
AP English Language and Composition

Practice Exam

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Note: This publication shows the page numbers that appeared in the **2017–18 AP Exam Instructions** book and in the actual exam. This publication was not repaginated to begin with page 1.

Exam Instructions

The following contains instructions taken from the **2017–18 AP Exam Instructions** book.

AP English Language and Composition Exam

Regularly Scheduled Exam Date: Wednesday morning, May 16, 2018

Late-Testing Exam Date: Wednesday morning, May 23, 2018

Section I	Total Time: 1 hour Number of Questions: 55 <i>(The number of questions may vary slightly depending on the form of the exam.)</i> Percent of Total Score: 45% Writing Instrument: Pencil required
Section II	Total Time: 2 hours and 15 minutes <i>(15-minute reading period, 2-hour writing period)</i> Number of Questions: 3 essays Percent of Total Score: 55% Writing Instrument: Pen with black or dark blue ink

Before Distributing Exams: Check that the title on all exam covers is *English Language and Composition* and is printed in **black**. If there are any exam booklets with a different title, contact the AP coordinator immediately.

What Proctors Need to Bring to This Exam

- Exam packets
- Answer sheets
- AP Student Packs
- 2017-18 AP Coordinator's Manual*
- This book—*2017-18 AP Exam Instructions*
- AP Exam Seating Chart template
- School Code and Homeschool/Self-Study Codes
- Pencil sharpener
- Container for students' electronic devices (if needed)
- Extra No. 2 pencils with erasers
- Extra pens with black or dark blue ink
- Lined paper
- Stapler
- Watch
- Signs for the door to the testing room
 - “Exam in Progress”
 - “Cell phones are prohibited during the test administration, including breaks”

SECTION I: Multiple Choice

› **Do not begin the exam instructions below until you have completed the appropriate General Instructions for your group.**

Make sure you begin the exam at the designated time. Remember, you must complete a seating chart for this exam. See pages 303–304 for a seating chart template and instructions. See the *2017-18 AP Coordinator’s Manual* for exam seating requirements (pages 55–58).

If you are giving the regularly scheduled exam, say:

It is Wednesday morning, May 16, and you will be taking the AP English Language and Composition Exam.

If you are giving the alternate exam for late testing, say:

It is Wednesday morning, May 23, and you will be taking the AP English Language and Composition Exam.

Look at your exam packet and confirm that the exam title is “AP English Language and Composition.” Raise your hand if your exam packet contains any title other than “AP English Language and Composition,” and I will help you.

Once you confirm that all students have the correct exam, say:

In a moment, you will open the exam packet. By opening this packet, you agree to all of the AP Program’s policies and procedures outlined in the *2017-18 Bulletin for AP Students and Parents*.

You may now remove the shrinkwrap from your exam packet and take out the Section I booklet, but do not open the booklet or the shrinkwrapped Section II materials. Put the white seals aside. . . .

Carefully remove the AP Exam label found near the top left of your exam booklet cover. Place it on page 1 of your answer sheet on the light blue box near the top right corner that reads “AP Exam Label.”

If students accidentally place the exam label in the space for the number label or vice versa, advise them to leave the labels in place. They should not try to remove the label; their exam can still be processed correctly.

Listen carefully to all my instructions. I will give you time to complete each step. Please look up after completing each step. Raise your hand if you have any questions.

Give students enough time to complete each step. Don’t move on until all students are ready.

Read the statements on the front cover of the Section I booklet. . . .

Sign your name and write today’s date. . . .

Now print your full legal name where indicated. . . .

Turn to the back cover of your exam booklet and read it completely. . . .

Are there any questions? . . .

You will now take the multiple-choice portion of the exam. You should have in front of you the multiple-choice booklet and your answer sheet. You may never discuss the multiple-choice exam content at any time in any form with anyone, including your teacher and other students. If you disclose the multiple-choice exam content through any means, your AP Exam score will be canceled.

Open your answer sheet to page 2. You must complete the answer sheet using a No. 2 pencil only. Mark all of your responses beginning on page 2 of your answer sheet, one response per question. Completely fill in the circles. If you need to erase, do so carefully and completely. No credit will be given for anything written in the exam booklet. Scratch paper is not allowed, but you may use the margins or any blank space in the exam booklet for scratch work. Are there any questions? . . .

You have 1 hour for this section. Open your Section I booklet and begin.



Note Start Time _____ . **Note Stop Time** _____ .

Check that students are marking their answers in pencil on their answer sheets and that they are not looking at their shrinkwrapped Section II booklets.

After 50 minutes, say:

There are 10 minutes remaining.

After 10 minutes, say:

Stop working. Close your booklet and put your answer sheet on your desk, faceup. Make sure you have your AP number label and an AP Exam label on page 1 of your answer sheet. Sit quietly while I collect your answer sheets.

Collect an answer sheet from each student. Check that each answer sheet has an AP number label and an AP Exam label.

After all answer sheets have been collected, say:

Now you must seal your exam booklet using the white seals you set aside earlier. Remove the white seals from the backing and press one on each area of your exam booklet cover marked "PLACE SEAL HERE." Fold each seal over the back cover. When you have finished, place the booklet on your desk, faceup. I will now collect your Section I booklet. . . .

Collect a Section I booklet from each student. Check that each student has signed the front cover of the sealed Section I booklet.

There is a 10-minute break between Sections I and II.

When all Section I materials have been collected and accounted for and you are ready for the break, say:

Please listen carefully to these instructions before we take a 10-minute break. All items you placed under your chair at the beginning of this exam must stay there, and you are not permitted to open or access them in any way. Leave your shrinkwrapped Section II packet on your desk during the break. You are not allowed to consult teachers, other students, notes, or textbooks during the break. You may not make phone calls, send text messages, check email, use a social networking site, or access any electronic or communication device. Remember, you may never discuss the multiple-choice exam content with anyone, and if you disclose the content through any means, your AP Exam score will be canceled. Are there any questions? . . .



You may begin your break. Testing will resume at _____ .

SECTION II: Free Response

After the break, say:

May I have everyone’s attention? For this section of the exam, you will be using a pen with black or dark blue ink to write your responses. Place your Student Pack on your desk. . . .

You may now remove the shrinkwrap from the Section II packet, but do not open either the Section II exam booklet or the orange Section II: Free Response, Questions and Sources booklet until you are told to do so. . . .

Read the bulleted statements on the front cover of the exam booklet. Look up when you have finished. . . .

Now take an AP number label from your Student Pack and place it on the shaded box. If you don’t have any AP number labels, write your AP number in the box. Look up when you have finished. . . .

Read the last statement. . . .

Using your pen, print the first, middle, and last initials of your legal name in the boxes and print today’s date where indicated. This constitutes your signature and your agreement to the statements on the front cover. . . .

Turn to the back cover and, using your pen, complete Item 1 under “Important Identification Information.” Print the first two letters of your last name and the first letter of your first name in the boxes. Look up when you have finished. . . .

In Item 2, print your date of birth in the boxes. . . .

In Item 3, write the school code you printed on the front of your Student Pack in the boxes. . . .

Read Item 4. . . .

Are there any questions? . . .

If this is your last AP Exam, you may keep your Student Pack. Place it under your chair for now. Otherwise I will collect all Student Packs. . . .

Read the information on the back cover of the exam booklet. Do not open the exam booklet until you are told to do so. Look up when you have finished. . . .

Collect the Student Packs.

Then say:

Are there any questions? . . .

Read the information on the front cover of the orange booklet. Look up when you have finished. . . .

The total Section II time is 2 hours and 15 minutes. This includes a 15-minute reading period. The reading period is designed to provide you with time to develop thoughtful, well-organized responses. During the reading period you are advised to read Question 1, analyzing and evaluating the sources, and planning your answer. You may read the other essay questions at this time. You may begin writing your responses before the reading period is over. You may make notes in the orange booklet, but your responses must be written in the free-response booklet using a pen with black or dark blue ink.

Write the number of the question you are working on in the box at the top of each page in the exam booklet. If you need more paper to complete your responses, raise your hand. At the top of each extra sheet of paper you use, write only:

- your AP number, and
- the question number you are working on.

You may now open the orange booklet and exam booklet and begin the 15-minute reading period.



Note Start Time _____ . **Note Stop Time** _____ .

Check that students are writing any notes in the orange booklet.

After 15 minutes, say:

The reading period is over. You have 2 hours remaining to complete Section II.



Note Start Time _____ . **Note Stop Time** _____ .

Check that students are using pens and that they are writing their answers in their exam booklets and not in their orange booklets.

After 40 minutes, say:

You are advised to move on to Question 2.

After 40 minutes, say:

You are advised to move on to Question 3.

After 30 minutes, say:

There are 10 minutes remaining.

After 10 minutes, say:

Stop working and close your exam booklet and orange booklet. Put your exam booklet on your desk, faceup. Put your orange booklet next to it. Do not place your Section II exam booklet inside your orange booklet or vice versa. . . .

If any students used extra paper for a question in the free-response section, have those students staple the extra sheet(s) to the first page corresponding to that question in their exam booklets. Complete an Incident Report after the exam (see page 67 of the *2017-18 AP Coordinator's Manual* for complete details).

Then say:

Remain in your seat, without talking, while the exam materials are collected. . . .

Collect a Section II booklet and an orange booklet from each student. Check for the following:

- Exam booklet front cover: The student placed an AP number label on the shaded box and printed their initials and today's date.
- Exam booklet back cover: The student completed the "Important Identification Information" area.
- The student wrote answers in the Section II exam booklet and not in the orange booklet.

The orange booklets must be returned with the rest of your exam materials. Keep the orange booklets separate from the Section II exam booklets. Do not place the Section II exam booklets inside the orange booklets or vice versa.

When all exam materials have been collected and accounted for, return to students any electronic devices you may have collected before the start of the exam.

If you are giving the regularly scheduled exam, say:

You may not discuss or share the free-response exam content with anyone unless it is released on the College Board website in about two days. Your AP Exam score results will be available online in July.

If you are giving the alternate exam for late testing, say:

None of the content in this exam may ever be discussed or shared in any way at any time. Your AP Exam score results will be available online in July.

If any students completed the AP number card at the beginning of this exam, say:

Please remember to take your AP number card with you. You will need the information on this card to view your scores and order AP score reporting services online.

Then say:

You are now dismissed.

After-Exam Tasks

Be sure to give the completed seating chart to the AP coordinator. Schools must retain seating charts for at least six months (unless the state or district requires that they be retained for a longer period of time). Schools should not return any seating charts in their exam shipments unless they are required as part of an Incident Report.

NOTE: If you administered exams to students with accommodations, review the *2017-18 AP Coordinator’s Manual* and the *2017-18 AP SSD Guidelines* for information about completing the NAR form, and returning these exams.

The exam proctor should complete the following tasks if asked to do so by the AP coordinator. Otherwise, the AP coordinator must complete these tasks:

- Complete an Incident Report for any students who used extra paper for the free-response section. (Incident Report forms are provided in the coordinator packets sent with the exam shipments.) **These forms must be completed with a No. 2 pencil.** It is best to complete a single Incident Report for multiple students per exam subject, per administration (regular or late testing), as long as all required information is provided. Include all exam booklets with extra sheets of paper in an Incident Report return envelope (see page 67 of the *2017-18 AP Coordinator’s Manual* for complete details).
- Return all exam materials to secure storage until they are shipped back to the AP Program. (See page 26 of the *2017-18 AP Coordinator’s Manual* for more information about secure storage.) Before storing materials, check the “School Use Only” section on page 1 of the answer sheet and:
 - ◆ Fill in the appropriate section number circle in order to access a separate AP Instructional Planning Report (for regularly scheduled exams only) or subject score roster at the class section or teacher level. See “Post-Exam Activities” in the *2017-18 AP Coordinator’s Manual*.
 - ◆ Check your list of students who are eligible for fee reductions and fill in the appropriate circle on their registration answer sheets.

Student Answer Sheet for the Multiple-Choice Section

Use this section to capture student responses. (Note that the following answer sheet is a sample, and may differ from one used in an actual exam.)

COMPLETE THIS AREA AT EACH EXAM (IF APPLICABLE).

P. SURVEY QUESTIONS — Answer the survey questions in the AP Student Pack. Do not put responses to exam questions in this section.

- 1 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I)
 2 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I)
 3 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I)

- 4 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I)
 5 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I)
 6 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I)

- 7 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I)
 8 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I)
 9 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I)

Q. LANGUAGE — Do not complete this section unless instructed to do so.

If this answer sheet is for the French Language and Culture, German Language and Culture, Italian Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture, or Spanish Literature and Culture Exam, please answer the following questions. Your responses will not affect your score.

1. Have you lived or studied for one month or more in a country where the language of the exam you are now taking is spoken?

- Yes No

2. Do you regularly speak or hear the language at home?

- Yes No

QUESTIONS 1–75

Indicate your answers to the exam questions in this section (pages 2 and 3). Mark only one response per question for Questions 1 through 120. If a question has only four answer options, do not mark option E. Answers written in the multiple-choice booklet will not be scored.

COMPLETE MARK  EXAMPLES OF INCOMPLETE MARKS    

You must use a No. 2 pencil and marks must be complete. Do not use a mechanical pencil. It is very important that you fill in the entire circle darkly and completely. If you change your response, erase as completely as possible. Incomplete marks or erasures may affect your score.

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| 1 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 26 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 51 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 2 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 27 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 52 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 3 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 28 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 53 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 4 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 29 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 54 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
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| 9 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 34 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 59 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 10 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 35 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 60 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 11 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 36 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 61 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 12 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 37 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 62 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 13 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 38 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 63 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 14 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 39 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 64 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 15 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 40 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 65 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 16 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 41 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 66 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 17 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 42 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 67 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 18 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 43 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 68 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 19 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 44 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 69 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 20 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 45 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 70 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 21 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 46 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 71 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 22 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 47 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 72 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 23 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 48 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 73 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 24 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 49 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 74 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |
| 25 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 50 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) | 75 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) |

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Exam	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9										PT04				Subscore (if applicable)			

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

Be sure each mark is dark and completely fills the circle. If a question has only four answer options, do not mark option E.

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- 116 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 117 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 118 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 119 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 120 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

QUESTIONS 121–126

For Students Taking AP Biology

Write your answer in the boxes at the top of the griddable area and fill in the corresponding circles. Mark only one circle in any column. You will receive credit only if the circles are filled in correctly.

121

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QUESTIONS 131–142

For Students Taking AP Computer Science Principles, AP Physics 1, or AP Physics 2

Mark two responses per question. You will receive credit only if both correct responses are selected.

- 131 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 132 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 133 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 134 (A) (B) (C) (D)

- 135 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 136 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 137 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 138 (A) (B) (C) (D)

- 139 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 140 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 141 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 142 (A) (B) (C) (D)



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

R. YOUR MAILING ADDRESS

Use the address abbreviations from your AP Student Pack. Fill in only one circle per column. Indicate a space in your address by leaving a blank box; do not grid that column.

Grid for mailing address with columns for Street Address, City, ZIP or Postal Code, Country Code, and State. Includes a row for State abbreviations (MI, NY, VT, etc.).

S. FOR STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES ONLY

If your address does not fit in the spaces provided in Item R, fill in as many circles as you can, then fill in the circle in Item S and print the remainder of your address in the spaces provided.

Form for students outside the US with fields for Address, City, State or Province, Country, and ZIP or Postal Code.

U. EMAIL ADDRESS

By providing your email address, you are granting the College Board permission to use your email address in accordance with the policies in the 2017-18 Bulletin for AP Students and Parents.

V. SEX

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Section I: Multiple-Choice Questions

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At a Glance

Total Time

1 hour

Number of Questions

55

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45%

Writing Instrument

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Instructions

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Sample Question Sample Answer

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION

SECTION I

Time—1 hour

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Note: Pay particular attention to the requirement of questions that contain the words NOT, LEAST, or EXCEPT.

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 - (A) detail a solution to a problem
 - (B) critique a common practice
 - (C) point out a discrepancy in a theory
 - (D) describe the origin of a movement
 - (E) justify a widely held belief
2. One contrast presented in the first paragraph (lines 1-5) is between
 - (A) talkative and uncommunicative children
 - (B) graceful and clumsy movement
 - (C) formal and informal learning
 - (D) substantive and superficial mistakes
 - (E) mandatory and optional instruction
3. In the course of the second paragraph (lines 6-21), the focus of the argument shifts from
 - (A) foreigners' language acquisition to foreigners' adoption of local customs
 - (B) adults' view of children to children's view of themselves
 - (C) older children's learning to infants' learning
 - (D) children's independent learning to adults' instruction of children
 - (E) adults' language acquisition to children's learning in general
4. The author's word choice in lines 14-16 ("Yet this . . . elders") serves which of the following functions?
 - (A) It helps establish a characterization of children as playthings.
 - (B) It emphasizes the pleasures of the domestic family unit.
 - (C) It reveals the author's bias towards older generations in families.
 - (D) It questions the authority of parents and other relatives.
 - (E) It presents a family dynamic from the children's perspective.
5. In context, the word "sport" (line 15) is best interpreted to mean
 - (A) competition
 - (B) entertainment
 - (C) politeness
 - (D) instruction
 - (E) struggle
6. Which of the following best describes the rhetorical function of the third paragraph (lines 22-25) ?
 - (A) It makes an urgent appeal to the authority of experts.
 - (B) It offers a stern retort to the author's critics.
 - (C) It makes a concession to an opposing point of view.
 - (D) It restates the author's argument at a transitional place in the passage.
 - (E) It introduces a claim that is undermined in the following paragraph.
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 - (A) emphasize a point by presenting an absurd example
 - (B) reinforce readers' preconceived ideas in order to underscore a truism
 - (C) present a hypothetical case that challenges the author's argument
 - (D) transcribe dialogue between two people to make the argument more realistic
 - (E) offer a model of etiquette for readers to emulate
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 - (A) offering and then eliminating potential explanations
 - (B) acknowledging and then accepting common assumptions
 - (C) recognizing and then conceding to several challenges to her reasoning
 - (D) identifying and then examining the motivations of different groups of people
 - (E) introducing and then elaborating on examples from her own personal experiences
9. The author's tone in lines 42-45 ("Now why . . . the insulter") can best be described as
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 - (B) witty
 - (C) elated
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10. According to the author, “the obvious ground” (lines 46-47) can be ruled out because it
- (A) makes unfounded claims about the seriousness of an infraction
 - (B) relies on a distinction that is actually rather subtle
 - (C) cannot be generalized to other similar situations
 - (D) is too simple an explanation for such a complex issue
 - (E) does not account for the widespread occurrence of a behavior
11. The analogies presented in line 59 (“like a machine-top”) and in lines 60-61 (“as the cat plays with her kittens”) serve to
- (A) make a distinction between the kinds of games that children play and those that adults play
 - (B) exemplify a difference between how people typically treat children and how they should strive to treat children
 - (C) set up a paradox to cause readers to question what they know about interacting with children
 - (D) illustrate the unintended consequences of a particular approach to child rearing
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- (A) recount a humorous story to lighten the discussion of a controversial issue
 - (B) provide a distinction to emphasize the passage’s main point
 - (C) offer an example to illustrate an unusual phenomenon discussed earlier
 - (D) present a personal anecdote to introduce a new problem
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- (A) supposed adults’ deferential treatment of children
 - (B) parents’ lighthearted attempts to play with their offspring
 - (C) children’s eager mockery of adults’ behavior
 - (D) adults’ concerted efforts to please their children
 - (E) children’s inevitable reaction to being treated rudely by adults
14. The author uses the pronoun “we” throughout the passage to
- (A) include adults and children in the same group
 - (B) highlight norms of adult behavior
 - (C) acknowledge readers’ solidarity with her ideals
 - (D) underscore children’s lack of respect for adults
 - (E) identify herself with other writers
15. In the passage as a whole, the author contrasts which of the following?
- (A) The treatment of children and the treatment of adults
 - (B) The language use of children and the language use of adults
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16. In context, the author's primary purpose in the first paragraph (lines 1-12) is to
- (A) show his familiarity with Lincoln's favorite stories
 - (B) point out different errors that scholars have made
 - (C) introduce a challenge that his topic poses
 - (D) critique the views of Lincoln's friends
 - (E) explain his skepticism regarding the state of the field
17. How does the author use note 1 to extend his argument in the first paragraph (lines 1-12) ?
- (A) He relates a disagreement between McClure and Arnold and then mentions Zall's inquiry into the matter.
 - (B) He claims McClure is "reliable" and then notes that McClure's collection appears in Zall's "trustworthy" book.
 - (C) He questions McClure based on Arnold's comments and then offers Zall as an alternative source.
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 - (E) He criticizes McClure and Arnold's reliance on "hearsay evidence" and then praises Zall's research methods.
18. In the second paragraph (lines 13-20), the author primarily
- (A) lists the challenges others have experienced in cataloging Lincoln's jokes
 - (B) celebrates the timeless appeal of Lincoln's jokes
 - (C) describes how Lincoln's skill in telling jokes improved over the years
 - (D) distinguishes between the content and the delivery of Lincoln's jokes
 - (E) details the difficulty in verifying when Lincoln's jokes were recounted
19. In the third paragraph (lines 21-26), the author cites Whitney primarily to
- (A) confirm Lincoln's exceptional storytelling skills
 - (B) argue that Lincoln's jokes were occasionally distasteful
 - (C) stress that people thought Lincoln was unattractive
 - (D) show that Lincoln loved to laugh at himself
 - (E) reveal the moral lessons within Lincoln's stories
20. Note 3 primarily serves which purpose?
- (A) It represents Davis as an important influence on Lincoln's political career.
 - (B) It shows how humor advanced both Lincoln's and Davis' careers.
 - (C) It suggests that Davis' appreciation of Lincoln's humor was politically motivated.
 - (D) It indicates the extent to which Davis shaped Lincoln as storyteller.
 - (E) It establishes Davis as a reliable source of information on Lincoln.
21. Which of the following does the fourth paragraph (lines 27-37) describe?
- (A) Lincoln's full immersion in storytelling
 - (B) Audience responses to Lincoln's stories
 - (C) Lincoln's typical mood when he was with people
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- (A) how Lincoln's storytelling spoke to a broad audience
 - (B) how Lincoln improved his tales by listening to other storytellers
 - (C) when people began envisioning Lincoln as a potential president
 - (D) why Lincoln was relaxed and easygoing in the 1840s
 - (E) why colleagues were uncertain of Lincoln's political loyalties
23. In note 6, "*Thomas's note*" indicates that
- (A) Lincoln was indifferent to his father's moralizing
 - (B) Lincoln observed his father estrange friends by telling jokes
 - (C) Lincoln's father gave great speeches during his son's campaigns
 - (D) Lincoln's father was a better storyteller than Lincoln was
 - (E) Lincoln acknowledged his father's storytelling talents
24. What purpose does the "*Editor's note*" serve in note 6 ?
- (A) It contextualizes a personal source of information about Lincoln.
 - (B) It offers the reader sources to conduct additional research on Parks.
 - (C) It suggests that Howells' book is readily available in major libraries.
 - (D) It presents an alternative assessment of Parks's friendship with Lincoln.
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25. The description in lines 62-68 ("When he spoke . . . voice") suggests that Lincoln
- (A) described fantastic creatures to amaze and inspire people
 - (B) tailored the delivery of his stories as well as the stories themselves to emphasize the message he was trying to convey
 - (C) used mixed metaphors to support each point he was trying to make
 - (D) dramatized the lives of real people to emphasize the significance of their actions
 - (E) drew examples from current events as well as history to exploit his audience's anxieties
26. Taken in the context of the passage, note 7 indicates that Sumner's text is
- (A) a prose poem from a compendium of verse
 - (B) the transcript of a campaign speech
 - (C) a volume within a series of books
 - (D) a selection from a compilation of works
 - (E) the foreword to a museum catalog
27. The final paragraph (lines 69-73) underscores which of the following implied ideas?
- (A) Lincoln defended the interests of different classes of people.
 - (B) Lincoln was a shrewd observer of people.
 - (C) Lincoln relied on humor to make serious arguments.
 - (D) Lincoln wished he were an actor rather than a politician.
 - (E) Lincoln was unattractive but highly charismatic.

The passage is reprinted for your use in answering the remaining questions.

(The following passage is from a book of essays published in the early 2000s.)

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In attempting an analysis of Lincoln’s humor one is immediately confronted with two difficulties. In the first place, many stories attributed to Lincoln were never told by him. A. K. McClure’s *Lincoln Stories* is recognized as the most reliable collection, yet Isaac N. Arnold, an intimate friend of Lincoln’s, wrote on the fly-leaf of his copy of this book that Lincoln probably told no more than half the stories with which McClure credited him.¹ To prove that Lincoln did or did not tell a particular story is often impossible, for in most cases one must rely upon hearsay evidence or reminiscences.

The second difficulty lies in the fact that the effectiveness of a joke depends in large measure upon the manner of its telling. We may not be at all amused by reading some of Lincoln’s jokes or hearing them at secondhand; whereas we might have split our sides had we heard them as he told them. For Lincoln was a master of the story-telling art; and when told by a master, even a dull joke may be irresistible.

“His stories may be literally retold,” wrote Henry C. Whitney, “every word, period and comma, but the real humor perished with Lincoln”; for “he provoked as much laughter by the grotesque expression of his homely face as by the abstract fun of his stories.”²

His manner of recital, declared Judge David Davis, was “in many respects unique, if not remarkable.³ His countenance and all his features seemed to take part in the performance. As he neared the pith or point of the joke or story every vestige of seriousness disappeared from his face. His little gray eyes sparkled; a smile seemed to gather up, curtain-like, the corners of his mouth; his frame quivered with suppressed excitement; and when the point—or ‘nub’ of the story, as he called it—came, no one’s laugh was heartier than his.”⁴

His humor had a general appeal. Not only the circuit lawyers and the Western villagers and farmers, but even urbane Easterners readily succumbed to it. In 1842, Ex-President [Martin] Van Buren, making a tour of the West, stopped one night at the village of Rochester, a few miles from Springfield. The Democratic politicians of Springfield went out “en masse” to meet and entertain him, taking Lincoln and

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a few other Whigs along. Van Buren related several amusing incidents of New York politics, while others told tales of early life on the frontier. But all yielded at last to Lincoln, who kept them in an uproar far into the night with a seemingly inexhaustible supply of yarns, until Van Buren insisted that “his sides were sore with laughing.”⁵

In many cases the stories Lincoln told were not original, although he often embellished and improved them. He himself repeatedly disclaimed credit for authorship and described himself as merely a retail dealer. His proficiency lay rather in a retentive memory, an uncanny power of association and histrionic skill.⁶ “He did not forget the good things that he heard,” wrote Charles Sumner, “and was never without a familiar story to illustrate his meaning. When he spoke, the recent West seemed to vie with the ancient East in apologue and fable. His ideas moved, as the beasts entered Noah’s ark, in pairs. At times his illustrations had a homely felicity, and with him they seemed to be not less important than the argument, which he always enforced with a certain intensity of manner and voice.”⁷

Much of Lincoln’s success as a storyteller was due to a talent for mimicry. “In the role of storyteller,” said T. G. Onstot, son of the New Salem cooper, “I never knew his equal. His power of mimicry was very great.”⁸

¹ Alexander K. McClure, *Lincoln’s Yarns and Stories* (Chicago: John C. Winston, 1904). Far more trustworthy and scholarly is Paul M. Zall, ed., *Abe Lincoln Laughing: Humorous Anecdotes from Original Sources by and about Abraham Lincoln* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1982).

² Henry C. Whitney, *Life on the Circuit with Lincoln*, ed. Paul M. Angle (Caldwell, Idaho: Caxton, 1940), 174.

³ In 1836, Maryland-born David Davis (1815-86) settled in Bloomington, Illinois. A close friend of Lincoln, he served as judge of the Eighth Circuit from 1848 to 1862, when Lincoln named him to the U.S. Supreme Court.

⁴ Paul M. Angle, ed., *Herndon’s Life of Lincoln: The History and Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln as Originally Written by William H. Herndon and Jesse W. Weik* (Cleveland: World, 1942), 250. This reminiscence of Lincoln’s story-telling is by Herndon, not Davis.

⁵ Angle, ed., *Herndon’s Lincoln*, 208.

⁶*Thomas's note:* Lincoln's skill as a raconteur may have been to some extent hereditary. "From his father came that knack of story-telling, which has made him so delightful among acquaintances, and so irresistible in his stump and forensic drolleries," wrote William Dean Howells in his campaign biography of Lincoln. And Lincoln, when he corrected a copy of this book for his friend Samuel C. Parks, "let the statement stand."
Editor's note: W. D. Howells, *Life of Abraham Lincoln* (Springfield: Abraham Lincoln Association, 1938), 20. Samuel C. Parks of Springfield was a friend of Lincoln's. In 1863 he became an associate justice of the Idaho Supreme Court. His copy of Howells's biography, complete with Lincoln's penciled corrections, is reproduced in facsimile in this edition.

⁷Charles Sumner, "Eulogy," in *A Memorial of Abraham Lincoln* (Boston: City Council, 1865), 134.

⁸Thompson Gaines Onstot (b. 1829), author of *Pioneers of Menard and Mason Counties* (Forest City, Ill.: Onstot, 1902), was the son of Henry Onstot.

28. Taken as a whole, the notes suggest that the author
- (A) plans to write a longer piece on Lincoln and his political contemporaries
 - (B) relies mainly on primary rather than secondary sources about Lincoln
 - (C) acknowledges Angle as the leading authority on Lincoln's storytelling
 - (D) recognizes that older scholarship about Lincoln is frequently criticized by modern academics
 - (E) believes that most works on Lincoln's humor appear early in the twentieth century
29. The passage is primarily characterized by
- (A) anecdotal descriptions of Lincoln's storytelling
 - (B) brief excerpts from Lincoln's stories
 - (C) sensational accounts of Lincoln's personal life
 - (D) detailed explanations of Lincoln's political motivations
 - (E) perceptive observations about Lincoln's audiences
30. In the passage, the author primarily represents Lincoln as a figure who
- (A) was admired as a folk hero
 - (B) possessed a rare and unique talent
 - (C) influenced a generation of politicians
 - (D) believed in the instructional value of art
 - (E) strived to improve his dramatic performances

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We issue them and we accept them, and, when the appointed date arrives, we assume such of our clothes as we believe to be suitable to the gathering, and sally forth to the party of pleasure. Often, indeed usually, it is in the evening. Therefore we clothe ourselves in such garb as men and women have agreed, in their strange symbolism, to consider appropriate to the hours after eight o'clock or so. And perhaps—who knows?—it is in the exercise of this savage and primitive conventionalism that a large part of the pleasure of an evening gathering consists. We are very primitive creatures, and the mere satisfaction of

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31. Which of the following statements best describes the meaning of lines 14-19 (“But, besides . . . agreeable”)?
- (A) People have spent a long time developing social customs for enjoying communal gatherings.
 - (B) People subject their friends and relatives to forms of entertainment that are typically more boring than exciting.
 - (C) People abandon childhood pleasures in favor of more sophisticated entertainment once they grow older.
 - (D) People pursue a number of interests deemed amusing based on social tradition rather than on actual delight.
 - (E) People enjoy certain social events only after they have learned how to participate in these ceremonies.
32. The author mentions St. Paul’s “admonition” (lines 23-24) in order to
- (A) argue that people instinctively partake in social interactions
 - (B) explain why the church encouraged public gatherings
 - (C) show that people will sacrifice enjoyment when necessary
 - (D) highlight the ways people have changed over the years
 - (E) question the importance of organized religion in the modern age
33. The author’s attitude toward St. Paul’s admonition (lines 23-26) is best described as
- (A) earnest
 - (B) passionate
 - (C) irreverent
 - (D) conflicted
 - (E) cautious
34. Which statement best describes the relationship between the first and second paragraphs?
- (A) The first paragraph disparages those who oppose the pursuit of entertainment; the second illustrates the benefits of relaxing with others.
 - (B) The first paragraph argues that people rely on their senses to appreciate most amusements; the second shows how they do so.
 - (C) The first paragraph divides forms of entertainment into two broad categories; the second explores an example from the second category.
 - (D) The first paragraph asks why some social activities are more popular than others; the second analyzes both types of events.
 - (E) The first paragraph identifies the most entertaining aspects of social gatherings; the second considers how hosts can ruin these aspects.
35. The phrase “in their strange symbolism” (lines 39-40) illustrates the author’s
- (A) strong disgust with social obligation
 - (B) jaded appreciation of monetary wealth
 - (C) mock annoyance with personality flaws
 - (D) weary disbelief at social awkwardness
 - (E) ironic view of human behavior
36. What do lines 38-48 (“Therefore we . . . sensibilities”) reveal about the author’s view?
- (A) The contrast between “appropriate” and “primitive” captures her skepticism of social norms.
 - (B) Use of the pronoun “we” indicates her agreement with widespread concerns.
 - (C) The question “who knows?” signals bitter annoyance rising in her voice.
 - (D) Repetition of the word “particular” emphasizes her uncompromising outlook.
 - (E) The opposition between “very” and “mere” exemplifies her ambivalent perspective.

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37. In lines 48-50 (“Be that . . . dolled up too”), the author repeats an idiomatic phrase most likely to
- (A) point out the superficial quality of most conversations
 - (B) draw attention to accepted social conventions
 - (C) question whether it is worthwhile to follow fashion trends
 - (D) suggest that people mask their true feelings in public
 - (E) show how people have preconceived ideas of others
38. The short sentences in lines 50-51 (“Now we . . . has begun”) highlight
- (A) the move from an objective review to a subjective opinion
 - (B) an important idea about appropriate party attire
 - (C) a leap in time to the distant future
 - (D) the transition from preparation to participation
 - (E) an imperative command for the reader to conform to social standards
39. Lines 51-79 (“We see . . . good thing”) primarily examine how
- (A) people tend to make exhausting treks from party to party
 - (B) the exchanges at parties are usually superficial
 - (C) interesting people rarely attend parties
 - (D) awkward behavior can ruin even the best parties
 - (E) the topics at a party typically address current events
40. Which of the following questions does the author attempt to answer in this passage?
- (A) Why do people decide to host parties?
 - (B) Why do people attend parties?
 - (C) What makes a party memorable?
 - (D) What do people learn at parties?
 - (E) How much money is spent on parties?
41. In her analysis of parties, the author assumes a persona that most closely resembles
- (A) a botanist explaining how a plant has adapted to its environment
 - (B) an anthropologist describing the peculiar customs of a tribe
 - (C) a chemist tracing the sequence of events underlying a chemical reaction
 - (D) a poet revealing the beauty in commonplace things
 - (E) a judge delivering an unpopular verdict

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In fact, the Declaration is just an ordinary memo. As an example, I have in mind a memo I saw recently from a dean of students office at a northeastern college. It announced that, going forward, the dining hall would stay open later on weekdays, and it offered reasons for that change. The Declaration is the same kind of document: a memo that announces and, thereby, brings about a change, while also explaining it.

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The Declaration, too, is a very practical document. It claims to know something about how a particular institution of a particular kind—the kingdom of Great Britain, a free and independent state—should work. It criticizes this institution for failing to work as it should. It announces the separation, on account of this failure, of the colonies from Britain and the coming into being of a new political system. But it also had the job of organizing a group to joint action: revolt from Britain.

What does it take for a group to act in concert? How are decisions made? Who takes responsibility for them? What makes it possible for a group, organization, or institution to collaborate over time? When do they run into trouble? Why? We all know things about how institutions should work. By trying to answer questions like these in relation to our own lives, we build a context for thinking about the Declaration.

42. The examples inside the dashes in lines 1-2 serve to emphasize
- (A) the formulaic manner in which most texts are studied
 - (B) the broad applicability of the reading strategies that follow
 - (C) the difference between the Declaration and works of imaginative literature
 - (D) the difficulty of discerning authorial intention in a text
 - (E) the variety of forms of writing that existed at the time of the Declaration
43. In context, the sentence in lines 9-10 (“Asking these . . . art”) can best be understood as
- (A) a reason for adopting a particular way of studying the Declaration
 - (B) a challenge to commonly held ideas about the role of the Declaration in American history
 - (C) a confirmation of the author’s assumption that Americans are unfamiliar with the Declaration
 - (D) a possible objection from Declaration scholars who resist textual analysis
 - (E) an unforeseen complication regarding the author’s view of the Declaration

44. The author's primary purpose in the first paragraph (lines 1-10) is to
- (A) explain the value of an approach
 - (B) anticipate a particular conclusion
 - (C) summarize the history of an idea
 - (D) evaluate one side of a contentious debate
 - (E) present evidence in support of an argument
45. The questions in the first paragraph (lines 1-10) differ from those in the final paragraph (lines 54-62) in that
- (A) the former encourage identification with authors and the latter critique it
 - (B) the former are meant to be satirical and the latter are meant to be serious
 - (C) the former are meant to facilitate textual analysis and the latter are meant to facilitate political analysis
 - (D) the former are meant to be answered and the latter are meant to be rhetorical
 - (E) the former pertain to the era of the American Revolution and the latter pertain to the present day
46. Which of the following best describes the relationship of the paragraph in lines 15-23 ("In fact . . . explaining it") to the paragraph in lines 24-36 ("Short for . . . *hereby declared*")?
- (A) The first paragraph engages the reader with a contemporary colloquial style, and the second paragraph challenges the reader with language from the period of the Declaration.
 - (B) The first paragraph creates a connection between the Declaration and our ordinary lives, and the second paragraph exalts the Declaration as sacred.
 - (C) The first paragraph presents a current critical view of the Declaration, and the second paragraph argues that that view is restricted.
 - (D) The first paragraph argues that the Declaration is a certain type of document, and the second paragraph refutes that argument.
 - (E) The first paragraph compares the Declaration to a seemingly mundane type of document, and the second paragraph expands on the significance of that type of document.
47. The author presents the definition in lines 31-33 ("An informal . . . of action") primarily to
- (A) resolve a conflict
 - (B) present an objection
 - (C) widen a perspective
 - (D) introduce a theory
 - (E) indicate an origin
48. As used in line 34, "spawned" most nearly means
- (A) reproduced
 - (B) discovered
 - (C) corrupted
 - (D) generated
 - (E) imitated
49. In lines 37-39 ("As ever . . . important"), the author presents memos as
- (A) archaic yet irreverent
 - (B) pretentious yet meaningful
 - (C) routine yet relevant
 - (D) trivial yet time-consuming
 - (E) practical yet aesthetically pleasing
50. Which of the following best describes the effect of the author's rhetorical choices in lines 41-42 ("Because . . . writers rule")?
- (A) The positioning of the verb at the end of the sentence emphasizes the passive nature of writers' influence.
 - (B) The use of the first-person pronoun hints that the author's statement holds true only in a relatively narrow set of circumstances.
 - (C) The use of the plural emphasizes that writers cannot make an impact on society individually.
 - (D) The brief declaration with which the sentence ends conveys a sense of conviction.
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51. The main function of the sentence in lines 42-43 (“They wield . . . is organized”) is to
- (A) introduce an alternative to the argument made in the paragraph as a whole
 - (B) provide evidence in support of a claim made in the first sentence of the paragraph
 - (C) anticipate a possible objection to a line of reasoning presented earlier in the paragraph
 - (D) weaken the claim made in the preceding sentence
 - (E) elaborate on the point made in the preceding sentence
52. The shift to the past tense in the sentence in lines 51-53 (“But it . . . from Britain”) occurs because this sentence refers to
- (A) an idea about the Declaration that is no longer current
 - (B) the rhetoric used in the Declaration to explain its intent
 - (C) a political change that had occurred prior to the Declaration
 - (D) the role of the Declaration at the time of its writing
 - (E) an irrelevant function of the Declaration as a memorandum

53. In the final paragraph (lines 54-62), the author suggests that readers should do which of the following?
- (A) Form groups to further analyze the language of the Declaration
 - (B) Use their own experience to understand the motives underlying the Declaration
 - (C) Answer the questions in the paragraph prior to reading the Declaration
 - (D) Take responsibility for their own preconceived ideas about the Declaration
 - (E) Adopt the Declaration as a model for writing business memos
54. In the context of the passage as a whole, the “democratic art” of the Declaration mentioned in line 10 refers to the Declaration’s ability to do all of the following EXCEPT
- (A) critique an institution
 - (B) announce a change
 - (C) explain the nature of a change
 - (D) enforce a proposed change
 - (E) call a group to action
55. Based on the passage as a whole, it can be inferred that the author will most likely continue with a discussion that includes which of the following?
- (A) An analysis of the Declaration that addresses the questions about texts introduced at the beginning of the passage
 - (B) A comparison of views of the Declaration as a sacred text and as a treatise
 - (C) An examination of additional definitions of the word “memorandum”
 - (D) A closer look into fundamental differences between interoffice memos and the Declaration
 - (E) An account of other types of correspondence besides memos

**END OF SECTION I
IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS CALLED, YOU MAY
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Section II: Free-Response Questions

This is the free-response section of the 2018 AP Exam.
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SECTION II: Free Response

2018

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At a Glance

Total Time

2 hours and 15 minutes

Number of Questions

3

Percent of Total Score

55%

Writing Instrument

Pen with black or dark blue ink

Reading Period

Time

15 minutes. Use this time to read the question and plan your answer to Question 1, the synthesis question. You may begin writing your response before the reading period is over.

Writing Period

Time

2 hours

Suggested Time

40 minutes per question

Weight

The questions are weighted equally.

IMPORTANT Identification Information

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Instructions

The questions for Section II are printed in the orange Questions and Sources booklet. You may use that booklet to organize your answers and for scratch work, but you must write your answers in this Section II: Free Response booklet. No credit will be given for any work written in the Questions and Sources booklet.

The proctor will announce the beginning and end of the reading period. You are advised to spend the 15-minute period reading Question 1, analyzing and evaluating the sources, and planning your answer. You may read the other essay questions at this time. You may begin writing your response before the reading period is over.

Section II of this exam requires answers in essay form. Each essay will be judged on its clarity and effectiveness in dealing with the assigned topic and on the quality of the writing. Quality is far more important than quantity. You should check your essays for accuracy of punctuation, spelling, and diction; you are advised, however, not to attempt many longer corrections.

Write clearly and legibly. Number each answer as the question is numbered in the exam. Begin each answer on a new page. Do not skip lines. Cross out any errors you make; crossed-out work will not be scored.

Manage your time carefully. You may proceed freely from one question to the next. You may review your responses if you finish before the end of the exam is announced.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION

SECTION II

Total time—2 hours and 15 minutes

Question 1

Suggested reading and writing time—55 minutes.

It is suggested that you spend 15 minutes reading the question, analyzing and evaluating the sources, and 40 minutes writing your response.

Note: You may begin writing your response before the reading period is over.

(This question counts for one-third of the total essay section score.)

In the United States, kindergarten has generally been considered an educational setting that provides opportunities for children to ready themselves for the academic and social worlds of formal education. However, the twenty-first-century drive toward increased academic standards has been felt even in the earliest grades, leading some researchers to express concern that the kindergarten experience is being compromised.

Carefully read the following six sources, including the introductory information for each source, and consider the implications of transforming kindergarten into a more academic environment than it has been in the past. Then synthesize material from at least three of the sources and incorporate it into a coherent, well-written argument in which you take a position on what kindergarten should be.

Your argument should be the focus of your essay. Use the sources to develop your argument and explain the reasoning for it. Avoid merely summarizing the sources. Indicate clearly which sources you are drawing from, whether through direct quotation, paraphrase, or summary. You may cite the sources as Source A, Source B, etc., or by using the descriptions in parentheses.

Source A (Svensen)

Source B (Breen)

Source C (Riual)

Source D (chart)

Source E (Curwood)

Source F (photo)

Source A

Svensen, Ann. "Kindergarten Controversy." *Family Education*, n.d., www.familyeducation.com/school/preparing-kindergarten/kindergarten-controversy.

The following passage is excerpted from an online parenting informational resource.

It used to be so simple: five-year-olds went to kindergarten and six-year-olds went to first grade. But what was once a natural course of events has recently become a difficult decision for many parents. Why? Because kindergarten ain't what it used to be.

In the Beginning . . .

Kindergarten was originally conceived in the 1800s by German philosopher and school teacher Friedrich Froebel. He thought of it literally as a "child's garden"—a place to fill with plants and flowers and nurture children's curiosity. It was not meant to be a functional classroom.

Vivian Paley, author and award-winning early childhood educator, believes that the goal of this first school year is to develop the social and imaginative strengths of children, and to build confidence. She has this message for kindergarten teachers, "Know your subject: Play."

Straying from its Roots

Froebel would be shocked by the latest trend in kindergarten education—a trend that's turning kindergartens away from their roots and into "mini" or "trickle-down" first grades. In these classrooms, five-year-olds are writing sentences, identifying phonetic sounds, making books, and learning the state capitals.

David Ruenzel, the author of a *Teacher Magazine* article on the subject, suggests this reason for the trend: "Parents whose children have long been in day care and preschool often perceive a half-day centered around play as a step backward. They want beginning reading and writing—not more play." Other experts think that schools are stressing academics in kindergarten in response to a public demand for higher standardized test scores.

The Fallout

Paley notes that with this push for early academics, we are beginning to hear about kindergartners who are "deficient" in various abilities or "slow learners," when, in fact, they may be well within their appropriate developmental stage.

Parents who do not want to see their children unfairly labeled may now be waiting until their kids are six to enroll them in kindergarten. Lorrie Shepard, Professor of Education at the University of Colorado, believes these parents are acting in the best interest of their children. But, she says, this practice is changing the balance in many kindergarten programs, and actually perpetuating the trend toward academics.

In regard to the "trickle-down first grade" trend, the National Association for the Education of Young Children holds this commonsense position: The pressure should not be on the child to meet a school's expectations. Kindergarten and first-grade programs should be ready to meet the developmentally diverse needs and abilities of all children.

Source B

Breen, Audrey. "U.Va. Researchers Find That Kindergarten Is the New First Grade." *UVA Today*, 29 Jan. 2014, news.virginia.edu/content/uva-researchers-find-kindergarten-new-first-grade.

The following passage is excerpted from an article published on the news Web site of the University of Virginia.

In a working paper titled "Is Kindergarten the New First Grade? The Changing Nature of Kindergarten in the Age of Accountability," [University of Virginia] researchers Daphna Bassok and Anna Rorem posit that increased emphasis on accountability led to meaningful changes in the kindergartener experience.

"In less than a decade we've seen the kindergarten experience essentially transformed," said Bassok, assistant professor at the Curry School of Education. "Academic skill-building has really taken center stage in today's kindergarten classrooms, in a way that just wasn't the case" before the late 1990s.

The study by Bassok and Rorem, a policy associate at U.Va.'s Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, uses two large nationally representative datasets to track changes in kindergarten classrooms between 1998 and 2006. It shows that in 1998, 31 percent of kindergarten teachers indicated that most children should learn to read while in kindergarten. By 2006, 65 percent of teachers agreed with this statement. To accommodate this new reality, classroom time spent on literacy rose by 25 percent, from roughly 5.5 to seven hours per week.

Bassok said that, done correctly, this increased focus on academics could be helpful. "Young children are curious, enthusiastic learners, with immense potential. There are ways to teach early literacy and math content to young learners so that it's engaging, fun and really helps them get a head start."

But the increased emphasis on literacy may have a cost. As teachers spend more time and attention on academic content, time centered on play, exploration and social interactions may drop.

"It certainly doesn't have to be an 'either/or' scenario, where academics crowd out everything else," Bassok said, "but I worry that in practice, this is what is happening in many classrooms."

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Source C

Rioual, Brigit. "Kindergarten: The Changes from Play to Work." *Education 300: Education Reform Past and Present*, 3 May 2012, commons.trincoll.edu/edreform/2012/05/kindergarten-the-changes-from-play-to-work-2/.

The following is excerpted from a research paper written by a college student and posted to an education course's Web site. The parenthetical citations refer to academic sources used by the writer.

From having a simple curriculum, kindergarten has changed to a complex curriculum with standards that need to be met. While only 15 percent of kindergarteners were reading a decade ago, today "90 percent of kindergarteners passed an end-of-year reading test" in Maryland's Montgomery County (Curwood 2007, 30). The measures have dramatically changed; kindergarteners must be able to do things such as count to 100, predict, estimate, "match all consonant and short-vowel sounds to appropriate letters" and "use concrete objects to determine the answers to addition and subtraction problems" (Russell 2011, 253-6). In places like California, kindergarteners are expected to master 195 skills before first grade, and other states are following the same trends (Russell 2011, 253). Kindergarten is seen as the new first grade because many of the standards have moved from first grade into kindergarten (Curwood 2007). But how is this beneficial for children this age?

In some people's opinions, having kindergarten be work-focused helps them get ahead later on. Kindergarteners will be able to read, know how to take tests, and know crucial math and literacy skills for the testing that counts in fourth grade. Whereas some argue that kindergartners aren't ready for these pressures of academics, others argue that they are; studies have been done that say early learning is beneficial and that starting at this age is the right time to learn how to read (Curwood 2007, 30).

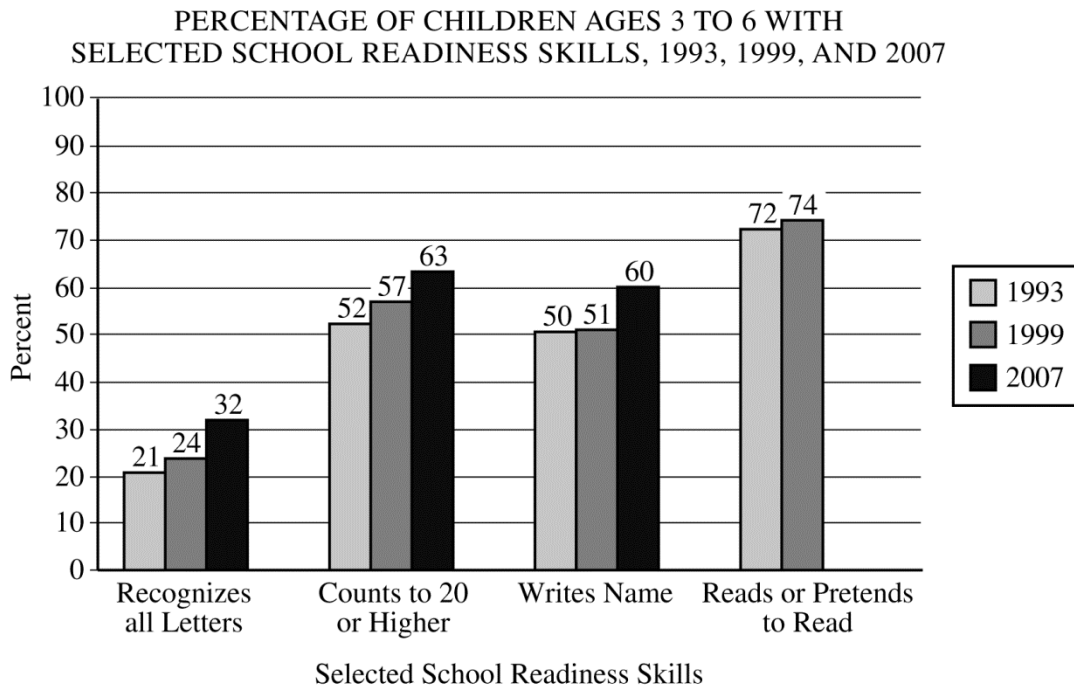
While people argue between a play-focused and work-focused kindergarten, it nevertheless has changed as a result to the emphasis of education and the state of the economy in our society. More families have both parents work, which has caused preschools to become more common and a chosen choice of childcare. As the number of children in preschool, and the number of preschools increase, children are being exposed to skills that they would have typically learned in the traditional model of kindergarten, such as learning how to use scissors or write (Hatch 1988, 147). Preschoolers are even learning how to write their alphabet and how to read, therefore, making it unnecessary for kindergarten to remain play-focused and forced to be academically focused (Hardy 2009, 8). By putting their children in preschools, parents are helping their children's academic future; it has been reported that "children who attend quality preschools score higher on kindergarten readiness screening tests" and "school performance continues to remain higher for those students who attended preschool" (Plevyak, 2002, 25). School is the way to success in our economy; therefore, by starting academics earlier, children are getting ahead. Preschool has created this push for academics to start in kindergarten, which will help them later on when it comes to competition for admission into colleges and getting jobs.

Changes from Play to Work, Brigit Rioual, 2012, Trinity College

Source D

Percentage of Children Ages 3 to 6 with Selected School Readiness Skills, 1993, 1999, and 2007. Digital image. Child Trends, Oct. 2012, childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/07_fig1.jpg.

The following is from a United States-based nonprofit research center that provides information on the well-being of children and youth. 2007 statistics are not included for the “reads or pretends to read” skill.



Provided by Child Trends, a research center on children and youth issues.

Source E

Curwood, Jen Scott. "What Happened to Kindergarten?"
Scholastic.com, n.d., www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/what-happened-kindergarten/.

The following source is excerpted from an online article on the Web site of a company that publishes and distributes children's books.

It's a 21st-century truism that in order for the United States to get ahead in the global economy, we need to upgrade our public schools. Ideally, that should mean ensuring that every child receives an education of the best possible quality. Too often, however, in our culture of fast food, media sound bites, and instant downloads, we mistake faster for better. That assumption has led countless school districts—perhaps even your own—to promote “academic kindergartens” where 5-year-olds are more likely to encounter skill-and-drill exercises and nightly homework than unstructured, imaginative playtime. With so much pressure to teach essential literacy and math skills, many kindergarten teachers, and even prekindergarten teachers say that time for free play and exploration is increasingly limited. . . .

Research consistently backs what early elementary teachers know: Imaginative play is the catalyst for social, physical, emotional, and moral development in young children. With guidance from an observant teacher, kindergartners can use imaginative play to make sense of the world around them—and lay the critical groundwork for understanding words and numbers.

“Play facilitates the growth of children’s reasoning abilities,” says David Elkind, Ph.D., author of *The Power of Play*. Through classifying objects (cars, shells, beads) and through experimentation (water play, clay), children learn to make inferences and draw conclusions. “Children’s questions are a form of mastery play,” says Elkind. “In asking questions, children are creating their own learning experiences.” . . .

Roberta Michnick Golinkoff, Ph.D., is a professor of education at the University of Delaware and the author of numerous books, including *Play = Learning* and *Einstein Never Used Flash Cards*. She argues that play is the primary vehicle that children use to explore their world, learn critical social skills, and grow emotionally.

“But playtime also allows children the opportunity to rough-and-tumble with other children,” Golinkoff adds. A 2003 study from the Kaiser Family Foundation found that children under 6 spend as much time with television, computers, and video games as playing outside. Clearly, the opportunity for physical play is crucial.

At school and at home, children have less time for unstructured play. “Children are used to being entertained by media,” says Cindy Middendorf, a noted national speaker and author of *Differentiating Instruction in Kindergarten*. “But relying on television, movies, and video games, children are pulled away from real imaginative play.” . . .

“Play has been phased out of so many kindergarten classes,” Middendorf says. “But since we’re not getting the academic results we expected, educators are now realizing that they can teach academic standards within the context of play.”

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Source F

Little, Lauren A. *Reading Eagle*. Digital image, 6 Apr. 2014, www.readingeagle.com/news/article/raising-the-bar-in-kindergarten.

The following image is from an online news source.



Courtesy Reading Eagle Company

Question 2

Suggested time—40 minutes.

(This question counts for one-third of the total essay section score.)

In August 1995, environmental historian William Cronon published an essay in the *New York Times* in which he argued for the need to rethink the idea of wilderness in modern culture. Carefully read the following excerpt from Cronon’s essay. Then write a well-developed essay in which you analyze the choices Cronon makes to challenge our habitual ways of thinking about wilderness.

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5 Thus it is that wilderness serves as the unexamined foundation on which so many of the quasi-religious values of modern environmentalism rest. The critique of modernity that is one of environmentalism’s most important contributions to the moral and political discourse of our time more often than not appeals, explicitly or implicitly, to wilderness as the standard against which to measure the failings of our human world. Wilderness is the natural, unfallen antithesis
10 of an unnatural civilization that has lost its soul. It is a place of freedom in which we can recover the true selves we have lost to the corrupting influences of our artificial lives. Most of all, it is the ultimate landscape of authenticity. Combining the sacred grandeur of the sublime with the primitive simplicity of the frontier,
15 it is the place where we can see the world as it really is, and so know ourselves as we really are—or ought to be.

20 But the trouble with wilderness is that it quietly expresses and reproduces the very values its devotees seek to reject. The flight from history that is very nearly the core of wilderness represents the false hope of an escape from responsibility, the illusion that we can somehow wipe clean the slate of our past and
25 return to the *tabula rasa** that supposedly existed before we began to leave our marks on the world. The dream of an unworked natural landscape is very much the fantasy of people who have never themselves had to work the land to make a
30 living—urban folk for whom food comes from a supermarket or a restaurant instead of a field, and for whom the wooden houses in which they live and work apparently have no meaningful connection to the forests in which trees grow and die. Only people
35 whose relation to the land was already alienated could hold up wilderness as a model for human life in nature, for the romantic ideology of wilderness leaves precisely nowhere for human beings actually to make their living from the land.

40 This, then, is the central paradox: wilderness embodies a dualistic vision in which the human is

entirely outside the natural. If we allow ourselves to believe that nature, to be true, must also be wild, then our very presence in nature represents its fall. The place where we are is the place where nature is not. If this is so—if by definition wilderness leaves no place for human beings, save perhaps as contemplative sojourners enjoying their leisurely reverie in God’s natural cathedral—then also by definition it can offer
45 no solution to the environmental and other problems that confront us. To the extent that we celebrate wilderness as the measure with which we judge civilization, we reproduce the dualism that sets humanity and nature at opposite poles. We thereby
50 leave ourselves little hope of discovering what an ethical, sustainable, *honorable* human place in nature might actually look like.

55 Worse: to the extent that we live in an urban-industrial civilization but at the same time pretend to ourselves that our *real* home is in the wilderness, to just that extent we give ourselves permission to evade responsibility for the lives we actually lead. We inhabit civilization while holding some part of ourselves—
60 what we imagine to be the most precious part—aloof from its entanglements. We work our nine-to-five jobs in its institutions, we eat its food, we drive its cars (not least to reach the wilderness), we benefit from the intricate and all too invisible networks with which
65 it shelters us, all the while pretending that these things are not an essential part of who we are. By imagining that our true home is in the wilderness, we forgive ourselves the homes we actually inhabit. In its flight from history, in its siren song of escape, in its reproduction of the dangerous dualism that sets
70 human beings outside of nature—in all of these ways, wilderness poses a serious threat to responsible environmentalism at the end of the twentieth century.

* a blank slate, used especially to refer to a mind not yet affected by experiences or impressions

Question 3

Suggested time—40 minutes.

(This question counts for one-third of the total essay section score.)

In a book published in 1999, psychologist Richard DeGrandpre asserts:

When we ruminate about and plan things to come, when we study and work toward some anticipated eventuality, and when we imagine and harbor certain expectations about what the future could, should, or will be like, what we are often doing, albeit unintentionally, is redirecting our consciousness away from the present and into the future. When we do this, there is a tendency, again unintentional, of undervaluing our sense of the present.

How does thinking about the future affect one’s ability to experience and appreciate the present? In a well-written essay, develop a position on the extent to which anticipating and planning for the future affects our capacity to, as DeGrandpre puts it earlier in the same chapter, “appreciate the moment and, ultimately, life as a whole.” Use appropriate, specific evidence to illustrate and develop your position.

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END OF EXAM

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Multiple-Choice Answer Key

The following contains the answers to the multiple-choice questions in this exam.

Answer Key for AP English Language and Composition Practice Exam, Section I

Question 1: B	Question 29: A
Question 2: C	Question 30: B
Question 3: E	Question 31: D
Question 4: A	Question 32: A
Question 5: B	Question 33: C
Question 6: D	Question 34: C
Question 7: A	Question 35: E
Question 8: A	Question 36: A
Question 9: D	Question 37: B
Question 10: C	Question 38: D
Question 11: B	Question 39: B
Question 12: B	Question 40: B
Question 13: E	Question 41: B
Question 14: B	Question 42: B
Question 15: A	Question 43: A
Question 16: C	Question 44: A
Question 17: C	Question 45: C
Question 18: D	Question 46: E
Question 19: A	Question 47: C
Question 20: E	Question 48: D
Question 21: A	Question 49: C
Question 22: A	Question 50: D
Question 23: E	Question 51: E
Question 24: A	Question 52: D
Question 25: B	Question 53: B
Question 26: D	Question 54: D
Question 27: B	Question 55: A
Question 28: B	

Free-Response Scoring Guidelines

The following contains the scoring guidelines for the free-response questions in this exam.

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Question 1

General Directions: This scoring guide is designed so that the same performance expectations are applied to all student responses. It will be useful for most of the essays you read, but if it seems inappropriate for a specific paper, ask your Table Leader for assistance. Always show your Table Leader booklets that seem to have no response or that contain responses that seem unrelated to the question. Do not assign a score of 0 or — without this consultation.

Your score should reflect an evaluation of the paper as a whole. Remember that students had only 15 minutes to read the sources and 40 minutes to write; the paper, therefore, is not a finished product and should not be judged according to standards appropriate for an out-of-class assignment. Evaluate the paper as a draft, making certain to reward students for what they do well. The evaluation should focus on the evidence and explanations that the student uses to support the response; students should not be penalized for taking a particular perspective.

All essays, even those scored 8 or 9, may contain occasional lapses in analysis, prose style, or mechanics. Such features should enter into your holistic evaluation of a paper's overall quality. In no case should you give a score higher than a 2 to a paper with errors in grammar and mechanics that persistently interfere with your understanding of meaning.

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- 9 Essays earning a score of 9 meet the criteria for the score of 8 and, in addition, are especially sophisticated in their argument, thorough in development, or impressive in their control of language.

8 Effective

Essays earning a score of 8 **effectively** take a position on what kindergarten should be. They develop their position by effectively synthesizing* at least three of the sources. The evidence and explanations appropriately and convincingly support the writer's position. The prose demonstrates a consistent ability to control a wide range of the elements of effective writing but is not necessarily flawless.

- 7 Essays earning a score of 7 meet the criteria for the score of 6 but provide more complete explanation, more thorough development, or a more mature prose style.

6 Adequate

Essays earning a score of 6 **adequately** take a position on what kindergarten should be. They develop their position by adequately synthesizing at least three of the sources. The evidence and explanations appropriately and sufficiently support the writer's position. The language may contain lapses in diction or syntax, but generally the prose is clear.

5 Essays earning a score of 5 take a position on what kindergarten should be. They develop their position by synthesizing at least three sources, but the evidence and explanations used to support that position may be uneven, inconsistent, or limited. The writer's argument is generally clear, and the sources generally develop the writer's position, but the links between the sources and the argument may be strained. The writing may contain lapses in diction or syntax, but it usually conveys the writer's ideas.

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Question 1 (continued)

4 Inadequate

Essays earning a score of 4 **inadequately** take a position on what kindergarten should be. They develop their position by synthesizing at least two sources, but that position may be inappropriately, insufficiently, or unconvincingly supported by the evidence and explanations used. The sources may dominate the student's attempts at development, the link between the argument and the sources may be weak, or the student may misunderstand, misrepresent, or oversimplify the sources. The prose generally conveys the writer's ideas but may be inconsistent in controlling the elements of effective writing.

- 3 Essays earning a score of 3 meet the criteria for the score of 4 but demonstrate less success in taking a position on what kindergarten should be. They are less perceptive in their understanding of the sources, or the evidence and explanations used may be particularly limited or simplistic. The essays may show less maturity in control of writing.

2 Little Success

Essays earning a score of 2 demonstrate **little success** in taking a position on what kindergarten should be. They may merely allude to knowledge gained from reading the sources rather than citing the sources themselves. The student may misread the sources, fail to develop a position, or substitute a simpler task by merely summarizing or categorizing the sources or by merely responding to the prompt tangentially with unrelated or inaccurate explanation. The prose often demonstrates consistent weaknesses in writing, such as grammatical problems, a lack of development or organization, or a lack of control.

- 1 Essays earning a score of 1 meet the criteria for the score of 2 but are undeveloped, especially simplistic in their explanation, weak in their control of writing, or do not allude to or cite even one source.
 - 0 Indicates an off-topic response, one that merely repeats the prompt, an entirely crossed-out response, a drawing, or a response in a language other than English.
- Indicates an entirely blank response.

* For the purposes of scoring, synthesis means using sources to develop a position and citing them accurately.

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Question 2

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Your score should reflect an evaluation of the paper as a whole. Remember that students had only 40 minutes to read and write; the paper, therefore, is not a finished product and should not be judged according to standards appropriate for an out-of-class assignment. Evaluate the paper as a draft, making certain to reward students for what they do well. The evaluation should focus on the evidence and explanations that the student uses to support the response; students should not be penalized for taking a particular perspective.

All essays, even those scored 8 or 9, may contain occasional lapses in analysis, prose style, or mechanics. Such features should enter into your holistic evaluation of a paper’s overall quality. In no case should you give a score higher than a 2 to a paper with errors in grammar and mechanics that persistently interfere with your understanding of meaning.

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- 9** Essays earning a score of 9 meet the criteria for the score of 8 and, in addition, are especially sophisticated in their argument, thorough in their development, or impressive in their control of language.

8 Effective

Essays earning a score of 8 **effectively** analyze* the choices Cronon makes to challenge our habitual ways of thinking about wilderness. They develop their analysis with evidence and explanations that are appropriate and convincing, referring to the passage explicitly or implicitly. The prose demonstrates a consistent ability to control a wide range of the elements of effective writing but is not necessarily flawless.

- 7** Essays earning a score of 7 meet the criteria for the score of 6 but provide more complete explanation, more thorough development, or a more mature prose style.

6 Adequate

Essays earning a score of 6 **adequately** analyze the choices Cronon makes to challenge our habitual ways of thinking about wilderness. They develop their analysis with evidence and explanations that are appropriate and sufficient, referring to the passage explicitly or implicitly. The writing may contain lapses in diction or syntax, but generally the prose is clear.

5 Essays earning a score of 5 analyze the choices Cronon makes to challenge our habitual ways of thinking about wilderness. The evidence and explanations used to develop their analysis may be uneven, inconsistent, or limited. The writing may contain lapses in diction or syntax, but it usually conveys the writer’s ideas.

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Question 2 (continued)

4 Inadequate

Essays earning a score of 4 **inadequately** analyze the choices Cronon makes to challenge our habitual ways of thinking about wilderness. These essays may misunderstand the passage, misrepresent the choices Cronon makes, or analyze these choices insufficiently. The evidence and explanations used to develop their analysis may be inappropriate, insufficient, or unconvincing. The prose generally conveys the writer’s ideas but may be inconsistent in controlling the elements of effective writing.

- 3 Essays earning a score of 3 meet the criteria for the score of 4 but demonstrate less success in analyzing the choices Cronon makes to challenge our habitual ways of thinking about wilderness. They are less perceptive in their understanding of the passage or Cronon’s choices, or the evidence and explanations used to develop their analysis may be particularly limited or simplistic. The essays may show less maturity in control of writing.

2 Little Success

Essays earning a score of 2 demonstrate **little success** in analyzing the choices Cronon makes to challenge our habitual ways of thinking about wilderness. The student may misunderstand the prompt, misread the passage, fail to analyze the choices Cronon makes, or substitute a simpler task by responding to the prompt tangentially with unrelated or inaccurate explanation. The prose often demonstrates consistent weaknesses “in writing, such as grammatical problems, a lack of development or organization, or a lack of control.

- 1 Essays earning a score of 1 meet the criteria for the score of 2 but are undeveloped, especially simplistic in their explanation, or weak in their control of language.
 - 0 Indicates an off-topic response, one that merely repeats the prompt, an entirely crossed-out response, a drawing, or a response in a language other than English.
- Indicates an entirely blank response.

* For the purposes of scoring, analysis means explaining the rhetorical choices an author makes in an attempt to achieve a particular effect or purpose.

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Question 3

General Directions: This scoring guide is designed so that the same performance expectations are applied to all student responses. It will be useful for most of the essays you read, but if it seems inappropriate for a specific paper, ask your Table Leader for assistance. Always show your Table Leader booklets that seem to have no response or that contain responses that seem unrelated to the question. Do not assign a score of 0 or — without this consultation.

Your score should reflect an evaluation of the paper as a whole. Remember that students had only 40 minutes to read and write; the paper, therefore, is not a finished product and should not be judged according to standards appropriate for an out-of-class assignment. Evaluate the paper as a draft, making certain to reward students for what they do well. The evaluation should focus on the evidence and explanations that the student uses to support the response; students should not be penalized for taking a particular perspective.

All essays, even those scored 8 or 9, may contain occasional lapses in analysis, prose style, or mechanics. Such features should enter into your holistic evaluation of a paper’s overall quality. In no case should you give a score higher than a 2 to a paper with errors in grammar and mechanics that persistently interfere with your understanding of meaning.

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- 9** Essays earning a score of 9 meet the criteria for the score of 8 and, in addition, are especially sophisticated in their argument, thorough in their development, or particularly impressive in their control of language.

8 Effective

Essays earning a score of 8 **effectively** develop a position on the extent to which anticipating and planning for the future affects our capacity to . . . “appreciate the moment and, ultimately, life as a whole.” The evidence and explanations appropriately and convincingly support the writer’s position, and the argument* is especially coherent and well developed. The prose demonstrates a consistent ability to control a wide range of the elements of effective writing but is not necessarily flawless.

- 7** Essays earning a score of 7 meet the criteria for the score of 6 but provide a more complete explanation, more thorough development, or a more mature prose style.

6 Adequate

Essays earning a score of 6 **adequately** develop a position on the extent to which anticipating and planning for the future affects our capacity to . . . “appreciate the moment and, ultimately, life as a whole.” The evidence and explanations appropriately and sufficiently support the writer’s position, and the argument is coherent and adequately developed. The writing may contain lapses in diction or syntax, but generally the prose is clear.

5 Essays earning a score of 5 develop a position on the extent to which anticipating and planning for the future affects our capacity to . . . “appreciate the moment and, ultimately, life as a whole.” The evidence and explanations used to support that position may be uneven, inconsistent, or limited. The writing may contain lapses in diction or syntax, but it usually conveys the writer’s ideas.

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4 Inadequate

Essays earning a score of 4 **inadequately** develop a position on the extent to which anticipating and planning for the future affects our capacity to . . . “appreciate the moment and, ultimately, life as a whole.” The evidence and explanations used may inappropriately, insufficiently, or unconvincingly support the writer’s position. The argument may have lapses in coherence or be inadequately developed. The prose generally conveys the writer’s ideas but may be inconsistent in controlling the elements of effective writing.

- 3 Essays earning a score of 3 meet the criteria for the score of 4 but demonstrate less success in developing a position on the extent to which anticipating and planning for the future affects our capacity to . . . “appreciate the moment and, ultimately, life as a whole.” The essays may show less maturity in their control of writing.

2 Little Success

Essays earning a score of 2 demonstrate **little success** in developing a position on the extent to which anticipating and planning for the future affects our capacity to . . . “appreciate the moment and, ultimately, life as a whole.” The student may misunderstand the prompt or substitute a simpler task by responding to the prompt tangentially with unrelated or inaccurate explanation. The prose often demonstrates consistent weaknesses in writing, such as grammatical problems, a lack of development or organization, or a lack of coherence and control.

- 1 Essays earning a score of 1 meet the criteria for the score of 2 but are undeveloped, especially simplistic in their explanation and argument, weak in their control of language, or especially lacking in coherence.
 - 0 Indicates an off-topic response, one that merely repeats the prompt, an entirely crossed-out response, a drawing, or a response in a language other than English.
- Indicates an entirely blank response.

* For the purposes of scoring, argument means asserting a claim justified by evidence and/or reasoning.

Scoring Worksheet

The following provides a scoring worksheet and conversion table used for calculating a composite score of the exam.

2018 AP English Language and Composition Scoring Worksheet

Section I: Multiple Choice

$$\frac{\text{Number Correct}}{\text{(out of 55)}} \times 1.2272 = \frac{\text{Weighted Section I Score}}{\text{(Do not round)}}$$

Section II: Free Response

$$\text{Question 1 } \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(out of 9)}} \times 3.0556 = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(Do not round)}}$$

$$\text{Question 2 } \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(out of 9)}} \times 3.0556 = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(Do not round)}}$$

$$\text{Question 3 } \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(out of 9)}} \times 3.0556 = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(Do not round)}}$$

$$\text{Sum} = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{Weighted Section II Score (Do not round)}}$$

Composite Score

$$\frac{\text{Weighted Section I Score}}{\text{_____}} + \frac{\text{Weighted Section II Score}}{\text{_____}} = \frac{\text{Composite Score (Round to nearest whole number)}}{\text{_____}}$$

AP Score Conversion Chart
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Composite Score Range	AP Score
110-150	5
97-112	4
81-96	3
57-80	2
0-56	1

Question Descriptors and Performance Data

The following contains tables showing the content assessed, the correct answer, and how AP students performed on each question.

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Multiple-Choice Questions

Question	Topic	Key	% Correct
1	Purpose	B	85
2	Structure	C	70
3	Structure	E	77
4	Diction	A	76
5	Meaning	B	93
6	Rhetorical Function	D	71
7	Rhetorical Function	A	71
8	Rhetorical Strategies	A	62
9	Tone	D	43
10	Meaning	C	44
11	Rhetorical Function	B	54
12	Rhetorical Function	B	76
13	Figurative Language	E	64
14	Audience	B	60
15	Structure	A	74
16	Purpose	C	64
17	Research	C	53
18	Rhetorical Strategies	D	78
19	Rhetorical Function	A	90
20	Research	E	80
21	Meaning	A	83
22	Rhetorical Strategies	A	87
23	Research	E	75
24	Research	A	53
25	Figurative Language	B	75
26	Research	D	49
27	Meaning	B	54
28	Research	B	74
29	Rhetorical Strategies	A	80
30	Meaning	B	80
31	Meaning	D	76
32	Rhetorical Function	A	61
33	Tone	C	34
34	Structure	C	52
35	Meaning	E	48
36	Other	A	58
37	Figurative Language	B	51
38	Structure	D	76

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Question	Topic	Key	% Correct
39	Meaning	B	80
40	Other	B	79
41	Rhetorical Strategies	B	60
42	Rhetorical Function	B	56
43	Meaning	A	67
44	Purpose	A	73
45	Rhetorical Function	C	62
46	Structure	E	59
47	Rhetorical Function	C	54
48	Meaning	D	77
49	Meaning	C	64
50	Rhetorical Strategies	D	42
51	Rhetorical Function	E	63
52	Structure	D	59
53	Meaning	B	58
54	Meaning	D	41
55	Other	A	55

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