Why take the SAT Biology Subject Test?
Planning to major in or focus on the sciences (e.g., pre-med, pharmacy, veterinary medicine) in college? By taking the Biology-E or Biology-M Subject Tests, you can indicate this interest as part of your application. The Biology Subject Test assesses your understanding of the major concepts of biology typically learned in high school and is an excellent way to showcase your achievements.

Test Basics:
- 60 minutes
- 80 questions
  - 60 of the 80 questions are common to both Biology E and M, followed by 20 specialized questions for each section

What is the difference between the Biology-E and the Biology-M test?
- The Biology Ecological (Biology-E) leans more toward biological communities, populations and energy flow
- The Biology Molecular (Biology-M) is geared toward biochemistry, cellular structure and processes, such as respiration and photosynthesis

How to register for the test
- SAT Subject Test is administered in various testing centers throughout the state of MA
- To register for the test, log on to https://www.collegeboard.org

How to Choose between Biology-E (Ecological) and Biology-M (Molecular):
- Take Biology E if you feel more comfortable answering questions about biological communities, populations and energy flow.
- Take Biology M if you feel more comfortable answering questions about biochemistry, cellular structure and processes, such as respiration and photosynthesis.
- Indicate choice of Biology E or Biology M by filling in the appropriate circle on your answer sheet for the test you have chosen to take on test day. You must indicate Biology E or Biology M on your answer sheet on test day for the test to be scored correctly
- You cannot take both tests on the same test date, but you can take them on two different test dates.

Please note that this test reflects what is commonly taught in high school. Due to differences in high school classes, it’s likely that most students will find questions on topics they’re not familiar with. This is nothing to worry about. You do not have to get every question correct to receive the highest score (800) for the test. Many students do well despite not having studied every topic covered.

Practice, practice, practice – the following is a list of websites where you can find practice questions for the SAT Biology Test
- http://lincoln.vpschools.org/res_view_folder.aspx?id=a4d45db-ef6f-4790-917a-12aad3cf365&userGroupId=957981a5-fa8e-423d-b0d1-698d7fbdafdb&userGroupType=C
- https://sites.google.com/site/biologysat2/home/diagnostic-tests

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