

AP Biology Exam Format

Section I		
Question Type	Number of Questions	Timing
Part A: Multiple Choice	63	90 minutes
Part B: Grid-In	6	
Section II		
Question Type	Number of Questions	Timing
Long Free Response	2	80 minutes + 10-minute reading period
Short Free Response	6	

Mrs. Bailey's TIPS:

Section I: Multiple Choice

- The hardest questions are in the **MIDDLE**. If you are spending more than 1 ¼ minutes on a question, guess and GO BACK to it at the end of the session.
- You may see the word "STOP" after the Multiple Choice (Part A). That is just an indication that you have finished the last MC question. Do NOT literally stop! Move right to the next part, Part B: Grid-In. They are **both** part of the 1st session ... Session I.

Section II: Free Response

- This section begins with a 10-minute "reading period" to read the questions and plan your answers. The remaining 1 hour and 20 minutes is for writing.
- There are 6 **Short** Free Response questions. Plan to spend about **6 minutes** on these. The College Board recommends about 5-6 minutes for the 3 PT questions and 6-8 minutes for the 4 PT questions.
- There are 2 **Long** Free Response questions. Plan to spend about **20 minutes** on these.
- Even though the directions say "anything you write outside the box will not be scored". The readers are technically instructed to READ EVERYTHING the student writes. So, ... it will depend on the reader ... Avoid doing this; BUT, if you still need the room and have something **VALUABLE** to say then do so.

Practice using the sample **Grid-in Sheet**. Students will lose points for not using it properly!

How to Complete the AP Biology Grid-in Question

Your answers may start in any column, space permitting.

Any extra columns should be left blank.

Use decimals and other symbols when appropriate.

Only one circle per column.

The directions will specify how to round your answer (i.e., to the nearest tenth, whole number, etc).

Units are not required.

Fractions should be reduced enough to fit in the grid.

Do not enter mixed numbers (ex: one and one-half)

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