

# Understanding 2018 PSAT 10 Results

## A PARENT TUTORIAL

### A Case Study: Ima B. Student's PSAT 10 Score Report

Take a look at Ima B. Student's sample score report below and on the next page. Use the corresponding information to help you interpret your student's PSAT™ 10 Score Report. (Note: The figures shown here are samples and do not necessarily correspond to actual results.)

#### 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 at the benchmark, indicating that she is on track for college readiness. In Math, Ima is exceeding the benchmark and is on track. Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores can give Ima a better understanding of the areas to work on.

#### What Are Ima's Score Percentiles?

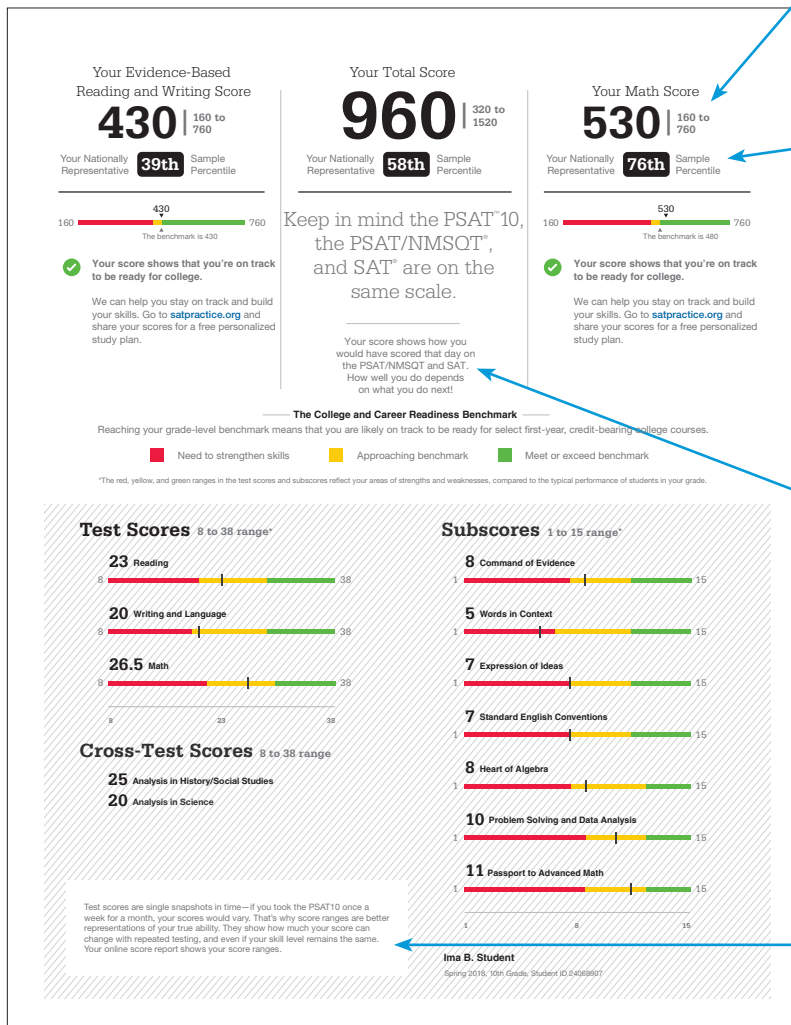
Since Ima is in 10th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 10th graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 39% of a nationally representative group of sophomores. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 76% of a nationally representative group of sophomores. Additional percentiles are available in Ima's online score report.

#### How Will Ima Do on the SAT?

The PSAT 10 and the SAT® are scored on a common scale; therefore, if Ima had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT 10 on the same test date, she would have received the same score. When Ima takes the SAT, she will likely have had additional learning from school and practice. Her PSAT 10 results can help Ima focus her efforts in high school to be better prepared for the SAT.

#### What Are Ima's Score Ranges?

Ima can sign in to her online score report to see her score ranges. They indicate how much her score would likely vary if she took the test repeatedly under the same conditions, with no change in her skill level.



## Your Scores: Next Steps

Additional skills and improvement suggestions can be found in your online score report.

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

Reading Test

Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:

- Read a moderately challenging passage closely to draw a reasonable inference.
- Determine the best textual evidence for an inference when both evidence and inference are relatively obvious and direct (e.g., a clearly stated fact as evidence for a simple inference).
- Determine the central idea or theme of a moderately challenging passage.



- When you are reading complex texts, look closely at the key information and ideas, and then use them to help you determine the central idea or theme the authors want to convey.
- When you read, think about how a particular part of a text, such as a sentence, relates to and furthers the purpose of the text as a whole. Consider, for example, whether a certain detail illustrates a larger idea or provides a fact in support of it.

Writing and Language Test

- Use supporting information to achieve a simple purpose (e.g., providing a short list of examples introduced by "for instance").
- Recognize and correct an obviously inappropriate shift in verb tense (e.g., using present tense when the context clearly calls for past tense).
- Distinguish between singular and plural possessive nouns and between plural and possessive nouns.



- In drafting and revising, use vocabulary knowledge and an understanding of particular contexts to make effective word and phrase choices.
- In revising, eliminate wordiness or redundancy within a sentence, such as when adjectives with the same meaning or very similar meanings (e.g., "fast" and "quick") are used to describe the same thing.

Math Test

- Solve a linear equation in one variable.
- Identify a key feature of one representation (graph, equation, table, etc.) of a linear relationship based on information about a different representation.
- Factor a monomial from a polynomial expression.
- Factor a trinomial into two binomials.



- Use function notation to represent dependent relationships.
- Write radical expressions in equivalent forms using fractional exponents.
- Add, subtract, multiply, and divide radical expressions.
- Use the inverse relationship between roots and exponents to solve equations.

Get more next steps online



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## How Can Ima Improve Her Academic Skills?

"Your Scores: Next Steps" are based on her test scores, and what general skills similarly performing students understand. Ima can see which skills she performed well on and which she needs to improve. When she goes online and signs in to the full report, she can see additional skills and improvement steps. Ima can also link her account to Khan Academy® for personalized practice recommendations.

## What Are Ima's Next Steps?

Under "Get more next steps online," Ima is directed to [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org) to learn how to prepare for the SAT and to see her potential for AP® coursework.

## Your Question-Level Feedback

Reading				Writing and Language				Math Test—Calculator			
Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty
1	D	C	SEC	1	B	A	HSA	15	C	A	PSD
2	B	C	EDJ	2	A	B	HSA	16	B	C	PSD
3	C	D	SEC	3	B	D	PSD	17	D	C	PSD
4	C	A	SEC	4	D	B	HSA	18	B	A	PSD
5	B	D	SEC	5	B	C	PSD	19	C	A	HSA
6	B	D	COE, EDJ	6	A	B	PSD	20	B	C	PAM
7	A	D	WIC, EDJ	7	B	C	PSD	21	B	C	HSA
8	B	C	EDJ	8	C	X	PSD	22	D	C	PAM
9	A	X	WIC, EDJ	9	A	C	PAM	23	D	B	HSA, SCI
10	D	C	SEC	10	D	C	HSA	24	C	O	PAM, SCI
11	D	C	COE, EDJ	11	D	C	PSD	25	B	A	PSD, SCI
12	B	C	SEC	12	A	C	PSD	26	D	A	PAM
13	C	C	WIC, EDJ	13	B	B	PSD	27	D	C	HSA
14	C	B	SEC	14	C	B	PSD	28	D	C	PSD
15	D	C	WIC, EDJ	15	D	C	PSD	29	0.12		
16	B	A	SEC	16	B	A	SEC	30	1368		
17	D	C	SEC	17	B	D	SEC	31	85		
18	A	C	EDJ, SCI	18	A	C	EDJ, SCI				
19	B	D	EDJ, SCI	19	B	D	EDJ, SCI				
20	C	D	COE, EDJ, SCI	20	C	D	COE, EDJ, SCI				
21	B	D	COE, SCI	21	A	C	COE, EDJ, SCI				
22	D	C	PSD	22	A	B	WIC, EDJ, SCI				
23	B	D	PSD	23	C	B	WIC, EDJ				
24	D	C	WIC, SCI	24	D	C	SEC				
25	C	D	WIC, SCI	25	C	D	SEC				
26	B	A	PSD	26	A	C	COE, EDJ				
27	B	C	PSD	27	A	D	EDJ				
28	A	C	COE, SCI	28	B	C	COE, EDJ				
29	D	A	WIC, HSA	29	D	A	WIC, EDJ				
30	B	A	HSA	30	C	D	SEC				
31	D	C	COE, HSA	31	D	C	EDJ				
32	A	C	HSA, SCI	32	B	C	SEC				
33	C	D	COE, HSA	33	D	C	SEC				
34	A	B	WIC, HSA	34	D	B	EDJ				
35	A	B	HSA	35	D	C	SEC				
36	C	O	HSA	36	B	A	EDJ				
37	B	C	PSD	37	C	D	COE, EDJ				
38	C	D	HSA	38	A	C	SEC				
39	C	C	PSD	39	C	C	SEC				
40	C	C	PSD	40	D	A	WIC, EDJ				
41	B	C	PSD	41	D	B	SEC				
42	B	C	COE, SCI	42	A	O	SEC				
43	A	B	PSD	43	C	B	COE, EDJ				
44	A	C	WIC, SCI	44	B	C	WIC, EDJ				
45	A	C	PSD								
46	D	A	COE, SCI								
47	C	B	PSD								

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See the questions, and the answer explanations, online at [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org)

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Subscore				Key			
COE	Command of Evidence	WIC	Words in Context	✓	Correct	○	Unselected
EDJ	Expression of Ideas <td>PSD</td> <td>Problem Solving and Data Analysis <td>✗</td> <td>Unselectable <td>■</td> <td>Easy</td> </td></td>	PSD	Problem Solving and Data Analysis <td>✗</td> <td>Unselectable <td>■</td> <td>Easy</td> </td>	✗	Unselectable <td>■</td> <td>Easy</td>	■	Easy
SEC	Standard English Conventions <td>HSA</td> <td>Heart of Algebra <td>■</td> <td>Multi-Grid/Incorrect <td>■</td> <td>Medium </td></td></td>	HSA	Heart of Algebra <td>■</td> <td>Multi-Grid/Incorrect <td>■</td> <td>Medium </td></td>	■	Multi-Grid/Incorrect <td>■</td> <td>Medium </td>	■	Medium
PAM	Passport to Advanced Math <td>HSD</td> <td>History/Social Studies <td>■</td> <td>Hard <td>■</td> <td>Hard </td></td></td>	HSD	History/Social Studies <td>■</td> <td>Hard <td>■</td> <td>Hard </td></td>	■	Hard <td>■</td> <td>Hard </td>	■	Hard

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## When Should Ima Take the SAT?

As a sophomore, 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 that she has adequate time to practice for the SAT. She can register for the test and take advantage of practice resources by visiting [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org).

## How Can Ima Learn from Her Answers?

Using her score report with her PSAT 10 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 see detailed answer explanations.

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