**Based On SAT Writing Test #4**

**Vocabulary**

1. **Commission - to formally choose someone to do a special piece of work, or to formally ask for a special piece of work from someone.**

Sentence example - She's commissioned an artist to paint her portrait.

1. **Scrutiny - the careful and detailed examination of something in order to get information about it.**

Sentence example - Why are you afraid of scrutiny, Minister?

1. **Impart - to communicate information to someone.**

Sentence example - I have happy news to impart.

1. **Oppress - to govern people in an unfair and cruel way and prevent them from having opportunities and freedom.**

Sentence example - For years now, the people have been oppressed by a ruthless dictator.

1. **Fade - to (cause to) lose color, brightness, or strength gradually.**

Sentence example - If you hang your clothes out in the bright sun, they will fade.

1. **Underway - If something is underway, it is happening now. (adj.)**  
   Sentence example - Economic recovery is already underway.
2. **Hype - a situation in which something is advertised and discussed in newspapers, on television, etc. a lot in order to attract everyone's interest.**

Sentence example - There's been a lot of hype around/surrounding his latest film.

1. **Consumption - the act of using, eating, or drinking something.**

Sentence example - The meat was clearly unfit for human consumption (= not safe for people to eat).

1. **Reap - to obtain or receive something as a result of your own actions.**

Sentence example - They didn’t reap any benefits from that deal.

1. **Sustain - strengthen or support physically or mentally.**

Sentence example - This thought had sustained him throughout the years.

1. **Maintain - to express firmly your belief that something is true.**

Sentence example - Throughout his prison sentence, Dunn has always maintained his innocence.

1. **Residue - a small amount of something that remains after the main part has gone or been taken or used.**

Sentence example - The white residue in/on the kettle is a result of minerals in the water.

1. **Ingest - to take food or liquid into the stomach.**

Sentence example - These mushrooms are poisonous if ingested.

1. **Proponent - a person who supports an idea, plan, or cause.**

Sentence example - Long a proponent of government health insurance, he pointed out that millions of Americans have no health insurance at all.

1. **Epitome - the typical or highest example of a stated quality, as shown by a particular person or thing.**

Sentence example - He was the epitome of the fashionable gentleman.

1. **Arduous - difficult, needing a lot of effort and energy.**

Sentence example - In those days, a trip to the West was an arduous journey.

1. **Dampen - to make feelings, especially of excitement or enjoyment, less strong.**

Sentence example - Nothing you can say will dampen her enthusiasm.

1. **Scholar - a person who studies a subject in great detail, especially at a university.**

Sentence example - Dr Miles was a distinguished scholar of Russian history.

1. **Veritable - used to describe something as another, more exciting, interesting, or unusual thing, as a way of emphasizing its character.**

Sentence example - My garden had become a veritable jungle by the time I came back from holiday.

1. **Sophisticated - intelligent or made in a complicated way and therefore able to do complicated tasks.**

Sentence example - I think a more sophisticated approach is needed to solve this problem.

1. **Conceptualize - to form an idea or principle in your mind.**

Sentence example - He argued that morality could be conceptualized (= thought about) as a series of principles based on human reason.

1. **Paramount - more important than anything else.**

Sentence example - There are many priorities, but reducing the budget deficit is paramount/is of paramount.

1. **Lucrative - (especially of a business, job, or activity) producing a lot of money.**

Sentence example - The merger proved to be very lucrative for both companies.