About the Exam

Exam Day 2015

Wednesday   
May 13  
08:00 AM

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Exam Resources

* [**AP English Literature and Composition Course Description (PDF) (Opens in new window)**](https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/ap-student/course/ap-english-language-english-lit-composition-2012-course-exam-description.pdf)

The exam is approximately three hours and 15 minutes long and has two parts — multiple choice and free response. The multiple choice section is worth 45% and the free response section is worth 55% of the final exam grade.

**Section I: Multiple Choice** — 55 questions; 1 hour

The multiple choice section tests your ability to read closely and analyze the rhetoric of prose passages.

Total scores on the multiple-choice section are based on the number of questions answered correctly. Points are not deducted for incorrect answers and no points are awarded for unanswered questions.

**Section II: Free Response** — 3 essays; 2 hours plus a mandatory 15 minute reading period

The free response prompts test your skill in composition and require close reading, thoughtful rhetorical analysis, and purposeful argumentation. This section also includes a synthesis prompt that tests your ability to effectively compose an argument of your own by combining and citing several supplied sources, including at least one visual source.