

HOW TO COMPUTE YOUR SCORE

SCORING THE MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS AND GRID-IN ITEMS

To compute your score on this portion of the two sample tests, calculate the number of questions you got right on each test, then divide by 138 to get the percentage score for the multiple-choice portion of that test.

SCORING THE FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Reviewers will have key bits of information that they are looking for in response to each free-response question. Each piece of information that they are able to check off in your essay is a point toward a better score.

To figure out your approximate score for the free-response questions, look at the key points found in the sample response for each question. For each key point you included, add a point. Figure out the number of key points there are in each question, then add up the number of key points you did include for each question. Divide by the total number of points available for all the free-response questions to get the percentage score for the free-response portion of that test.

CALCULATING YOUR COMPOSITE SCORE

Your score on the AP Biology exam is a combination of your scores on the multiple-choice portion of the exam and the free-response section. The free-response section is worth 50 percent of the exam score, and the multiple choice is worth 50 percent.

To determine your score, multiply the percentage score for the free-response section by 0.5 and for the multiple-choice section multiply by 0.5. Add these numbers together and multiply by 100 to get your final score. Remember, however, that much of this depends on how well all of those taking the AP test do. If you do better than average, your score would be higher. The numbers here are just approximations.

The approximate score range is as follows:

5 = 95-100 (extremely well qualified)

4 = 85-95 (well qualified)

3 = 70-85 (qualified)

2 = 50-70 (possibly qualified)

1 = 0-50 (no recommendation)

If your score falls between 55 and 100, you're doing great, keep up the good work! If your score is lower than 54, there's still hope—keep studying and you will be able to obtain a much better score on the exam before you know it.