

# AP Exam Basics

## The Exam Structure:

Part I	Multiple Choice (55-60 questions in <u>one hour</u> ; 45% of score) [usually four passages but sometimes five]
A.	Prose (12-15 questions) 15 minutes
B.	Poem (12-15 questions) 15 minutes
C.	Prose (12-15 questions) 15 minutes
D.	Poem (12-15 questions) 15 minutes
Part II	Essay (3 free response questions in <u>two hours</u> ; 55% of score)
A.	Poetry 40 minutes
B.	Prose 40 minutes
C.	Open 40 minutes

## Essay Scores:

9		9-8 Students are writers!
8	↑	
7		upper half
6		7-6 Students write well.
5		thin in terms of evidence
4	↓	
3		lower half
2		
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\* A poorly written essay must be given a score no higher than a 3.

\* A stylistically well-written paper may be rewarded with an extra point.

## Test Scores:

5	extremely well qualified	(equivalent to A in college course)
4	well qualified	(equivalent to A- in college course)
3	qualified	(equivalent to B in college course)
2	possibly qualified	(equivalent to C or D in college course)
1	no recommendation	(equivalent to F in college course)