Cracking the SAT/ACT

Session	Topics Covered
Session 1 **OVERVIEW**	• What are the SAT and ACT? What are these tests composed of? • Importance of both in college applications • SAT vs ACT + introduction to online interface of ACT • PSAT and PACT • Creating a preparation plan that uses elements of both – how to leverage certain sections & ideas of both tests to prepare simultaneously • Understanding the key preparation strategy that makes or breaks SAT/ACT performance.
Session 2 **MATH**	• Maths in the SAT/ACT – structure of the paper • Understanding Math SAT/ACT scores: how much is enough? • SAT vs ACT in terms of math syllabus • Maths syllabus comparison with school: IB, IGCSE, ICSE. List of extra topics needed for preparation. • What it takes to get an 800 on SAT/ACT Math – intro to grading curve • Using books and online study material to cover conceptual understanding with list of resources that have been tried and tested. • Working with time – how to plan your test time – reference to both SAT and ACT. • Sample questions – easy, medium, hard. Analysis of how to approach these. Plus in depth analysis of free response questions for SAT. • 5 key techniques and skills to use when in doubt – ones that I have used and developed that helped me score full points. • SAT Math I and II Subject Tests overview.
Session 3 **SCIENCE**	• ACT Science – what it is, basic structure etc. • Who is ACT science meant for? • What it takes to get an 36 on Science – reference to grading curve • How to tackle ACT science questions – easy techniques that save time, build confidence and allow for a full score. • Three different categories of passages that appear on ACT science, with 8 techniques to handle them. • Types of questions in ACT science – each with example and how to tackle. • Tackling graphs – understanding how to handle them. • SAT Subject Tests – Physics, Chemistry, Biology – how many needed, when to write them. • Syllabi of each of these tests. Resources (books to practice from) as well as some sample past paper questions.
Session 4 **READING & ENGLISH**	• Two English sections – language and reading – in both ACT and SAT. Expectations from each section. • Why people find English so hard – looking at specific grammatical structures that not all of us acquainted with. Word lists and vocabulary exercises to build required base

	• Looking at set question types and approaches to handle those questions, with tried and tested books/resources. • Strategies to save on time and answer questions without second guessing. • Why ACT/SAT reading is considered hard – comparison between the two – strategy on how resources from both tests can be used. • Four types of passages and approaches for each. • Identifying the types of problems you struggle with & rectifying using given resources + focused practice to identify trends in mistakes & rectify. • ACT reading practice book references.