

Table of Contents

Text Permissions	iii
Art Credits	v
Author Acknowledgments	vi
Study Guide Checklist	xv

PART I: INTRODUCTION

Format and Scoring of a Recent AP Language and Composition Exam	3
General Description	3
Questions Commonly Asked About the AP English Exams	5
Some Successful Testing Strategies	9

PART II: ANALYSIS OF EXAM AREAS

Introduction to the Multiple-Choice Section	13
Ability Tested	13
Basic Skills Necessary	13
Directions	14
Analysis of Directions	14
Suggested Strategies for Reading Passages and Questions	14
Reasons Answers May Be Wrong	15
Question Categories to Expect	16
Questions About Rhetoric	16
Questions About the Author's Meaning and Purpose	16
Questions About the Main Idea	16
Questions About Organization and Structure	17
Questions About Rhetorical Modes	17
Other Possibilities	18
Examples of Multiple-Choice Passages and Questions	18
Set 1	18
Answers and Explanations for Set 1	21
Set 2	22
Answers and Explanations for Set 2	24
A Successful Approach to the Multiple-Choice Section	24
Introduction to the Essay Section	27
Ability Tested	27
Basic Skills Necessary	27
Directions	28
Analysis of Directions	28
Suggested Strategies for Essays	28
Essay Scoring	28
High Score (8–9)	29
Medium-High Score (6–7)	29
Medium Score (5)	29
Medium-Low Score (3–4)	29
Low Score (1–2)	30

Types of Essay Topics	30
Pacing the Essay	30
Planning the Essay	31
Writing the Essay	32
Developing Strong Body Paragraphs	32
A Few Words About Satire	33
Some Suggestions About Style	34
Sample Topics with Student Essays	34
Question 1	34
Scoring Guide for Question 1 (Fanny Burney)	35
High-Scoring Essay	35
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	36
Medium-Scoring Essay	37
Analysis of the Medium-Scoring Essay	37
Question 2	37
Scoring Guide for Question 2 (Thomas More)	38
High-Scoring Essay	39
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	39
Medium-Scoring Essay	40
Analysis of the Medium-Scoring Essay	40

PART III: DIAGNOSTIC MINI-TEST

Mini-Test	45
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	45
Section II: Essay Question	48
Answer Key for the Mini-Test	49
Answers and Explanations for the Mini-Test	50
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	50
Section II: Essay Question	51
Scoring Guide for the Essay Question (Michel de Crèvecoeur)	51
High-Scoring Essay	52
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	52
Medium-Scoring Essay	53
Analysis of the Medium-Scoring Essay	53

PART IV: PAST AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE ESSAYS

Past AP English Language and Composition Essay Topics	57
---	----

PART V: GLOSSARY OF IMPORTANT TERMS FOR THE AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION EXAM

Terms for the Multiple-Choice and Essay Sections	65
Terms for the Essay Section	72

PART VI: SIX FULL-LENGTH PRACTICE TESTS

Practice Test 1	79
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	79

Section II: Essay Questions	90
Question 1	90
Introduction	90
Assignment	90
Source A	91
Source B	92
Source C	93
Source D	94
Source E	95
Source F	96
Question 2	97
Question 3	98
Answer Key for Practice Test 1	99
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	99
First Passage	99
Second Passage	99
Third Passage	100
Fourth Passage	100
Section II: Essay Questions	100
Practice Test 1 Scoring Worksheet	101
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	101
Section II: Essay Questions	101
Final Score	101
Probable Final AP Score	101
Answers and Explanations for Practice Test 1	103
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	103
First Passage	103
Second Passage	104
Third Passage	105
Fourth Passage	107
Section II: Essay Questions	108
Question 1	108
Scoring Guide for Question 1 (Media Influence on Natural Disasters)	108
High-Scoring Essay	109
Analysis of High-Scoring Essay	109
Medium-Scoring Essay	110
Analysis of Medium-Scoring Essay	111
Question 2	112
Scoring Guide for Question 2 (Virginia Woolf)	112
High-Scoring Essay	112
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	113
Medium-Scoring Essay	113
Analysis of the Medium-Scoring Essay	114
Question 3	115
Scoring Guide for Question 3 (Ralph Waldo Emerson)	115
High-Scoring Essay	115
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	116
Medium-Scoring Essay	117
Analysis of the Medium-Scoring Essay	117
Practice Test 2	121
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	121
Section II: Essay Questions	134
Question 1	134
Introduction	134

Assignment.....	134
Source A.....	135
Source B.....	136
Source C.....	137
Source D.....	138
Source E.....	139
Source F.....	140
Question 2.....	142
Question 3.....	143
Answer Key for Practice Test 2.....	144
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions.....	144
First Passage.....	144
Second Passage.....	144
Third Passage.....	145
Fourth Passage.....	145
Section II: Essay Questions.....	145
Practice Test 2 Scoring Worksheet.....	146
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions.....	146
Section II: Essay Questions.....	146
Final Score.....	146
Probable Final AP Score.....	146
Answers and Explanations for Practice Test 2.....	147
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions.....	147
First Passage.....	147
Second Passage.....	148
Third Passage.....	149
Fourth Passage.....	150
Section II: Essay Questions.....	152
Question 1.....	152
Scoring Guide for Question 1 (NEA Grant Funding).....	152
High-Scoring Essay.....	153
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay.....	153
Medium-Scoring Essay.....	154
Analysis of Medium-Scoring Essay.....	155
Question 2.....	156
Scoring Guide for Question 2 (M. F. K. Fisher and Maya Angelou).....	156
High-Scoring Essay.....	157
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay.....	157
Medium-Scoring Essay.....	158
Analysis of the Medium-Scoring Essay.....	159
Question 3.....	160
Scoring Guide for Question 3 (William Hazlitt).....	160
High-Scoring Essay.....	161
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay.....	161
Medium-Scoring Essay.....	162
Analysis of the Medium-Scoring Essay.....	162
Practice Test 3.....	165
Section I: Multiple-Choices Questions.....	165
Section II: Essay Questions.....	178
Question 1.....	178
Introduction.....	178
Assignment.....	178
Source A.....	179
Source B.....	180
Source C.....	181

Source D	182
Source E	183
Source F	184
Question 2	185
Question 3	186
Answer Key for Practice Test 3	187
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	187
First Passage	187
Second Passage	188
Third Passage	188
Fourth Passage	188
Section II: Essay Questions	188
Practice Test 3 Scoring Worksheet	189
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	189
Section II: Essay Questions	189
Final Score	189
Probable Final AP Score	189
Answers and Explanations for Practice Test 3	191
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	191
First Passage	191
Second Passage	192
Third Passage	193
Fourth Passage	194
Section II: Essay Questions	196
Question 1	196
Scoring Guide for Question 1 (Political Polls)	196
High-Scoring Essay	197
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	198
Low-Medium-Scoring Essay	198
Analysis of the Low-Medium-Scoring Essay	199
Question 2	200
Scoring Guide for Question 2 (Susan Sontag)	200
High-Scoring Essay	201
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	201
Medium-Scoring Essay	202
Analysis of the Medium-Scoring Essay	202
Question 3	203
Scoring Guide for Question 3 (Henry David Thoreau)	203
High-Scoring Essay	203
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	204
Low-Scoring Essay	204
Analysis of the Low-Scoring Essay	205
Practice Test 4	209
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	209
Section II: Essay Questions	222
Question 1	222
Introduction	222
Assignment	222
Source A	223
Source B	224
Source C	225
Source D	226
Source E	227
Source F	228

Question 2	229
Question 3	230
Answer Key for Practice Test 4	231
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	231
First Passage	231
Second Passage	231
Third Passage	232
Fourth Passage	232
Section II: Essay Questions	232
Practice Test 4 Scoring Worksheet	233
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	233
Section II: Essay Questions	233
Final Score	233
Probable Final AP Score	233
Answers and Explanations for Practice Test 4	235
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	235
First Passage	235
Second Passage	236
Third Passage	237
Fourth Passage	238
Section II: Essay Questions	239
Question 1	239
Scoring Guide for Question 1 (Sports Salaries)	239
High-Scoring Essay	240
Analysis of High-Scoring Essay	241
Medium-Scoring Essay	241
Analysis of Medium-Scoring Essay	242
Question 2	244
Scoring Guide for Question 2 (John Updike)	244
High-Scoring Essay	245
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	245
Medium-Scoring Essay	246
Analysis of the Medium-Scoring Essay	246
Question 3	247
Scoring Guide for Question 3 (Cynthia Ozick)	247
High-Scoring Essay	247
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	248
Medium-Scoring Essay	249
Analysis of the Medium-Scoring Essay	249
Practice Test 5	253
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	253
Section II: Essay Questions	265
Question 1	265
Introduction	265
Assignment	265
Source A	266
Source B	267
Source C	268
Source D	269
Source E	270
Source F	271
Question 2	272
Question 3	273

Answer Key for Practice Test 5	274
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	274
First Passage	274
Second Passage	274
Third Passage	275
Fourth Passage	275
Section II: Essay Questions	275
Practice Test 5 Scoring Worksheet	276
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	276
Section II: Essay Questions	276
Final Score	276
Probable Final AP Score	276
Answers and Explanations for Practice Test 5	277
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	277
First Passage	277
Second Passage	278
Third Passage	279
Fourth Passage	280
Section II: Essay Questions	281
Question 1	281
Scoring Guide for Question 1 (Title IX Influence on Sports)	281
High-Scoring Essay	281
Analysis of High-Scoring Essay	282
Medium-Scoring Essay	283
Analysis of Medium-Scoring Essay	283
Question 2	285
Scoring Guide for Question 2 (Mary Oliver)	285
High-Scoring Essay	285
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	286
Medium-Scoring Essay	287
Analysis of the Medium-Scoring Essay	288
Question 3	289
Scoring Guide for Question 3 (Anwar Accawi)	289
High-Scoring Essay	289
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	290
Medium-Scoring Essay	291
Analysis for the Medium-Scoring Essay	291
Practice Test 6	295
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	295
Section II: Essay Questions	307
Question 1	307
Introduction	307
Assignment	307
Source A	308
Source B	309
Source C	310
Source D	311
Source E	312
Source F	313
Question 2	314
Question 3	315

Answer Key for Practice Test 6	316
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions.	316
First Passage	316
Second Passage	316
Third Passage	317
Fourth Passage	317
Section II: Essay Questions	317
Practice Test 6 Scoring Worksheet	318
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions.	318
Section II: Essay Questions	318
Final Score	318
Probable Final AP Score	318
Answers and Explanations for Practice Test 6	319
Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions	319
First Passage	319
Second Passage	320
Third Passage	321
Fourth Passage	322
Section II: Essay Questions	323
Question 1	323
Scoring Guide for Question 1 (African-American Music Influence).	323
High-Scoring Essay	324
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	324
Medium-Scoring Essay	325
Analysis of the Medium-Scoring Essay	326
Question 2	327
Scoring Guide for Question 2 (Benjamin Franklin)	327
High-Scoring Essay	327
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	328
Low-Scoring Essay	329
Analysis of the Low-Scoring Essay	329
Question 3	330
Scoring Guide for Question 3 (Samuel Johnson)	330
High-Scoring Essay	330
Analysis of the High-Scoring Essay	331
Medium-Scoring Essay	331
Analysis of the Medium-Scoring Essay	332

PART VII: SUGGESTED READING LIST

Suggested Reading List.	335
Autobiography, Biography, Journal, and History	335
Essay, Fiction, and Criticism	339
Political Writing and Journalism	344
Science and Nature Writing	348
Final Preparation: “The Final Touches”	350