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WELCOME TO THE 2400 CLUB

欢迎来到2400分俱乐部

If the words SAT 2400 CLUB are calling your name, then you are a top student, a strong reader, and a motivated, serious test taker. You are ready for the big leagues, and you don't have time for piddling advice such as "Focus on what you're reading," "Use your calculator for long division," or "Clear your mind before you start the grammar section." You want select, inspired strategies that can make a difference to your score.

As you work through this book, focus on the strategies given for each question type. We want you to have it all: the basics *and* beyond. We leave no stone unturned as we share with you a multitude of tips and techniques that have enabled us to achieve perfect scores in our respective areas of expertise. You *can* realize your personal best score!

The math and verbal coaching in this book is thorough, multifaceted, and effective. Wherever possible, we offer alternative approaches to answering questions. We let you in on the do's and don'ts of smart test taking. If you score 700 or above on each of the three sections of the new SAT, you will enter the ranks of the top 5 percent of students, the 2400 Club.

WHO IS THIS BOOK FOR? 这本书是为谁写的?

This book is for *you* since you aspire to achieve a perfect score on the SAT. With consistent use of this book as part of your plan of study, you could achieve more than you think you're capable of! Week after week, read through the strategies and work hard on the practice exercises. Visualize yourself approaching the ranks of the top 5 percent of test takers. We have every confidence in you. You can do it!

WHAT SETS THIS BOOK APART FROM THE REST? 此书的与众不同之处?

The majority of test takers can get the easier questions right—the level 1 and 2 questions. A good many can do well also on the level 3's, which are of medium difficulty. However, to achieve a score that stands out to the Ivy Leagues and the scholarship committees, you have to crack a good number of the harder, level 4 and 5, questions. Analysis of the math part of the SAT shows that, on average, 25 percent of all questions are ranked as hard—the level 4 and level 5 questions. More interestingly, a test taker who gets every level 1, 2, and 3 question correct, but misses every level 4 and 5, can max out only at a 650 score. For where you want to go and for what you want to achieve, a 650 split may not cut it.

Think of this book as a push to the finish line. Let's strive to get you as close to an 800 as possible on each of the three sections. For the verbal parts, original strategy acronyms help you to answer questions on the critical reading section and to write a high-scoring

essay. For the tricky math questions, some “nonclassroom” strategies show you how to achieve surprisingly fast and successful results. With practice you will start to recognize which strategies apply to particular questions.

WHAT EXACTLY IS ON THE SAT? SAT考什么?

There are three sections on the new SAT: Critical Reading, Mathematics, and Writing. Each is scored on a scale of 200–800, meaning that the maximum possible total score is 2400.

The test lasts for 3 hours and 25 minutes. Here is what you can expect:

Mathematics Section—worth 800 points 数学——800分

- 70 minutes of math: two 25-minute sections and one 20-minute section
- Multiple-choice questions where you select the answer from five choices
- Grid-in questions where you provide the answer in a small grid
- Additional algebra concepts
- Additional topics in data analysis and statistics
- Additional geometry and measurement concepts

Critical Reading Section—worth 800 points 分析性阅读——800分

- Sentence completions (critical reading at the sentence level)
- Paragraph-length critical reading
- Paired-paragraph critical reading
- Long-passage critical reading
- Paired-long-passage critical reading

Writing Section—worth 800 points 写作——800分

- Contents very similar to that of the (now obsolete) SAT II Writing Test
- A 25-minute essay
- 49 multiple-choice questions on standard English grammar and usage that include identifying sentence errors, improving sentences, and improving paragraphs

You should know that one of the 25-minute multiple-choice sections will not count toward your score. This could be a math, reading, or writing section. The Educational Testing Service uses this “experimental section” to calibrate new questions for future tests. Since you won’t know which section is experimental, you will need to give every section your all.

2400 CLUB ICONS 2400分俱乐部图标

As you work through this book, you will spot several icons, each of which provides you with a helpful test-taking tip.

Active Pencil



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Whenever you see the **Active Pencil** icon, expect a recommendation showing you how to use your sharpened pencil as a test-taking tool. Smart test takers stay on top of their tasks by writing as they think. This gives them an edge and helps them to keep focused.

Time Saver



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Look for the **Time Saver** icon to get tips on how to enhance your test-taking speed, without losing accuracy. High scorers know that time is of the essence on the SAT.

Calculator



计算器

Look for the **Calculator** icon for alternative solutions to some of the math problems. Judicious use of your calculator can save you time and effort on several questions.

The 2400 Club knows all the tricks and applies them accordingly.

GET IN THE GAME 备考

Acing the SAT has much to do with getting in the game. Think of it this way: When a goal-keeper shows up at a 5-hour soccer tournament, she is equipped and ready, with a mind-set toward winning. She has with her cleats, shin guards, goalie gloves, padded goalie shorts, and a goalkeeper's jersey. She is also equipped with at least two water bottles, a sports drink, and energy-sustaining snacks. She is ready for the task.

When you show up on the SAT test day, will you be geared up and ready? The night before, pack each of the following items in a small tote bag, and bring them to the test. Use this checklist to make sure you're good to go:

2400 Club Test-Day Checklist 2400分俱乐部考试明细

- ☐ Your registration ticket
- ☐ Proper ID, such as a driver's license or student ID card
- ☐ At least two sharpened #2 pencils
- ☐ A hand-held pencil sharpener, in case the one available to you is defunct
- ☐ Two or three fine-point pens, if you prefer to write the essay in pen instead of pencil