



Main Idea

About These Problems

In critical reading sections you will be given a long passage and will be asked questions about the purpose and tone etc. Main idea questions basically ask you to read the passage and summarize it.

Question. The author of the passage below would most likely agree with which of the following statements?

In 2009 a high school student took the SAT and performed poorly. He couldn't understand it. He had spent all summer learning new vocabulary words and reviewing algebra. How could someone who was doing so well in school perform so poorly on a simple test? After all CollegeBoard claimed that the SAT was designed to assess how ready a student is to go to college.

After taking scores of practice tests and making a list of questions he got wrong, he realized he was making the same mistakes again and again. Instead of aimlessly practicing, he only reviewed topics he performed poorly on. After only two months of practicing he improved nearly 300 points and achieved his dream score.

Four years later after being accepted into a prestigious university it still bothered him that the SAT makes so many students doubt themselves. Talent cannot be measured by a four-hour test. He decided to start a company to help students ace the SAT.

- A. The SAT is an accurate measure of a student's intelligence
- B. The ACT is a better test than the SAT
- C. He thought the SAT was easy
- D. The SAT is unable to evaluate a student's intelligence and talent
- E. He thinks the European university system is superior

Answer. D: The author thinks the SAT is unable to evaluate a student. He mentions nothing about the ACT or Europe. This rules out options B and E. He struggled with the SAT. Option D is best.