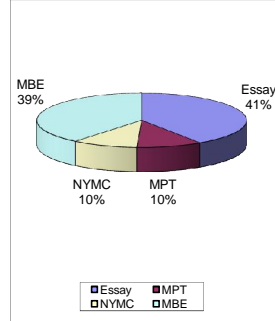


JULY 2011 NEW YORK BAR EXAM BREAKDOWN

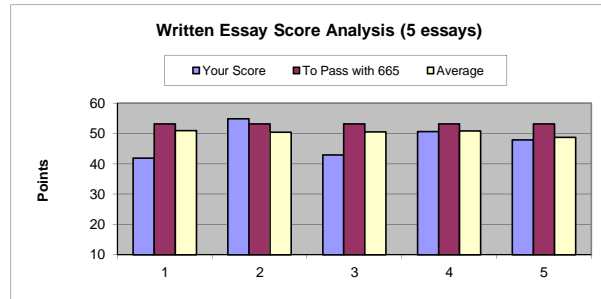
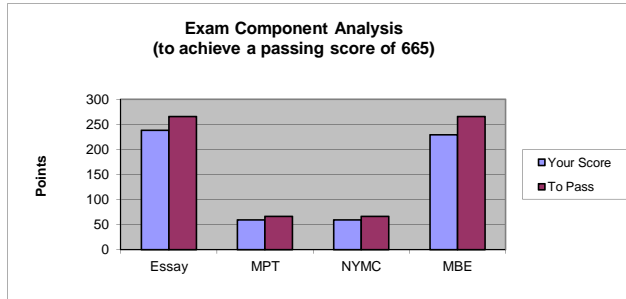
	YOUR SCALED SCORE	COMMON SCALED SCORE	YOUR WEIGHTED SCORE	EST. RAW SCORE	AVG, MAX, MIN and RANK based on 210 scores (scaled)			
					AVG	MAX	MIN	RANK
Essay 1: Real Property/Contracts	34.22	522.7	41.82	2.8	44.33	62.23	29.51	194
Essay 2: Criminal Law/Criminal Procedure	48.7	685.6	54.85	4.4	43.77	69.97	21.3	53
Essay 3: Domestic Relations/Corporations/UCC	35.45	536.5	42.92	2.9	43.86	63.2	26.51	176
Essay 4: Torts/Criminal Law	44.05	633.3	50.66	3.9	44.19	65.15	25.48	103
Essay 5: Wills/Trusts	40.9	597.9	47.83	3.5	41.87	67.21	31.53	118
MPT: Memorandum	40.29	591	59.1	2.6	38.9	68.71	20.38	80
Written Average	40.6	594.5	297.25		42.83	50.41	30.64	163
NYMC Score		590.5	59.05	21	617.2	761.6	443.8	136
MBE Score	114.7	573.5	229.4	99	124	143.3	100.2	182
Final Score			586		620	664	497	180

GRAPHICAL SCORE BREAKDOWN

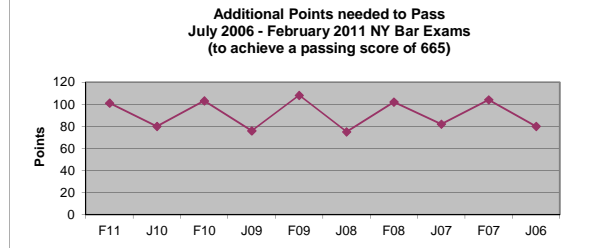


	SCORE NEEDED	POINT INCREASE	% INCR SCORE
MBE Score You Needed To Pass July 2011	154.4	39.7	34.6%
or Written Avg You Needed To Pass July 2011	53.9	13.3	32.8%

MBE % BASED ON JULY 2010 MBE SCALE	YOU	AVG
% who had better MBE score than you	94.6%	84.0%
% who had worse MBE score than you	5.4%	16.0%

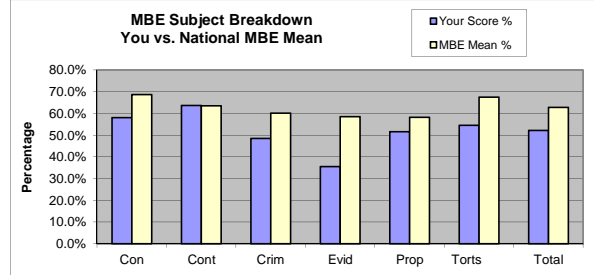
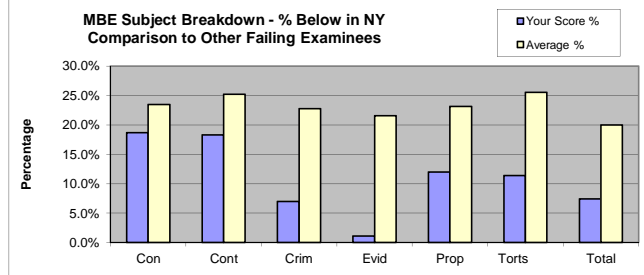


EST. FINAL SCORE ON PRIOR NY EXAMS	SCALE %	SCORE	POINTS
FEBRUARY 2011 EXAM	1.36	564	101
JULY 2010 EXAM	1.46	585	80
FEBRUARY 2010 EXAM	1.35	562	103
JULY 2009 EXAM	1.48	589	76
FEBRUARY 2009 EXAM	1.325	557	108
JULY 2008 EXAM	1.486	590	75
FEBRUARY 2008 EXAM	1.354	563	102
JULY 2007 EXAM	1.449	583	82
FEBRUARY 2007 EXAM	1.341	561	104
JULY 2006 EXAM	1.462	585	80



MBE SUBJECT BREAKDOWN	% BELOW IN NEW YORK based on 210 scores				
	YOUR %	AVG %	MAX %	MIN %	RANK
Constitutional Law	18.7%	23.5%	86.0%	0.7%	92
Contracts	18.3%	25.2%	78.8%	0.1%	108
Criminal Law	7.0%	22.8%	85.0%	0.4%	170
Evidence	1.1%	21.5%	72.2%	0.1%	198
Real Property	12.0%	23.2%	82.6%	0.6%	126
Torts	11.4%	25.5%	87.0%	0.4%	135
Total Score	7.4%	20.0%	54.0%	1.4%	

	EST RAW	YOUR MBE %	NAT MEAN	DIFF	ADDTL QS
Constitutional Law	18	58.1%	68.6%	-10.5%	5
Contracts	21	63.6%	63.5%	0.1%	1
Criminal Law	15	48.4%	60.1%	-11.7%	5
Evidence	11	35.5%	58.4%	-22.9%	8
Real Property	16	51.6%	58.2%	-6.6%	3
Torts	18	54.6%	67.4%	-12.9%	5
Total Score	99	52.1%	62.7%	-10.6%	27



## OVERVIEW

The New York bar examination includes four components, the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), the New York Essay Examination (NY Essay), a Multistate Performance Test (MPT), and a multiple-choice test on New York law (NYMC). Total scores on the New York bar exam are computed by combining three separate "scaled" and weighted scores from three separate components: the NY Essay Examination, which consists of five essay questions and an extended performance task (MPT) and has a weight of 50%, the MBE, which consists of 200 multiple-choice questions of which 190 questions are graded and has a weight of 40%, and the NYMC component, which consists of 50 multiple-choice questions and has a weight of 10%. Scores on the New York bar exam are reported on a scale with a range from 0 to 1,000 (common scale score).

The purpose of this analysis is to illustrate how you compared to other examinees who also failed the July 2011 NY bar exam and to identify your weak areas. A 2007 NCBE study found that the mean total bar score of domestic educated candidates who took the New York bar exam for the first time in July 2005 was 727. For domestic repeaters, the mean score was 624. For first time foreign candidates, the mean score was 647. For foreign repeaters, their mean score on the July 2005 exam was 599. Since New York does not release score data for each exam, I averaged the scores of July 2011 examinees that sent me their scores in order to create a small sample that can be used for comparison purposes.

A total of 11,182 examinees sat for the July 2011 New York bar examination (in July 2010, a total of 11,557 examinees sat for the exam, meaning that 3.2% fewer examinees took the exam in July 2011). Of these 11,182 July 2011 examinees, a total of 7,731 examinees passed the July 2011 exam, while 3,451 examinees failed the exam, resulting in a pass rate of 69.14%. The overall pass rate for the July 2010 exam was 69.55%, meaning the year-to-year pass rate declined by 0.6%. Of the 3,451 examinees that failed the exam, 210 of these examinees submitted their scores to me to date. Accordingly, these statistics represent approximately 6% of the examinees that failed the July 2011 New York bar examination.

As a result, the above AVG columns show the mean score for that particular topic based on the scores of these 210 examinees that failed the July 2011 exam and submitted their scores to me. Anytime your score is below this average, it appears in RED to illustrate that this is a poor area for you even when compared to others that failed and submitted their scores to me. For example, the average score for Essay 1 among the 210 examinees who submitted their scores to me was 44.33 while your Essay 1 score was 34.22.

The MAX and MIN columns report the highest score and lowest score for that category based on the scores of the 210 examinees that failed the July 2011 exam and submitted their scores to me. Again, keep in mind these maximum and minimum numbers are only from those that failed - they do not accurately reflect the scores of all examinees. On this exam, your final score of 586 was 34 points less than the average final score of 620 (based on the 210 submitted scores). There is a graphical breakdown of your score to help you identify your weak areas (In the exam, the Essays are 40%, MPT 10%, NYMC 10%, and the MBE is 40%).

The RANK column reports your rank for that category when compared to the scores of the 210 people that failed the July 2011 exam and submitted their scores to me. For example, on Essay 1, your rank of 194 means that 193 of the 210 scores for Essay 1 were higher than your score of 34.22 while 16 of the 210 scores for Essay 1 were lower than your score of 34.22.

On your score report, the "% below in NY" column reports what percentage of test-takers you did better than in NY on the MBE. For example, on the Constitutional Law portion of the MBE, you did better than 18.7% of all 11,182 New York July 2011 examinees. This means 81.3% of the July 2011 NY examinees did better than you on this portion of the MBE (approximately 9,091 examinees who took the July 2011 New York bar exam).

Although the following analysis is lengthy, please read and review the entire report. The below analysis explains your scores along with the above charts. Everything in this report is intended to help you understand your scores to make the appropriate adjustments.

**MBE**

Your MBE scaled score was 114.7. This scaled score holds the same meaning over time - it is not affected by the performance of other examinees who sat for the exam, nor by the difficulty of the questions on the particular exam form. Your estimated raw MBE score was 99 questions correct.

Please note that the raw scores are estimations since New York stopped releasing raw MBE scores in 2007. On the MBE Subject Breakdown chart, I report an estimate of your raw scores for each of the MBE subjects. Again, keep in mind that these raw scores are rough estimates and each individual raw score can be off by as much as +3/-3. This is because I calculated the percentages using the national mean MBE scores for February exams from 1995-2004 (NCBE stopped reporting raw scores by subject in 2005) and then compared the New York percentages to the national mean average percentages. According to NBCE, because the raw scores are not scaled to take into account the difficulty of the questions on the particular form of the exam that was taken, the raw scores can be misleading. A low raw score in a subject might in fact be the result of adequate or even good performance if the questions in that subject were more difficult than those in other subjects. Therefore, keep this in mind when evaluating your MBE scores by subject - the more important statistic is your percentage below in NY, not your raw score (especially since the raw score I report could be off by as much as +3/-3). Please also note that only 190 MBE questions are graded (Con Law - 31 Qs; Contracts - 33 Qs; Crim Law - 31 Qs; Evidence - 31 Qs, Property - 31 Qs; and Torts - 33 Qs).

On the MBE, based on your scaled MBE score of 114.7, you did better than only 13.81% of the 210 examinees who failed the July 2011 exam and sent their scores to me (meaning 181 of these 210 examinees had a higher MBE score than you and 29 of the examinees had a lower score than you). The mean MBE score among these 210 failing examinees was 124 and the median MBE score was 124.1. The mean MBE score of the 1,410 examinees who have sent me their scores from July 2000 to present is 122.3.

The MBE Subject Breakdown compares your MBE percentages on the six MBE subjects to the 210 examinees who failed the July 2011 exam and sent their scores to me. For example, on the MBE Contracts questions, your NY MBE% was 18.3% (meaning that 81.7% of the 11,182 July 2011 NY examinees did better than you on the MBE Contracts questions). The average in Contracts among the 210 examinees who failed the July 2011 exam was 25.23%. Your rank on this MBE subject was 108 out of 210 (meaning only 102 of the 210 examinees who failed the July 2011 exam and sent me their did worse than you on these MBE Contracts questions and 107 of the 210 examinees did better than you on the MBE Contracts questions).

On the MBE, based on your MBE scaled score of 114.7, you did better than only 7.4% of the 11,182 July New York examinees on the MBE. This means approximately 10,355 of the 11,182 July New York examinees did better than you on the MBE. If all your other scores remained the same, you would have needed to score a 154.4 on the MBE in order to have passed the July 2011 NY bar exam. This means your MBE scale score would have had to increase by 39.7 points, which is a 34.6% total increase in your MBE score.

Nationally, you did better than only 5.4% of all 50,114 July 2010 MBE test-takers nationwide. Please note that these percentages are based on the July 2010 MBE scores since the statistics for this exam will not be released until mid-2012. This means approximately 47,408 of the 50,114 July 2010 MBE examinees nationwide did better than you on the MBE. With a scale MBE score of 154.4 (the MBE score you needed to pass), you would have scored better than 77.5% of all examinees nationwide (again, based on the July 2010 MBE National Score Distribution as 2011 national MBE scores won't be released until mid 2012).

Based on a 2007 NCBE study of 26,839 first-time takers of the July 2006 MBE (representing 80% of all known July 2006 MBE first-time takers nationwide), the average MBE score of a first-time taker was 148.1. Based on your MBE score of 114.7, you scored 33.4 points lower on the MBE than the average July 2006 first-time taker. On the July 2006 exam, for these first-time examinees, White examinees averaged 149.3 on the MBE; Asian examinees averaged 146.1 on the MBE; Hispanic examinees averaged 143.3 on the MBE; and Black examinees averaged 137.9 on the MBE. In your case, your MBE score was 31.4 points lower than the average July 2006 first-time taker whose race was Asian/Pacific Islander.

Generally, the lower your MBE score on your first attempt, the greater the increase in your MBE score on your second attempt. Based on a 1999 NCBE study, if you are a 1st time repeater (you will be taking the exam your 2nd time), based on your MBE score of 114.7, the average MBE score increase was 9 points, meaning an estimated score of 123.7 on your next MBE. Keep in mind that this estimate is based on the mean score change based on an initial MBE score of 114.7. In contrast, the top 5% of MBE scores of 1st time repeaters increased by 26 points (meaning an MBE score of 140.7) while the bottom 5% of MBE scores of 1st time repeaters decreased by 7 points (meaning an MBE score of 107.7).

The July 2011 mean MBE scaled score for all the New York examinees was approximately 141.44. This mean was 0.4 point less than the July 2010 mean MBE of 141.84 (New York examinees only). Of the 210 people that failed the July 2011 exam and submitted their scores to me, only 1 examinee scored higher than the July 2011 New York mean MBE score of 141.44 (meaning only 0.48% of the 210 failing examinees that submitted scores did better than the July 2011 New York MBE mean while 99.52% did worse than the New York MBE mean).

The average national July MBE mean scaled score (based on the national July MBE means from 1974-2011) was 142.02. Of the 210 people that failed the July 2011 exam and submitted their scores to me, only 1 examinee scored higher than this national mean (meaning only 0.48% of the 210 failing examinees that submitted scores to me did better than the average national July MBE mean and 99.52% did worse than the mean).

To give yourself a good chance of passing the NY bar exam, all your MBE scores should be above the national MBE mean. The MBE Subject Breakdown chart entitled 'You vs. the National Mean' compares your MBE percentages from the July 2011 exam to the national MBE mean average from 1995-2004 (these are the 10 most recent years of national MBE statistics - as after 2004, NCBE stopped releasing raw scores by subject). Keep in mind that your scores on each individual subject will vary. For example, it is normal for examinees to score lower in Evidence than Constitutional Law (an easier subject) - this is reflected in the national mean. You should gauge your performance on the individual subjects by comparing your scores to the national mean averages.

For example, on the MBE, you answered approximately 18 Constitutional Law questions correct out of 31 Constitutional Law questions that are graded (again, keep in mind that these raw scores are rough estimates and each individual raw score can be off by as much as +3/-3.). Based on this estimated raw score, your percentage on this subject was 58.1% (18/31). The national mean over 10 MBEs from 1995-2004 was 23.51 Constitutional Law questions correct (out of 33 Constitutional Law questions that were graded). Therefore, the national mean average percentage on this subject was 68.6% (23.51/33), meaning you did 10.54% worse (approximately 5 questions) than the national mean average percentage for Constitutional Law.

The 'Addtl Qs' column reports how many more (or less if negative) questions you would need to answer in order to match the national mean from 1995-2004, which would result in a scaled score (nationally, not in New York) of approximately 139.85. In your case, you would need to answer approximately 27 more questions correctly on the MBE (raw score of 126) in order to score roughly the same as the national mean. Please keep in mind that this MBE scale differs from the New York MBE scale - a raw score of 126 (66.3% correct out of 190) would result in an estimated scaled score of 135 in New York (this MBE conversion is based on the July 2006 NY MBE scale - the last year that New York reported both raw and scaled MBE scores).

If you followed my default study time percentage allocations of MBE 60%; Essays 38% (using MASTER for your essay studying); MPT 1%; and NYMC 1%, although you would have spent 22% more of your total study time on the MBE than the Essays, you scored 8.75 points worse on the MBE than the Essays, a -1.49% difference. This is yet another illustration of the difficulty and importance of the MBE. In your case, you reported that you spent 65% of your overall study time on the MBE portion of the exam and 35% of your time on the Essay portion - a 30% difference.

Based on an exam component analysis, if the MBE portion was exactly 40% of your total score, you would need 266 points on the MBE portion in order to pass the NY bar exam. You scored 229.4 points on the MBE portion of the exam - this is 36.6 points less than what was needed to pass, meaning your MBE score would have to increase by 13.8% in order to pass with a 665 (based on the MBE portion being exactly 40% of your total score).

Keep in mind that the MBE is the most reliable component of the NY bar exam - this is the portion of the exam you want to do do very well on. Your final score on the July 2010 exam was 586 and your MBE score on the July 2010 exam was 121.6, meaning your MBE score decreased by -6.9 points.

**NY ESSAY**

Alternatively, if all your other scores (including the MBE) remained the same, you would have needed to score approximately a 53.9 written average on the combined Essays and MPT in order to have passed the July 2011 NY bar exam. This means your written average scale score would have increased by 13.3 points, which is a 32.8% total increase in your written average scale score. You can test scoring scenarios using this calculator:

<http://seperac.com/bar/calc-bar-i11.php>

Based on an exam component analysis, if the Essay portion was exactly 40% of your total score, you would need 266 points on the Essay portion in order to pass the NY bar exam. You scored 238.15 points on the Essay portion of the exam - this is 27.9 points less than what was needed to pass, meaning your Essay score would have to increase by 10.5% in order to pass with a 665 (based on the Essay portion being exactly 40% of your total score).

The weighted scores for the individual essays and MPT are in italics because these weighted scores are approximations based on the scale used to calculate the Written Average weighted score. For example, the estimated Weighted Score for Essay 1 is 41.82. If you were to add up these individual weighted score estimates for the essays/MPT, the total would be close to the Written Average Weighted Score, but not exact. Each essay is worth 8% of your total score. Based on an exam component analysis, if each essay contributed exactly 8% of your total score, you would need 53.2 points on each essay. For essay 1, you scored 11.38 points less than the score of 53.2 needed, so this essay hurt your final score.

The Written Essay Score Analysis graph compares your individual essay scores to the individual average scores of the failing examinees who submitted scores to me and to the individual scores needed to pass with a 665 (each essay being exactly 8% of your total score). Based on the Written Essay Score Analysis, if each essay was exactly 8% of your total score, you would need 53.2 points on each Essay in order to pass the NY bar exam. In approximating your individual essay scores using the written average scale, you scored approximately 41.82 points on the first essay; 54.85 points on the second essay; 42.92 points on the third essay; 50.66 points on the fourth essay; and 47.83 points on the fifth essay.

According to NY BOLE, '[t]he scale score for each of the five essay questions and the MPT question is arrived at by converting the raw score for each question to a scale that generally ranges from approximately 20 to 80, with 50 as the mean. In the conversion from the raw to scale scores, the essays are weighted 40%, or 8% each, and the MPT is weighted 10%.' To convert scaled scores to raw scores, you need to know the correct mean and standard deviation (SD) for the MBE in your jurisdiction, along with the essays/MPT. You can read about how the essay scores are scaled to the MBE here:

<http://www.seperac.com/calc-raw-scaled.php>

The estimated mean NY MBE raw score for the July 2011 exam was 135 (based on a scaled-raw conversion from the 2006 exam - the last New York bar exam to report both raw and scaled MBE scores). The average national July MBE standard deviation from 1987 to present is 15.64. I estimated the NY essay raw mean score to be 5 and the standard deviation to be 0.7. Based on these estimated means/standard deviations, your estimated raw score on Essay 1 was 2.8; Essay 2 was 4.4; Essay 3 was 2.9; Essay 4 was 3.9; and Essay 5 was 3.5. Your estimated raw score on the MPT was approximately 2.6. Please keep in mind that without knowing the actual mean and standard deviation for the MBE and Essays/MPT, there is no way to precisely estimate the raw Essay/MPT scores.

I strongly urge all failing examinees to order their essays from NY BOLE immediately after scores are released in order to review your essay and MPT answers. After an exam, you need to look at your responses and understand what you did wrong to avoid making the same mistakes on future exams. You disadvantage yourself if you do not review your essays because you will not know what mistakes to correct (i.e. did you apply the IRAC style to all the answers, did you miss obvious issues, was your writing style poor or careless, were your answers too short compared to the released above-average answers). I am currently examining NY bar exam essays/MPTs using the same methodology as the score analysis. If you submit your essays/MPT to me, I will provide you with a free 25 page essay/MPT analysis. A five page sample of the analysis is here:

<http://seperac.com/bar/pdf/Sample%20Essay%20Analysis.pdf>

The analysis is based on statistics such as words, characters, paragraphs, sentences, sentences per paragraph, words per sentence, characters per word, Flesch reading ease and Flesch-Kincaid grade level. The essays/MPTs are examined against the released above average essays/MPTs and the essays/MPTs of other failing examinees. I also analyze word frequencies and report any useful data. For example, for each essay/MPT, the analysis will report the top 20 words that the above average answers used that you did not. You will find the essay analysis as comprehensive and useful as this score analysis. If you have your essays (typed or handwritten) in PDF format and would like to receive an analysis, please email a PDF copy to joe@seperac.com. If you submit your essays for this analysis, while the essays are used for comparison purposes, any identifying information is redacted and the identity of the essay writer is held strictly confidential.

Did you order your essays from NY BOLE? The deadline to order your essays was December 02, 2011). Here is the NY BOLE link:

<http://www.nybarexam.org/fag/fag.htm>

Based on the 210 submitted score reports, the chart to the right shows how many other examinees had the same score as you on the respective essay/MPT. For example, for Essay 2, there were 5 examinee(s) who typed the exam and also scored a 48.7. Meanwhile, for Essay 1, there were 1 examinee(s) who hand-wrote the exam and also scored a 34.22.

	Score	Other Examinees	
		Typed	Wrote
Essay 1	34.22	0	1
Essay 2	48.7	5	5
Essay 3	35.45	2	2
Essay 4	44.05	4	2
Essay 5	40.9	3	1
MPT	40.29	2	1
Totals		16	12

If you submit your essays to me, your essays will be included in an Essay/MPT comparison (although you can opt out if you wish). The analysis examines a collection of essays/MPTs and looks through them for matching words in phrases (minimum of 3 words). The reports also show PDFs of the two essays you selected side-by-side (for each examinee that participates in the Essay/MPT comparison, all identifying information is redacted and each examinee is assigned a random 3-digit ID). Following is a small sample of the February 2010 analysis:

<http://www.seperac.com/Feb2010Analysis/>

**NEW YORK MULTIPLE CHOICE (NYMC)**

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On the NYMC, you answered approximately 21 questions correct based on your common scaled score of 590.5. Please keep in mind this is an estimate and can be off by +3/-3. The average NYMC score based on the 210 submitted score reports was approximately 23 correct questions. Although the NYMC is 10% of the exam, it comprised 10.1% of your score. Of the 210 scores I received for the July 2011 exam, a total of 98 examinees identified themselves as foreign educated examinees. The average NYMC score for these foreign educated examinees was 607.6. A total of 63 examinees identified themselves as domestic educated examinees. The average NYMC score for these domestic educated examinees was 625. This is an average difference of approximately 1 NYMC question(s) in favor of the domestic educated examinees.

New York released average scores for the July 2005 exam. Your scaled NYMC score of 590.5 is 131.5 points less than the July 2005 NYMC common scale score average of 722 (meaning you scored 18.2% worse than the July 2005 average NYMC score or approximately 11 questions less than the July 2005 average NYMC score).

Based on an exam component analysis, if the NYMC portion was exactly 10% of your total score, you would need 66.5 points on the NYMC portion in order to pass the NY bar exam. You scored 59.05 points on the NYMC portion of the exam - this is 7.5 points less than what was needed to pass, meaning your NYMC score would have to increase by 11.3% in order to pass with a 665 (based on the NYMC portion being exactly 10% of your total score).

**MPT**

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On the MPT, your scaled score was 40.29. The average MPT scaled score based on the submitted score reports was 38.9. Compared to your scores on the other components of the exam, although the weight of the MPT is 10% of the exam, it comprised 10.1% of your total score.

Looking at the 210 people that failed the July 2011 exam and submitted their scores to me, your rank of 80 on the MPT means that 79 of the 210 scores for the MPT were higher than your score of 40.29 while 130 of the 210 scores for the MPT were lower than your score of 40.29.

Based on an exam component analysis, if the MPT portion was exactly 10% of your total score, you would need 66.5 points on the MPT portion in order to pass the NY bar exam. You scored 59.1 points on the MPT portion of the exam - this is 7.4 points less than what was needed to pass, meaning your MPT score would have to increase by 11.1% in order to pass with a 665 (based on the MPT portion being exactly 10% of your total score).

**FEB 2012 EXAM ANALYSIS FOR EXAMINEE**

On the July 2011 exam, an examinee needed a scaled score of approximately 46.87 in order to obtain a 'passing score' on an essay (on the July 2011 exam, a scaled score of 46.87 would have contributed 53.2 points to the examinee's final score - this is 8% of 665). Based on your scores, only one of your five essays were 'passing'. While you did not pass the exam, you demonstrated the capacity to write a 'passing' essay'. For information regarding my essay analysis report, click here:

<http://www.seperac.com/#ANALYSIS>

For the Feb 2012 exam, assuming your MBE score increases by the average of 9 points (meaning an estimated score of 123.7 on the Feb 2012 MBE) and your NYMC score remains the same, you would need to have a written average of 55.4 on the Essays and MPT in order to pass the Feb 2012 NY Bar exam (based on the February 2011 scale). This means your written average scale score needs to increase by 14.8 points, which is a 36.5% total increase in your written average scale score.

An MBE scaled score of 123.7 translates to an estimated raw score of 112 out of 190 (meaning 58.95% MBE questions correct). The MBE conversion is based on the February 2006 NY MBE scale (2006 is the last year where NY BOLE reported both raw and scaled scores). Keep in mind that this MBE scale could differ by as many as 12 points on the upcoming exam, especially for very low or very high scores.

The February 2011 mean MBE scaled score for all 3,881 New York examinees was approximately 132.05 and the average NYMC score is approximately 28 correct questions. If you scored these scores on the Feb 2012 exam, you would need an essay/MPT average of 51.6 in order to pass with a 665 (based on the February 2011 scale). An MBE scaled score of 132.05 translates to an estimated raw score of 122 out of 190 (meaning 64.21% correct). This MBE conversion is based on the February 2006 NY MBE scale. This means your written average scale score would need to increase by 11 points, which is a 27.1% total increase in your written average scale score. For the MBE, while you answered approximately 99 MBE questions correct on the July 2011 exam, you need to answer approximately 122 MBE questions correct on the Feb 2012 exam to score a 132.05 on the MBE (a difference of 23 MBE questions).

The average Essay/MPT score of the 185 examinees that failed the February 2011 exam and sent me their scores was 46.33 and the average estimated number of correct NYMC questions was 26 out of 50. If you were to score these scores on the Feb 2012 exam, you would need a 147.4 scaled score on the Feb 2012 MBE in order to pass with a 665. Please note that this calculation is based on the February 2011 scale (which should be close to the Feb 2012 scale). An MBE scaled score of 147.4 translates to an estimated raw score of 141 out of 190 (meaning 74.21% correct). The MBE conversion is based on the February 2006 NY MBE scale. Keep in mind the accuracy of the estimate diminishes with extremely high or low scores.

Alternatively, if you were to score these February 2011 average failing scores on the July 2012 exam, you would need a 136.6 scaled score on the July 2012 MBE in order to pass the July 2012 exam with a 665. Please note that this calculation is based on the July 2010 scale (which should be close to the July 2012 scale). An MBE scaled score of 136.6 translates to an estimated raw score of 128 out of 190 (meaning 67.37% correct). The MBE conversion is based on the July 2006 NY MBE scale. You can read more about the scaling differences between the February exam and the July exam here:

<http://seperac.com/#FEBVSJULY>

In a 2005 study, NCBE analyzed the performance of 4,500 examinees who scored less than a scaled 140 on a July MBE and then re-took the MBE in February. Based on your MBE scaled score of 114.7, the average February MBE score increase was 10 points, meaning an estimated scaled score of 124.7 on the February 2011 MBE (estimated 113/190 raw = 59.41% correct based on February 2006 NY MBE scale). Keep in mind that this estimate is based on the average score change after a July MBE score of 114.7. In contrast, the largest MBE score increase was 59 points (meaning a February MBE scaled score of 173.7) while the largest decrease among the 4,500 re-takers on the February exam was 22 points (meaning a February MBE scaled score of 92.7).

Based on this 2005 study, if your MBE score increases by the average of 10 points on the Feb 2012 exam (meaning an estimated score of 124.7 on the Feb 2012 MBE) and your NYMC score remains the same, you would need to have a written average of 55 on the Essays and MPT in order to pass the Feb 2012 NY Bar exam (based on the February 2011 scale). This means your written average scale score needs to increase by approximately 14.4 points, which is a 35.5% total increase in your written average scale score.

While you need to bring up your total score by 79 points to pass, this is not an impossible task. One foreign examinee failed the July 2010 New York bar exam (her 1st attempt) with a score of 556 (her MBE score was 109.2). The examinee then failed the February 2011 New York bar exam with the same score of 556 (her MBE score was 113.1). The examinee subscribed to MASTER JULY 2011 and passed the July 2011 exam with an MBE score of 127.9. This is a total score increase of 109 points. The examinee attributed her success to using a tutor, doing 4,000 MBE questions, subscribing to MASTER JULY 2011, learning to write American, and praying. Therefore, while large score increases are uncommon, it is possible.

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