

The AP English Language and Composition Exam

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Total Score: 5

Total Testing Time: 3 hours and 15 minutes

Units

Unit #	Title
Unit 1	Communicating an Idea
Unit 2	Appealing to an Audience
Unit 3	Understanding Context
Unit 4	Analyzing Purpose
Unit 5	Creating Coherence
Unit 6	Establishing and Evaluating Credibility
Unit 7	Comparing Perspectives
Unit 8	Explaining Complexities
Unit 9	Joining the Conversation

Sections and Timing

Section	Percent Weight	Questions & Time Limit	Breakdown
I: Multiple-Choice	45%	<p>45 questions</p> <p>60 minutes</p> <p>2 Reading Passages (taking ~30 minutes to complete)</p> <p>3 Writing Passages (taking ~30 minutes to complete)</p>	<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 passages, with 11-13 questions each • 23-25 questions total <p>Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 passages, with 6-8 questions each • 20-22 questions total <p>Each multiple-choice question is worth 1 point.</p>
II: Free Response	55%	<p>3 questions</p> <p>2 hours and 15 minutes</p> <p>Suggested Time: Reading Period: 15 min Question 1: 40 min Question 2: 40 min Question 3: 40 min</p>	<p>Question 1: The Synthesis Essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After reading 6–7 texts about a topic (including visual and quantitative sources), students will compose an argument that combines and cites at least 3 of the sources to support their thesis. <p>Question 2: The Rhetorical Analysis Essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will read a nonfiction text and analyze how the writer’s language choices contribute to the intended meaning and purpose of the text. <p>Question 3: The Argumentative Essay</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will create an evidence-based argument that responds to a given topic. <p>Each essay is scored out of 6 points (see below for details).</p>
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Scoring Details ([LINK to Zinkerz Score conversion to come](#))

Essay Grading:

- All three essays are scored out of 6 total points:
 - Thesis (0-1 point)
 - Evidence and Commentary (0-4 points)
 - Sophistication (0-1 point)
- See the rubrics for details: [AP Lang Essays Rubric.pdf](#)

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 Lang exam is not adaptive. The difficulty level of the content does not change based on performance as the test taker progresses through the exam.
- **Will I take the test on a computer or on paper?** The AP Lang exam is currently taken on paper.
- **Do the essays have to be written in order?** No, they can be completed in any order the student prefers.

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