

Subject Test Breakdown

Each Subject Test is 60 minutes long. The table below gives the number of questions and a description of each test.

Subject Test	Questions	Description
Literature	60	Tests your ability to read and interpret poetry (50%) and prose (50%). You do not have to identify works or authors, but you should be familiar with basic literary terminology.
United States (US) History	90-95	Covers US history from pre-Columbian to present. However 80% of the exam covers 1790 to the present.
World History	95	Measures your understanding of world cultures and historical techniques. The exam covers pre-history to the present and is global in scope.
Math Level 1	50	Covers math from algebra through basic trigonometry. The questions are generally easier than those on the Level 2, but the Level 2 is scaled more leniently.
Math Level 2	50	Increased emphasis on functions and trigonometry. Topics not on the Math 1 include log, inverse trig, recursive, periodic, and parametric functions, 3-D coordinates and more extensive trigonometry, conics, and statistics. A strong performance in a pre-calc course is a recommended prerequisite.
Biology E/M (Ecological/Molecular)	80	The Biology-E and -M tests share the first 60 questions, but then branch off with a choice of either a 20-question ecological biology (E) section or a 20-question molecular biology (M) section.
Chemistry	85	Covers structure and states of matter, reaction types, stoichiometry, reactions, thermodynamics, and descriptive and laboratory chemistry.
Physics	75	Mechanics is the largest component followed by electricity and magnetism, waves, thermodynamics, and modern physics.
Chinese with Listening	85	Language Tests In general, the language exams cover usage and structure, vocabulary-in-context, and reading comprehension.
French French with Listening	85 85-90	
German German with Listening	80-85 85-90	Language with Listening The languages with listening include 20 minutes of multiple-choice questions about audio selections followed by 40 minutes of written multiple-choice questions.
Italian	80-85	
Japanese with Listening	80-85	
Korean with Listening	80-85	Language Preparation Most students find that they need three to four years of high school level study to perform well on these exams. Some native speakers express a preference for the listening tests. Note that not all tests are given on all dates. November is the only test date for listening tests.
Latin	70-75	
Modern Hebrew	85	
Spanish Spanish with Listening	85 85	