

May 2012 AP[®] EXAM FORMATS

Exam	2011 Percent of Score	2011 Format	2012 Percent of Score	2012 Format
Art History	40%	Section I Part A: 4 sets of questions based on color images (16 minutes) Part B: 86 questions (44 minutes)	SAME	Section I Part A: 5 sets of multiple-choice questions based on color images (20 minutes) Part B: Multiple-choice questions (40 minutes); precise number varies each year to total 115 multiple-choice questions in Section I, both Part A and B.
	60%	Section II Part A: 2 long essays, one of which requires incorporating examples of art beyond the European tradition (60 minutes) Part B: 7 short essays based on color images and/or text (60 minutes)	SAME	Section II Part A: SAME Part B: 6 short essays based on color images and/or text (60 minutes)
Note: For Section II, Part B, there are no longer any 5 minute questions; all questions have a suggested time of 10 minutes.				
Biology	60%	Section I 100 questions (80 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	40%	Section II 4 required essays (10-minute reading period, 90-minute writing period)	SAME	SAME
Note: Calculator not permitted.				
Calculus AB	50%	Section I Part A: No calculator 28 questions (55 minutes) Part B: Graphing calculator required 17 questions (50 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II Part A: Graphing calculator required 2 problems (30 minutes) Part B: No calculator 4 problems (60 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Note: For Section II, if students finish Part A before the end of the timed 30 minutes for Part A, they cannot begin working on Part B; students must wait until the beginning of the timed 60 minutes for Part B. However, during the timed portion for Part B, students may work on the problems in Part A without the use of a calculator.				
Calculus BC	50%	Section I Part A: No calculator 28 questions (55 minutes) Part B: Graphing calculator required 17 questions (50 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II Part A: Graphing calculator required 2 problems (30 minutes) Part B: No calculator 4 problems (60 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Note: For Section II, if students finish Part A before the end of the timed 30 minutes for Part A, they cannot begin working on Part B; students must wait until the beginning of the timed 60 minutes for Part B. However, during the timed portion for Part B, students may work on the problems in Part A without the use of a calculator.				
Chemistry	50%	Section I No calculator 75 questions (90 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II Part A: Calculator allowed 3 required questions (55 minutes) Part B: No calculator 3 required questions (40 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Note: Calculators allowed ONLY for Section II, Part A of the exam.				

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Chinese Language and Culture	50%	Section I 70 questions (90 minutes) Part A: Listening (20 minutes) Part B: Reading (60 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II 4 tasks (45 minutes) Part A: Writing (30 minutes) Part B: Speaking (11 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Note: Times listed are approximate. The total time listed for each section takes into account time for reading directions, moving from question to question, etc. As a result, the estimated time for each section may be greater than the sum of the estimated times for each part.				
Computer Science A	50%	Section I 40 questions (75 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II 4 questions (105 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Note: The GridWorld Exam Appendix is included in the exam booklets. The language used on the exam will be Java.				
Economics: Macro	66.67%	Section I 60 questions (70 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	33.33%	Section II 3 required free-response questions (10-minute reading period, 50-minute writing period)	SAME	SAME
Note: Calculator not permitted.				
Economics: Micro	66.67%	Section I 60 questions (70 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	33.33%	Section II 3 required free-response questions (10-minute reading period, 50-minute writing period)	SAME	SAME
Note: Calculator not permitted.				
English Language and Composition	45%	Section I 54 questions (60 minutes)	SAME	Section I Approximately 55 questions (60 minutes)
	55%	Section II 3 essays (15-minute reading period, 120-minute writing period)	SAME	SAME
English Literature and Composition	45%	Section I 55 questions (60 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	55%	Section II 3 essays (120 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Environmental Science	60%	Section I 100 questions (90 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	40%	Section II 4 questions (90 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Note: Calculator not permitted.				
European History	50%	Section I 80 questions (55 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II DBQ and 2 thematic essays (1 each from 2 groups of 3 essays), (15-minute reading period, 115-minute writing period)	SAME	SAME

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French Language and Culture	50%	Section I Part A: Listening: 40 questions (approximately 30 minutes) Part B: Reading: 41 questions (55 minutes)	SAME	Section I 65 questions Part A: Tasks without audio stimuli (40 minutes) Part B: Tasks with audio stimuli (approximately 55 minutes)
	50%	Section II 5 tasks Part A: Writing: 30 questions, 1 essay (60 minutes) Part B: Speaking: 5 questions (approximately 15 minutes)	SAME	Section II 4 tasks Part A: Tasks with written responses (approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes) Part B: Tasks with spoken responses (approximately 15 minutes)
German Language and Culture	45%	Section I Part A: Listening: 40 questions (approximately 30 minutes) Part B: Reading: 30 questions (50 minutes)	50%	Section I 65 questions Part A: Tasks without audio stimuli (40 minutes) Part B: Tasks with audio stimuli (approximately 55 minutes)
	55%	Section II 4 tasks Part A: Writing: 20 questions, 1 essay (50 minutes) Part B: Speaking: 6 directed responses, 1 question (approximately 20 minutes)	50%	Section II 4 tasks Part A: Tasks with written responses (approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes) Part B: Tasks with spoken responses (approximately 15 minutes)
Government and Politics: Comparative	50%	Section I 55 questions (45 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II 8 required questions (5 short-answer concept questions, 1 conceptual analysis question, 2 country context questions) (100 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Government and Politics: United States	50%	Section I 60 questions (45 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II 4 required questions (100 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Human Geography	50%	Section I 75 questions (60 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II 3 essays (75 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Italian Language and Culture	40%	Section I 70 questions Part A: Listening (approximately 25 minutes) Part B: Reading (55 minutes)	50%	SAME
	60%	Section II Part A: Writing (40 minutes) Part B: Culture (30 minutes) Part C: Speaking (approximately 15 minutes)	50%	Section II 4 tasks Part A: 2 tasks with written responses (approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes) Part B: 2 tasks with spoken responses (approximately 15 minutes)

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Japanese Language and Culture	50%	Section I 70 questions (90 minutes) Part A: Listening (20 minutes) Part B: Reading (60 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II 4 tasks (45 minutes) Part A: Writing (30 minutes) Part B: Speaking (10 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Note: Times listed are approximate. The total time listed for each section takes into account time for reading directions, moving from question to question, etc. As a result, the estimated time for each section may be greater than the sum of the estimated times for each part.				
Latin: Vergil	40%	Section I 50 questions (60 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	60%	Section II 5 questions (15-minute reading period, 105-minute writing period)	SAME	SAME
Music Theory	45%	Section I 75 questions (approximately 80 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	45%	Section II Part A: Dictation, Part writing, Composition: 7 exercises (approximately 68 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	10%	Part B: Sight-singing: 2 exercises (approximately 8 minutes per student)	SAME	SAME
Physics B	50%	Section I No calculator 70 questions (90 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II Calculator allowed 6 questions (90 minutes)	SAME	SAME 6 or 7 questions (90 minutes) dependent on the version of the exam given
Note: Calculator permitted on Section II only. See the <i>AP Physics Course Description, Effective 2011</i> for more details.				
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	50%	Section I No calculator 35 questions (45 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II Calculator allowed 3 questions (45 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Note: Calculator permitted on Section II only. See the <i>AP Physics Course Description, Effective 2011</i> for more details.				
Physics C: Mechanics	50%	Section I No calculator 35 questions (45 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II Calculator allowed 3 questions (45 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Note: Calculator permitted on Section II only. See the <i>AP Physics Course Description, Effective 2011</i> for more details.				
Psychology	66.67%	Section I 100 questions (70 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	33.33%	Section II 2 essays (50 minutes)	SAME	SAME

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Spanish Language	50%	Section I Part A: Listening: 34 questions (approximately 35 minutes) Part B: Reading: 36 questions (45 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	30%	Section II 4 tasks Part A: Writing: 2 tasks (approximately 65 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	20%	Part B: Speaking: Simulated conversation, oral presentation (approximately 30 minutes)		
Spanish Literature	40%	Section I 65 questions (80 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	60%	Section II 3 essays (110 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Statistics	50%	Section I Graphing calculator expected 40 questions (90 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II Graphing calculator expected 6 questions (90 minutes)	SAME	SAME
Studio Art	33.33%	Section I (Quality) Drawing and 2-D Design Portfolios: (5 actual works) 3-D Design Portfolio: 10 digital images (2 views each of 5 works)	SAME	SAME
	33.33%	Section II (Concentration) Drawing, 2-D Design, and 3-D Portfolios: 12 digital images	SAME	SAME
	33.33%	Section III (Breadth) Drawing and 2-D Design Portfolios: 12 digital images 3-D Design Portfolio: 16 digital images (2 views each of 8 works)	SAME	SAME
U.S. History	50%	Section I 80 questions (55 minutes)	SAME	SAME
	50%	Section II DBQ and 2 essays (1 each from 2 groups of 2 essays) (15-minute reading period, 115-minute writing period)	SAME	SAME
World History	50%	Section I 70 questions (55 minutes)	SAME	Section I Questions will have 4 answer choices instead of 5. All will be based on the new AP World History Curriculum Framework.
	50%	Section II 3 required essays: DBQ, continuity/change-over-time essay, and comparative essay (10-minute reading period, 120-minute writing period)	SAME	Section II Number and type of questions remain the same, as does the scoring rubric. Questions 2 and 3 will be based on the new AP World History Curriculum Framework.