

The AP Psychology Exam

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Total Score: 5

Total Testing Time: 2 hours

Units

Unit #	Title	Percentage of Exam
Unit 1	Scientific Foundations of Psychology	10-14%
Unit 2	Biological Bases of Behavior	8-10%
Unit 3	Sensation and Perception	6-8%
Unit 4	Learning	7-9%
Unit 5	Cognitive Psychology	13-17%
Unit 6	Developmental Psychology	7-9%
Unit 7	Motivation, Emotion, and Personality	11-15%
Unit 8	Clinical Psychology	12-16%
Unit 9	Social Psychology	8-10%

Sections and Timing

Section	Percent Weight	Questions & Time Limit	Breakdown
I: Multiple-Choice	67%	100 questions 70 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining, describing, and explain content from a range of course topics Apply skills related to course concepts, theories, and scientific data and methods
II: Free Response	33%	2 questions 50 minutes	<p>Question 1: Concept Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining behavior and apply theories using concepts from different theoretical frameworks or subdomains in the field of psychology <p>Question 2: Research Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzing psychological research studies, including analyzing and interpreting quantitative data <p>Each question is scored out of 7 points</p>

Scoring Details [\(LINK to Zinkerz Score conversion to come\)](#)

FAQs...

- **When is the exam administered?** Once a year in May.
- **How long does it take to get the scores back?** Scores are typically released around July 5th.

- **For how long are the scores valid?**
 - Whether APs are taken in Grade 9, 10, 11, or 12, the AP score will remain valid until the student starts college.
 - If a student's last AP Exam was more than four years ago, the scores are archived and cannot be viewed in the CollegeBoard score reporting system. However - they can still send these scores to a college, university, or scholarship program, or get a score report sent to themselves, by submitting a form by mail or fax

- **Is there a reference sheet?** No.

- **Is the AP exam adaptive?:** No. The AP Psych exam is not adaptive. The difficulty level of the content does not change based on performance as the test taker progresses through the exam.

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