

## PSAT™ 8/9

# Student Answer Sheet Instructions

This guide will help you fill out your PSAT™ 8/9 answer sheet. Be sure to record your answers to the questions on the answer sheet. Answers that are marked in this booklet will not be counted.

If your school has placed a personalized label on your answer sheet, some of your information may have already been provided. You may not need to answer every question. Your instructor will read aloud and direct you to fill out the appropriate questions.

## Confidentiality

Your middle or high school, school district, and state may receive your responses to some of the questions. Institutions that receive your PSAT 8/9 information are required to keep it confidential and to follow College Board guidelines for using information. See the *PSAT 8/9 Student Guide* for more details.

## Demographic and Nontest Questions

- 1. First and Last Name** This field is required for scoring.
- 2. Testing Location** This field is required for scoring.
- 3. School** This field is required and will be used to validate your school if a processing exception occurs.
- 4. School Code** This field is required and will be provided by your teacher or counselor on test day. It is a College Board identifier representing your school.
- 5. Student Identification** This field is your student ID number. (Do not provide your Social Security Number.) Your instructor will indicate whether you need to complete this field. If required, it is used to assist in reporting your scores to your school, district, and state.
- 6. Grade Level** This field is required to validate your answer sheet for scoring.
- 7. Gender** This field is required to validate your answer sheet for scoring.
- 8. Date of Birth** This field is required to validate your answer sheet for scoring.
- 9–12. Home/Mailing Address** These fields are optional but recommended. Your home or mailing address is used to assist College Board in matching your answer sheet to your College Board record. (If you are homeschooled, you need to provide this information so that we can mail you a copy of

your score report.) College Board may contact you regarding this test, and your address will be added to your record.

If you live on a U.S. military base, in Field 9, fill in your box number or other designation. Next, in Field 10, fill in the letters “APO” or “FPO.” In Field 11, find the “U.S. Military Bases/Territories” section, and fill in the bubble for the two-letter code posted for you. In Field 12, fill in your zip code.

Otherwise, for Field 9, fill in your street address:

- ◆ Include your apartment number if you have one.
- ◆ Indicate a space in your address by leaving a blank box and filling in the corresponding bubble.
- ◆ If your address has a slash mark or hyphen, write it in the box and fill in the corresponding bubble.

Use these street address abbreviations to fill in Field 9.

Apartment <b>APT</b>	Northwest <b>NW</b>
Avenue <b>AVE</b>	Parkway <b>PKY</b>
Boulevard <b>BLVD</b>	Place <b>PL</b>
Circle <b>CIR</b>	Post Office <b>PO</b>
Court <b>CT</b>	Road <b>RD</b>
Drive <b>DR</b>	Route <b>RT</b>
East <b>E</b>	Second <b>2ND</b>
Expressway <b>EXPY</b>	South <b>S</b>
First <b>1ST</b>	Southeast <b>SE</b>
Fort <b>FT</b>	Southwest <b>SW</b>
Fourth <b>4TH</b>	Square <b>SQ</b>
Heights <b>HTS</b>	Street <b>ST</b>
Highway <b>HWY</b>	Terrace <b>TER</b>
Mount <b>MT</b>	Third <b>3RD</b>
North <b>N</b>	West <b>W</b>
Northeast <b>NE</b>	

Next, enter your city in Field 10.

If you live in the United States or U.S. territories, fill in the state or territory bubble in Field 11 and your zip or postal code in Field 12, starting at the beginning of the field.

If you live outside the United States or its territories, leave Field 11 blank and fill in your postal code in Field 12.

- 13. Country Code** Leave this field blank unless you live outside the United States or its territories. If you live outside the United States or its territories, fill in Field 13 with the country code that your instructor has provided for you.

## How Answering Questions 14–18 Helps You

We strongly recommend that you answer Questions 14–18, which are optional, because your answers:

- Guide your counselors in helping you plan your future.
- Help College Board ensure that the PSAT 8/9 is fair and accurate for all students.

**14. Educational Opportunities** Answering Question 14 on your answer sheet helps you to connect with eligible educational access programs such as the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program and The National Honors Society. Educational access programs can inform you of certain opportunities, such as extracurricular activities, outreach programs, and financial aid. Fill in “Yes” if you wish for College Board to provide you with information about educational access programs. Otherwise, fill in “No.”

*If you are taking this test in the European Union, the United Kingdom, India, or Brazil and are under the age of 16, leave this field blank. Test takers in U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Schools may respond.*

**Instructions for Questions 15–18** Your instructor will tell you when to begin with Question 15. Use these instructions and options to answer each question. These fields are optional.

**15. Racial/Ethnic Group** *If you have a personalized label on your answer sheet that includes this information, please review and confirm that the information is correct. If you believe there is an error, you can update your answer sheet with the correct information.*

Answer both questions about Hispanic origin and about race. For these questions, Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origins are separate from race.

- A.** Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? (You may mark all that apply.)
- a. No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (A-A)
  - b. Yes, Cuban (A-B)
  - c. Yes, Mexican (A-C)
  - d. Yes, Puerto Rican (A-D)
  - e. Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (A-E)
- B.** What is your race? (You may mark all that apply.)
- a. American Indian or Alaska Native (B-A)
  - b. Asian (including Indian subcontinent and Philippines origin) (B-B)
  - c. Black or African American (including African and Afro-Caribbean origin) (B-C)
  - d. Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (B-D)
  - e. White (including Middle Eastern origin) (B-E)

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**16. Language Background** Answer both questions about your language background.

- A.** What language did you learn to speak first? (Mark only one.)
- a. English only
  - b. English and another language
  - c. Another language
- B.** What language do you know best? (Mark only one.)
- a. English
  - b. English and another language
  - c. Another language

**17. Grade Point Average** Indicate your cumulative grade point average for all academic subjects in middle or high school. If you don't know your exact grade point average, give your best estimate.

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| <b>A.</b> A+ (97–100) | <b>G.</b> C+ (77–79)        |
| <b>B.</b> A (93–96)   | <b>H.</b> C (73–76)         |
| <b>C.</b> A– (90–92)  | <b>I.</b> C– (70–72)        |
| <b>D.</b> B+ (87–89)  | <b>J.</b> D+ (67–69)        |
| <b>E.</b> B (83–86)   | <b>K.</b> D (65–66)         |
| <b>F.</b> B– (80–82)  | <b>L.</b> E or F (below 65) |

**18. Military Relation** Please indicate if you have a parent or guardian in the military. Mark all that apply.

- A.** I have a parent/guardian who is on active duty in the U.S. military.
- B.** I have a parent/guardian who is in the National Guard or the Reserves.
- C.** I have a parent/guardian who was in the U.S. military but is not serving now.
- D.** Neither of my parents/guardians has a current military connection.

**19. Email Address** Email address is optional. If you decide to provide an email address, fill in the bubble to indicate whether the address is yours or a parent's/guardian's. If provided, the email address will be used to deliver reminders about test programs, test-preparation strategies, and score availability. If you supply a parent's or guardian's email, it will only be used by College Board to provide updates on test programs.

**20. Mobile Number** This field is optional. If provided, you agree to receive text messages from College Board about test programs for which you are registered, about participating in research surveys, and/or about receiving free college planning services.

**Fields A–E and Certification Statement** On test day, you will complete the remaining fields on the answer sheet. Leave these blank until your instructor directs you to complete them.

Field A (Form Code) and B (Test ID) are required on test day in order to score your test. Your teacher or counselor will tell you if you need to fill in Field C (Test Book Serial Number). Field D (Testing Room Code) and E (Optional Code) are optional, and your teacher or counselor will indicate if they should be completed.

**Certification Statement:** Your signature demonstrates that you are the person providing the information and you agree to the conditions provided in the *PSAT 8/9 Student Guide*.

