**Five questions that students should consider**

1. **Which test should I take?**

It is important to determine which test is best for you. Engage the services of a professional to guide you through diagnostic testing or actually taking both the ACT and SAT tests are two ways to make this decision. Test prep matters can help guide you.

1. **How many times should I take either test?**

There is no limit on how many tests you can take. It is not unusual for a high scoring student to have taken their chosen test five or six times to achieve their high scores.

**Do not take both tests over and over; concentrate on one test.**

1. **Is it true that it looks better to take both tests and to do the optional essay portion?**

Colleges only care about one high composite score or your super-score. If the essay portion is optional for the schools you are applying, then opt not to do the essay. Adding the essay when it is optional does not boost your standing in the eyes of college admissions.

1. **Should I spend all my time bringing up my lower section scores?**

“Super-Scoring” is becoming more common with colleges and universities. For this reason, it is important to be aware of the scoring policies for the schools to which you are planning to apply. Test prep matters can assist in designing preparation to achieve your goals.

1. **What is the biggest mistake students and parents make?**

Perfecting a high score takes work, effort, and patience. The test prep process is typically a 15-month process. Students and parents are often hopeful that they can get a high score with just one or two tests. This is not often the case. Test prep matters takes pride in helping students and parents maximize their test prep experience.