

AP Review Questions and Essays

AP Review - The AP English Language and Composition Exam employs multiple-choice questions to test the students' skills in analyzing the rhetoric of prose passages. Students are also asked to write several essays (rhetorical analysis, argumentation, and synthesis) that demonstrate the skills they have learned in the course.

Ordinarily, the exam consists of 60 minutes for multiple-choice questions, a 15-minute reading period to read the sources for the synthesis essay and plan a response, and 120 minutes for essay questions. Performance on the free-response (essay) section of the exam counts for 55 percent of the total score; performance on the multiple-choice section, 45 percent.

Multiple-choice scores are based on the number of questions answered correctly. Points are not deducted for incorrect answers, and no points are awarded for unanswered questions. Because points are not deducted for incorrect answers, students are encouraged to answer all multiple-choice questions. Although the writing skills tested in the exam remain essentially the same, there may be some variation in format of the essay questions from year to year. The free-response section is scored by college and AP English teachers using standardized procedures.