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“An essay score of a 9 or a 0
are very rare and richly
deserved”

- 2013 APUSH Reading

The Day of the Exam

On Friday morning, **May 10, 2024**, you will arrive at about 7:00 AM and we will meet in Mr. Groven's room for donuts and any last minute prep. Mr. Groven will collect ALL electronic devices (watches, calculators, iPads, iPods, cell phones, smart phones, laptops, earplugs, ear buds, etc.) and will return them after the test. Clothing with history related logos should not be worn. Only analog watches should be worn on the day of the test. Cheap analog watches can be purchased at a 99¢ store. We will begin calling all who have not shown up at 7:10 am before we walk together to the test site at 7:20 am. The test site at HTPA will vary from a classroom to a gymnasium. Bring with you two blue or black ink pens, two number 2 pencils and an excellent eraser. The essays must be written in blue or black ink. The number 2 pencil is for the scantron scored multiple choice section of the test.

The test is comprised of multiple choice questions, short answer responses, a document based question and a long essay. The first half of the test has two parts. Part A of Section I is the multiple choice portion which contains 55 questions to be completed in 55 minutes. Part B of Section I is four Short Answer Responses that are written in 45 minutes. Only three of the four questions need to be responded to. To monitor your time, bring a watch to the exam (analog only!). After Part A of Section I you will turn in your answers to the multiple choice questions. Thus, you will not be able to go back to review any multiple choice questions if you finish your Short Answer Responses early.

After a short break, you will begin the second half of the test. This half of the test is also divided into two parts. Part A of Section II is the Document Based Essay written in 60 minutes. Part B of Section II is the Long Essay written in 35 minutes. The Long Essay will be from a choice of two or three questions. You will receive a green test booklet that will contain the essay questions. It is this green booklet that you plan and outline your essays. You will also receive a pink booklet. This is where you write your scored essays. Both booklets are turned in at the end of the test, but you should get the green one back, in a week or so from Mr. Groven. It is recommended to write the Document Based Question (DBQ) first while you are still fresh from your break as it is the hardest essay to write. It is also recommended to write the Long Essay in 35 minutes (5 minutes to plan and 30 minutes to write). Thus, you will write for a total of 2 hours 20 minutes.

Scoring the Exam

Section I, Part A – Multiple Choice

The multiple choice section is worth 40% of the exam total.

Section I, Part B – Short Answer Responses

The short answer questions are worth 20% of the exam total

- Each short answer question is weighted equally at 6.66%/6.67%

Section II, Part A – Document Based Question

The document based essay is worth 25% of the exam total

Section II, Part B – Long Essay Question

The long essay question is worth 15% of the exam total

Sections one and two are added together to get a composite score. The composite score determines whether you get a 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 on the AP exam. What the composite score means depends on the year you take the exam. In general, the AP composite score points are set so that the lowest raw score needed to earn an AP Exam score of a 5 is equivalent to the average score among college students earning grades of A in the college course. Similarly, AP Exam scores of 4 are equivalent to college grades of A-, B+ and B. AP Exam scores of 3 are equivalent to college grades of B-, C+, and C. Example scores are below, based on the 2011 exam. However, ETS has not released the composite score for the redesigned exam, as they are still tinkering with the weights and ratios.

AP Exam Score	2011 Composite Score
5 – Extremely Well Qualified	111-180 points
4 – Well Qualified	91-110 points
3 – Qualified	76-90 points
2 – Possibly Qualified	57-75 points
1 – No Recommendation	0-56 points

After Exam Day

June 15th

If you want to withhold or cancel one or more of your exam scores or change the score report recipient of your 2022 AP Exams, AP Services must receive your request by this date.

Early July

Score reports are available within the first two weeks of July. Each subject has a different release date and time at [apscore.org](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/apscore.org). Mr. Groven will also be able to access all of his APUSH student's scores.

September 15th

If you or your school would like to order your free response booklets, it must be done by this date.

October 31st

If you would like to have your multiple choice answers rescored it must be requested by this date.