

ACADEMIC SERVICES INTERNATIONAL

SAT PREP COURSE: STUDENT Q & A



WHO / WHAT IS ASI?

Academic Services International is an independent test preparation company specializing in SAT/ACT test preparation. ASI was founded by experienced teachers who developed a very unusual SAT/ACT prep program that focuses on the SAT/ACT test repetition and question recognition, not content and solutions. This unique focus produces dramatic score increases and has, as a result, spread by word-of-mouth to over 45 international and American schools in 30 countries around the world.



A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT APPROACH

Content / Method:

- The SAT/ACT are "how to " tests. They are **NOT** critical thinking tests. Critical thinkers over think the test. They bring too many possibilities "to the table," spend too much time evaluating these possibilities, and then, because they now have so many possibilities to consider, are more likely to choose a wrong answer. (This is why very bright students do not get comparably high SAT/ACT scores.) The SAT/ACT must be approached as a STANDARDIZED TEST - find the **CLUE** in the question, find the match in the answer choices and move on.
- Other courses generally teach vocabulary and math. ASI does not. Students **ALREADY KNOW** all the grammar and math content that is needed. Focus does not need to be on learning new content, just recognizing when to apply the content that has already been learned. Vocabulary skills vary greatly from student to student, but ASI will show how to get correct answers, even when all the words are not known, by using **CLUES** in the question to eliminate possibilities. And students are provided with the BEST resources for building the level of vocabulary that is on the SAT/ACT.
- It is recognition of the question that is important, not the solution to that question. This is a very repetitious test. Only a few types of questions are repeatedly asked. If the test taker solves one question but fails to recognize the other 4 or 5 that are exactly the same solution, scores will be minimized. Because the types of repeated questions are few, the student only needs to learn the few types and then learn to recognize that type each and every time it is repeated. The solution for each of the same type is exactly the same. This approach minimizes the time needed to prepare for the test.
- The student needs to be aware that the SAT/ACT are repetitive tests and then learn to recognize the repetition to be able to effectively "work" the test. It also involves good test taking skills. which are no longer taught to students in school. Although many of these are just common sense, they must be pointed out to the student.



WHAT SETS US APART?

● Faculty:

ASI places a strong emphasis on the quality of ASI teachers. They are selected for their skills in teaching as well as their intercultural strengths. Each has New York State Certification in education and over twenty-five years of classroom teaching experience.

● ASI Structure:

The ASI course is a 22 hour program, offered on the school premises over two consecutive weekends. Everything you need to know about the SAT/ACT - the what and the how - can be taught in only 22 hours. You don't need weeks to learn the "what and how". You only need to practice, at your own pace and convenience, once you do know how. Individual tutoring, as needed, is provided during the weekdays between formal sessions at no additional fee or cost to the student. If any student wants to repeat the course in a subsequent session, in whole or in part, it is also free of charge.

● Scores:

It is often believed that one cannot prepare for the SAT/ACT. Our statistics prove that you CAN prepare, substantially improving your test-taking skills and dramatically raising scores. Individual increases range from 100 to 500 points! Most average score increases range from 200 to 300 points over former PSAT or SAT scores. From time to time we check the relevance of ASI practice tests. In a controlled group, the average increase of those who took the ASI course was reported three times higher than those who did not take the course. Another school with a high PSAT base reported that the SAT test scores of those who did not take the ASI course went below the PSAT level by an average of 10 points. Those who did take the course, on an average, showed an increase of 130 points over the PSAT base. The correlation between SAT/ACT scores and the SAT/ACT practice score has ranged between 85 and 97%

● Course Materials:

The ASI packet contains EVERYTHING you need to prepare for the SAT/ACT. We provide the best resource material to facilitate learning and adapt to all learning styles.

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