SAT Prep Course – Winter/Spring 2016

Where: Penn State New Kensington Campus  
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon  

SAT Test Dates*: May 7, June 4, 2016  
Room: 140 Science  
Instructor: Mr. Mark Cooper

*NOTE: This information refers to the new redesigned SAT that begins March 5, 2016.

Topics covered:

Background and General SAT Test-Taking Strategies
- Test dates, web and print resources, section order, “no-brainer” strategies, guessing and skipping, pacing, dealing with test anxiety, SAT v ACT, test scores and other criteria used in admissions.

The Mathematics Sections
- Calculator and no-calculator sections; multiple choice and gridded-response questions; Algebra questions; problem-solving and data analysis; advanced math topics and questions; tons of Math practice questions and two timed practice sections.

The Reading Section
- Single passages v. paired passages; understanding author’s argument and passage theme; determining best evidence; interpreting words and phrases in context, analyzing word choice; interpreting data in informational graphics; analysis in History/Social Studies and Science. Reading practice questions including a timed practice section.

The Writing and Language Section
- Improving a passage’s structure, support, and focus; understanding expression of ideas; using standard English conventions; interpreting data in informational graphics. Writing and Language practice questions including a timed practice section.

The Essay
- The optional Essay section now requires students to analyze a provided text in order to explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience. This includes comprehending the text (theme and details), using evidence and reasoning, and skillfully crafting a response. Students will experience a timed section (50 minutes).

To register online please click on the link below:

https://register.outreach.psu.edu/search/publicCourseSectionDetails.do?method=load&sectionId=6787621

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Continuing Education Department

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