





Levels 15-17/18




Test Descriptions

The following table describes each test, the time required, and the number of questions at each level.

	Test	Description	Time (min.)	Number of Items		
				Level 15	Level 16	Level 17/18
	Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes both informational and literary texts Most questions focus on inferring, analyzing, evaluating, and generalizing information in passages 	40	40	40	40
	Written Expression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions emphasize the ability to recognize the correct and effective use of standard American English in writing Questions focus on the most appropriate way to revise a piece of writing based on focus, organization, diction and clarity, sentence structure, usage, mechanics, and spelling Questions pose alternatives that may correct or improve underlined portions of texts 	40	54	54	54
	Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions emphasize student ability to solve quantitative problems Questions are drawn from the areas of number sense and operations, algebraic patterns and connections, data analysis/probability/statistics, geometry, and measurement 	40	40	40	40
	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions emphasize the interpretation and evaluation of information in the sciences, recognition of the basic principles of scientific inquiry and measurement, and analysis of experimental procedures Questions relate to the areas of life science, earth and space science, and physical science 	40	48	48	48

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Test Descriptions, *continued*

	Test	Description	Time (min.)	Number of Items		
				Level 15	Level 16	Level 17/18
	Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions emphasize the evaluation and interpretation of social studies-related information • Questions relate to the areas of history, geography, economics, and civics and government 	40	50	50	50
	Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions represent a cross section of vocabulary in general communication • Words are presented in short sentences, and the student must choose the alternative word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the tested word 	15	40	40	40
	Computation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions emphasize addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division using whole numbers, fractions, or decimals, manipulation of variables, and evaluation of expressions with exponents or square roots 	20	30	30	30
Totals – Complete:			235	302	302	302