

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION

Nuts & Bolts of the Exam

LENGTH OF EXAM

3 hours and 15 minutes

EXAM FORMAT

Section 1 - Multiple Choice

- 52-55 questions
- 5-6 passages, followed by a series of questions
- 1 hour

Section 2 - Free Response

- 3 essays
- 2 hours to write all 3 essays
- 15min reading period to read through prompts (you may begin writing during this time)

FREE RESPONSE QUESTIONS

You will write three essays based on prompts in the following categories:

- Synthesis
 - Students read approx. 7 texts about a topic and create an argument that synthesizes at least three of the sources to support their thesis.
- Rhetorical Analysis
 - Students read a non-fiction text and analyze how the writer's language choices contribute to his or her purpose and intended meaning for the text.
- Argument
 - Students create an evidence-based argument that responds to a given topic.

SCORING

- Each essay in the Free Response section will be given a score between 0-9.