

MARIGOLD PREP'S VISUAL GUIDE TO THE DIGITAL SAT

PAPER

VS

DIGITAL

3 Hours



2 hours 14 minutes

Calculator **prohibited on the first math** section



Calculator is **allowed on the entire test**

Format: Reading, Writing, Math (No Calc), Math (Calc)



Format: Verbal 1, Verbal 2, Math 1, Math 2

Reading has **5 long passages** with 10-11 questions each



Short passages with 1-2 questions each

Test **does not adapt** based on student performance



Test **adapts** based on student performance

Questions are **not weighted**



Questions **weighted by difficulty**

HOW THE TEST ADAPTS

Module 1

Students are given questions of **mixed difficulty**, with the **more difficult questions being weighted more heavily**, or worth more points.

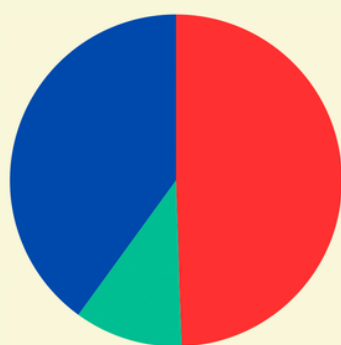
Student routed based on performance

Less Difficult Module 2

Students who do not answer as many difficult (or heavily weighted) questions correctly will be routed to a less difficult second module. Correct answers in this module are generally worth fewer points.

More Difficult Module 2

Students who answer more difficult (or more heavily weighted) questions correctly will be routed to a more difficult second module. Correct answers in this module are generally worth more points.



Least Difficult
Moderately Difficult
Most Difficult



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR SCORE

Students routed to the **more difficult module have access to questions that are worth more points**. This means that they can **get fewer questions correct, but still get a higher score** than a student routed to the less difficult module.

On the flip-side, students who are routed to the **less difficult module** are essentially **locked out of higher potential scores**.