Based on a wealth of evidence about essential prerequisites for student success in postsecondary education, the redesigned SAT requires students to:

- read, analyze, and use reasoning to comprehend challenging literary and informational texts, including texts on science and history/social studies topics, to demonstrate and expand their knowledge and understanding
- revise and edit extended texts across a range of academic and career related subjects for expression of ideas and to show facility with a core set of grammar, usage, and punctuation conventions;
- show command of a focused but powerful set of knowledge, skills, and understandings in math
  and apply that ability to solve problems situated in science, social studies, and career-related
  contexts;
- make careful and considered use of evidence as they read and write;
- demonstrate skill in analyzing data, including data represented graphically in tables, graphs, charts, and the like, in reading, writing, and math contexts;
- reveal an understanding of relevant words in context and how word choice helps shape meaning and tone.