH TOMORROW**

Here's what else is waiting for you online:

- 1** A link to free personalized practice on Khan Academy. Share your scores with Khan Academy to get your personalized practice.
- 2** A list of the challenging courses you're ready for. Congrats! Your scores show you're ready to succeed in AP® courses.
- 3** Your customized starter college list. Check out the tools at BigFuture® to kick start your college plans.

**SAT** Don't forget! Register to take the SAT ahead of college application deadlines in spring of junior year and fall of senior year.

**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION**

Your NMSC Selection Index  
**139**

With such a score, you qualify for the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program and your Selection Index score will be considered among 1.6 million program entrants.

**Eligibility Information**  
You must meet the requirements for the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program and your Selection Index score will be considered among 1.6 million program entrants.

**Entry Requirements**  
Information you provided on your answer sheet:  
High school grade: **YES**  
You are completing high school and attend full-time college: **2020**  
Total years of high school completed: **4-10-4**

**National Merit Scholarship Corporation**  
Member: Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) consists of the National Merit Scholarship Program, an academic award program for high-achieving and college-bound students.

To register, students who qualify for consideration in the 2020 competition (NMSC) will be invited to the PSAT/NMSQT® Subtest by email address at approximately 2.5 million high-achieving students. Students who made only PSAT/NMSQT® scores available for more information, please visit [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org).

If you do not anticipate re-taking the "Entry Requirements" questionnaire, please email us if there has been a change in your email or if you are not program entry will be appreciated.

**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 telephone number.

Ima B. Student 2018-179-1000

Score Report

### What are Ima's next steps?

When Ima accesses her full score report at [psat.org/myscore](http://psat.org/myscore), she'll also be able to connect to free, personalized practice on Khan Academy®, see her potential for AP coursework, and use the college- and career-planning resources at BigFuture™.

### Will Ima be able to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program?

Ima has an NMSC Selection Index score of 139, which is double the sum of her Reading Test (23), Writing and Language Test (20), and Math Test (26.5) scores. This Selection Index score is used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation to designate students to be recognized in its National Merit® Scholarship Program.

If an asterisk had appeared next to Ima's score, it would mean she did not meet entry requirements for the program or her score was provided for guidance purposes only and would not be considered in the National Merit Scholarship Program. In this case, Ima meets entry requirements and will be recognized if her score places her among the 50,000 high scorers. For entry requirements and information on the steps in the competition, see the 2018 PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide or visit [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org).

### When should Ima take the SAT?

As a junior, 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 take advantage of practice resources by visiting [psat.org/myscore](http://psat.org/myscore).

### How can Ima learn from her answers?

Using her score report with her PSAT/NMSQT test booklet, Ima can see the actual questions, correct answers, and difficulty level alongside her own answers. She can use her online score report to review the questions she answered incorrectly or omitted, and to see detailed answer explanations.

**NOTE:** For students at schools participating in the test administration study or research group or testing on Saturday, October 13, the actual questions, answers, and answer explanations won't be provided, and the score report won't include the correct answer column.

**Your Question-Level Feedback**

QUESTIONS OVERVIEW	READING	WRITING AND LANGUAGE	MATH - CALCULATOR	MATH - CALCULATOR
47 21 25 1 25 1 44 17 26 1 31 15 14 2 17 10 7 0	1 A ✓ 2 B ✓ 3 B ✓ 4 B ✓ 5 D ✓ 6 D ✓ 7 B ✓ 8 A ✓ 9 D ✓ 10 A ✓ 11 U ✓ 12 D ✓ 13 D ✓ 14 A ✓ 15 B ✓ 16 B ✓ 17 D ✓ 18 B ✓ 19 A ✓ 20 C ✓ 21 B ✓ 22 D ✓ 23 B ✓ 24 D ✓ 25 E ✓ 26 B ✓ 27 B ✓ 28 A ✓ 29 D ✓ 30 B ✓ 31 D ✓ 32 A ✓ 33 C ✓ 34 A ✓ 35 A ✓ 36 C ✓ 37 B ✓ 38 C ✓ 39 C ✓ 40 C ✓ 41 B ✓ 42 B ✓ 43 A ✓ 44 A ✓ 45 D ✓ 46 A ✓ 47 D ✓ 48 C ✓	1 D ✓ 2 A ✓ 3 C ✓ 4 C ✓ 5 B ✓ 6 B ✓ 7 A ✓ 8 B ✓ 9 A ✓ 10 D ✓ 11 D ✓ 12 C ✓ 13 B ✓ 14 C ✓ 15 B ✓ 16 D ✓ 17 N ✓ 18 A ✓ 19 B ✓ 20 A ✓ 21 A ✓ 22 A ✓ 23 C ✓ 24 C ✓ 25 C ✓ 26 C ✓ 27 A ✓ 28 C ✓ 29 C ✓ 30 C ✓ 31 D ✓ 32 B ✓ 33 D ✓ 34 D ✓ 35 D ✓ 36 B ✓ 37 C ✓ 38 A ✓ 39 A ✓ 40 D ✓ 41 D ✓ 42 A ✓ 43 B ✓ 44 B ✓ 45 D ✓ 46 C ✓ 47 C ✓ 48 C ✓	1 B ✓ 2 A ✓ 3 C ✓ 4 D ✓ 5 B ✓ 6 A ✓ 7 B ✓ 8 C ✓ 9 A ✓ 10 D ✓ 11 D ✓ 12 B ✓ 13 D ✓ 14 D ✓ 15 C ✓ 16 C ✓ 17 A ✓ 18 D ✓ 19 B ✓ 20 G ✓ 21 B ✓ 22 D ✓ 23 D ✓ 24 C ✓ 25 E ✓ 26 C ✓ 27 B ✓ 28 C ✓ 29 G ✓ 30 12EP ✓ 31 89 ✓	1 B ✓ 2 A ✓ 3 C ✓ 4 D ✓ 5 B ✓ 6 A ✓ 7 B ✓ 8 C ✓ 9 A ✓ 10 D ✓ 11 D ✓ 12 B ✓ 13 D ✓ 14 D ✓ 15 C ✓ 16 C ✓ 17 A ✓ 18 D ✓ 19 B ✓ 20 G ✓ 21 B ✓ 22 D ✓ 23 D ✓ 24 C ✓ 25 E ✓ 26 C ✓ 27 B ✓ 28 C ✓ 29 G ✓ 30 12EP ✓ 31 89 ✓

**KEY**  
 ✓ Correct  
 ✗ Omitted  
 \* Marked Inappropriate  
 \* King Question  
 \* Medium-Difficulty  
 \* Hard Question  
 \* Easy Question

**Tip:** A great way to start reviewing is to check out the easy questions you missed first!

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