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As we look to the future, the College Board's goal is to broaden access to AP while maintaining high academic standards. Reaching this goal will require a lot of hard work. We encourage you to connect students to college and opportunity by not only providing them with the challenges and rewards of rigorous academic programs like AP, but also by preparing them in the years leading up to AP.

Sincerely,

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# Welcome to the AP<sup>®</sup> Program

The Advanced Placement Program<sup>®</sup> (AP<sup>®</sup>) is a collaborative effort between motivated students, dedicated teachers, and committed high schools, colleges, and universities. Since its inception in 1955, the Program has allowed millions of students to take college-level courses and exams, and to earn college credit or placement while still in high school.

Most colleges and universities in the U.S., as well as colleges and universities in 21 other countries, have an AP policy granting incoming students credit, placement, or both on the basis of their AP Exam grades. Many of these institutions grant up to a full year of college credit (sophomore standing) to students who earn a sufficient number of qualifying AP grades.

Each year, an increasing number of parents, students, teachers, high schools, and colleges and universities turn to AP as a model of educational excellence.

More information about the AP Program is available at the back of this Course Description and at AP Central<sup>™</sup>, the College Board's online home for AP professionals ([apcentral.collegeboard.com](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com)). Students can find more information at the AP student site ([www.collegeboard.com/apstudents](http://www.collegeboard.com/apstudents)).

## AP Courses

Thirty-four AP courses in a wide variety of subject areas are currently available. Developed by a committee of college faculty and AP teachers, each AP course covers the breadth of information, skills, and assignments found in the corresponding college course. See page 2 for a list of the AP courses and exams that are currently offered.

## AP Exams

Each AP course has a corresponding exam that participating schools worldwide administer in May. Except for Studio Art, which is a portfolio assessment, AP Exams contain multiple-choice questions and a free-response section (either essay or problem-solving).

AP Exams represent the culmination of AP courses, and are thus an integral part of the Program. As a result, many schools foster the expectation that students who enroll in an AP course will go on to take the corresponding AP Exam. Because the College Board is committed to providing

homeschooled students and students whose schools do not offer AP access to the AP Exams, it does not require students to take an AP course prior to taking an AP Exam.

## **AP Courses and Exams**

### **Art**

Art History  
Studio Art (Drawing Portfolio)  
Studio Art (2-D Design Portfolio)  
Studio Art (3-D Design Portfolio)

### **Biology**

### **Calculus**

Calculus AB  
Calculus BC

### **Chemistry**

### **Computer Science**

Computer Science A  
Computer Science AB

### **Economics**

Macroeconomics  
Microeconomics

### **English**

English Language and Composition  
English Literature and  
Composition

### **Environmental Science**

### **French**

French Language  
French Literature

### **German Language**

### **Government and Politics**

Comparative Government and  
Politics  
United States Government and  
Politics

### **History**

European History  
United States History  
World History

### **Human Geography**

### **Latin**

Latin Literature  
Latin: Vergil

### **Music Theory**

### **Physics**

Physics B  
Physics C: Electricity and  
Magnetism  
Physics C: Mechanics

### **Psychology**

### **Spanish**

Spanish Language  
Spanish Literature

### **Statistics**

# AP Statistics

## Introduction

Shaded text indicates important new information about this subject.

The Advanced Placement Program offers a course description and examination in statistics to secondary school students who wish to complete studies equivalent to a one-semester, introductory, non-calculus-based, college course in statistics.

Statistics and mathematics educators who serve as members of the AP Statistics Development Committee have prepared the course description and examination to reflect the content of a typical introductory college course in statistics. The examination is representative of such a course and therefore is considered appropriate for the measurement of skills and knowledge in the field of introductory statistics.

In colleges and universities, the number of students who take a statistics course is almost as large as the number of students who take a calculus course. A July 2002 article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reports that the enrollment in statistics courses from 1990 to 2000 increased by 45 percent—one testament to the growth of statistics in those institutions. An introductory statistics course, similar to the AP Statistics course, is typically required for majors such as social sciences, health sciences, and business. Every semester about 236,000 college and university students enroll in an introductory statistics course offered by a mathematics or statistics department. In addition, a large number of students enroll in an introductory statistics course offered by other departments. Science, engineering, and mathematics majors usually take an upper-level calculus-based course in statistics, for which the AP Statistics course is effective preparation.

## The Course

The purpose of the AP course in statistics is to introduce students to the major concepts and tools for collecting, analyzing, and drawing conclusions from data. Students are exposed to four broad conceptual themes:

1. Exploring Data: Observing patterns and departures from patterns
2. Planning a Study: Deciding what and how to measure
3. Anticipating Patterns: Producing models using probability theory and simulation
4. Statistical Inference: Confirming models



Students who successfully complete the course and examination may receive credit, advanced placement, or both for a one-semester introductory college statistics course. This does not necessarily imply that the high school course should be one semester long. Each high school needs to determine the length of its AP Statistics course to best serve the needs of its students. Statistics, like some other AP courses, could be effectively studied in a one-semester, a two-trimester, or a one-year course. Most schools, however, offer it as a two-semester course.

## Student Selection

The College Board and the Advanced Placement Program encourage teachers, AP Coordinators, and school administrators to make equitable access a guiding principle for their AP programs. The College Board is committed to the principle that all students deserve an opportunity to participate in rigorous and academically challenging courses and programs. All students who are willing to accept the challenge of a rigorous academic curriculum should be considered for admission to AP courses. The Board encourages the elimination of barriers that restrict access to AP courses for students from ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic groups that have been traditionally underrepresented in the AP Program. Schools should make every effort to ensure that their AP classes reflect the diversity of their student population.

The AP Statistics course is an excellent option for any secondary school student who has successfully completed a second-year course in algebra and who possesses sufficient mathematical maturity and quantitative reasoning ability.

Because second-year algebra is the prerequisite course, AP Statistics usually will be taken in either the junior or senior year. The decisions about whether to take AP Statistics and when to take it depend on a student's plans:

- Students planning to take a science course in their senior year will benefit greatly from taking AP Statistics in their junior year.
- For students who would otherwise take no mathematics in their senior year, AP Statistics allows them to continue to develop their quantitative skills.
- Students who wish to leave open the option of taking calculus in college should include precalculus in their high school program and perhaps take AP Statistics concurrently with precalculus.

Students with the appropriate mathematical background are encouraged to take both AP Statistics and AP Calculus in high school.

Admission to an AP course ordinarily depends on the student's interest in the subject as well as on a superior academic record. However, many highly motivated students with less outstanding records have successfully completed AP courses and have obtained college credit and/or advanced placement through the AP Examinations. Students who take the AP Statistics course are strongly encouraged to take the examination.

## Teaching the Course

The AP Statistics course lends itself naturally to a mode of teaching that engages students in constructing their own knowledge. For example, students working individually or in small groups can plan and perform data collection and analyses where the teacher serves in the role of a consultant, rather than a director. This approach gives students ample opportunity to think through problems, make decisions, and share questions and conclusions with other students as well as with the teacher.

Important components of the course should include the use of technology, projects and laboratories, cooperative group problem-solving, and writing, as a part of concept-oriented instruction and assessment. This approach to teaching AP Statistics will allow students to build interdisciplinary connections with other subjects and with their world outside school.

The AP Statistics course depends heavily on the availability of technology suitable for the interactive, investigative aspects of data analysis. Therefore, schools should make every effort to provide students and teachers easy access to computers to facilitate the teaching and learning of statistics.

Providing instructional information and educational opportunities for teachers is an important component of the Advanced Placement Program. The College Board offers workshops and summer courses and institutes for teachers in all AP courses. Further information about these and other training opportunities may be obtained at AP Central™ ([apcentral.collegeboard.com](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com)) and from your College Board regional office (contact information is on the inside back cover). The Teachers' Resources section of AP Central offers reviews of textbooks, articles, Web sites, and other teaching resources. The electronic discussion groups (EDGs) accessible through AP Central also provide a moderated forum for exchanging ideas, insights, and practices among members of the AP professional community.

Additionally, the following publications provide some insight into the philosophy of the AP Statistics course.

*Principles and Standards for School Mathematics*, The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Reston, Virginia, 2000.

*Statistics for the Twenty-First Century*, Florence and Sheldon Gordon, The Mathematical Association of America, Washington, D.C., 1992 (800) 331-1622.

*Teaching Statistics: More Data, Less Lecturing*, a paper by George Cobb in *Heeding the Call for Change: Suggestions for Curricular Action*, Lynn Arthur Steen, Ed., The Mathematical Association of America, Washington, D.C., 1992 (pp. 3–43).

*Teaching Statistics: Resources for Undergraduate Instructors*, Tom Moore (editor), The Mathematical Association of America, 2000. MAA Notes Volume 52.

## Course Content Overview

The topics for AP Statistics are divided into four major themes: exploratory analysis (20%–30% of the examination), planning a study (10%–15% of the examination), probability (20%–30% of the examination), and statistical inference (30%–40% of the examination).

- I. *Exploratory analysis of data makes use of graphical and numerical techniques to study patterns and departures from patterns.* In examining distributions of data, students should be able to detect important characteristics, such as shape, location, variability, and unusual values. From careful observations of patterns in data, students can generate conjectures about relationships among variables. The notion of how one variable may be associated with another permeates almost all of statistics, from simple comparisons of proportions through linear regression. The difference between association and causation must accompany this conceptual development throughout.
- II. *Data must be collected according to a well-developed plan if valid information is to be obtained.* If data are to be collected to provide an answer to a question of interest, a careful plan must be developed. Both the type of analysis that is appropriate and the nature of conclusions that can be drawn from that analysis depend in a critical way on how the data was collected. Collecting data in a reasonable way, through either sampling or experimentation, is an essential step in the data analysis process.
- III. *Probability is the tool used for anticipating what the distribution of data should look like under a given model.* Random phenomena

are not haphazard: they display an order that emerges only in the long run and is described by a distribution. The mathematical description of variation is central to statistics. The probability required for statistical inference is not primarily axiomatic or combinatorial, but is oriented toward using probability distributions to describe data.

- IV. *Statistical inference guides the selection of appropriate models.* Models and data interact in statistical work: models are used to draw conclusions from data, while the data are allowed to criticize and even falsify the model through inferential and diagnostic methods. Inference from data can be thought of as the process of selecting a reasonable model, including a statement in probability language, of how confident one can be about the selection.

## Topic Outline

Following is an outline of the major topics covered by the AP Statistics Examination. The ordering here is intended to define the scope of the course but not necessarily the sequence.

- I. Exploring Data: Observing patterns and departures from patterns

*Exploratory analysis of data makes use of graphical and numerical techniques to study patterns and departures from patterns. Emphasis should be placed on interpreting information from graphical and numerical displays and summaries.*

- A. Interpreting graphical displays of distributions of univariate data (dotplot, stemplot, histogram, cumulative frequency plot)
1. Center and spread
  2. Clusters and gaps
  3. Outliers and other unusual features
  4. Shape
- B. Summarizing distributions of univariate data
1. Measuring center: median, mean
  2. Measuring spread: range, interquartile range, standard deviation
  3. Measuring position: quartiles, percentiles, standardized scores (z-scores)
  4. Using boxplots
  5. The effect of changing units on summary measures

- C. Comparing distributions of univariate data (dotplots, back-to-back stemplots, parallel boxplots)
  - 1. Comparing center and spread: within group, between group variation
  - 2. Comparing clusters and gaps
  - 3. Comparing outliers and other unusual features
  - 4. Comparing shapes
- D. Exploring bivariate data
  - 1. Analyzing patterns in scatterplots
  - 2. Correlation and linearity
  - 3. Least-squares regression line
  - 4. Residual plots, outliers, and influential points
  - 5. Transformations to achieve linearity: logarithmic and power transformations
- E. Exploring categorical data: frequency tables
  - 1. Marginal and joint frequencies for two-way tables
  - 2. Conditional relative frequencies and association

## II. Planning a Study: Deciding what and how to measure

*Data must be collected according to a well-developed plan if valid information on a conjecture is to be obtained. This plan includes clarifying the question and deciding upon a method of data collection and analysis.*

- A. Overview of methods of data collection
  - 1. Census
  - 2. Sample survey
  - 3. Experiment
  - 4. Observational study
- B. Planning and conducting surveys
  - 1. Characteristics of a well-designed and well-conducted survey
  - 2. Populations, samples, and random selection
  - 3. Sources of bias in surveys
  - 4. Simple random sampling
  - 5. Stratified random sampling
- C. Planning and conducting experiments
  - 1. Characteristics of a well-designed and well-conducted experiment
  - 2. Treatments, control groups, experimental units, random assignments, and replication
  - 3. Sources of bias and confounding, including placebo effect and blinding

4. Completely randomized design
  5. Randomized block design, including matched pairs design
- D. Generalizability of results from observational studies, experimental studies, and surveys

III. Anticipating Patterns: Producing models using probability theory and simulation

*Probability is the tool used for anticipating what the distribution of data should look like under a given model.*

- A. Probability as relative frequency
  1. “Law of large numbers” concept
  2. Addition rule, multiplication rule, conditional probability, and independence
  3. Discrete random variables and their probability distributions, including binomial
  4. Simulation of probability distributions, including binomial and geometric
  5. Mean (expected value) and standard deviation of a random variable, and linear transformation of a random variable
- B. Combining independent random variables
  1. Notion of independence versus dependence
  2. Mean and standard deviation for sums and differences of independent random variables
- C. The normal distribution
  1. Properties of the normal distribution
  2. Using tables of the normal distribution
  3. The normal distribution as a model for measurements
- D. Sampling distributions
  1. Sampling distribution of a sample proportion
  2. Sampling distribution of a sample mean
  3. Central Limit Theorem
  4. Sampling distribution of a difference between two independent sample proportions
  5. Sampling distribution of a difference between two independent sample means
  6. Simulation of sampling distributions

#### IV. Statistical Inference: Confirming models

*Statistical inference guides the selection of appropriate models.*

- A. Confidence intervals
  - 1. The meaning of a confidence interval
  - 2. Large sample confidence interval for a proportion
  - 3. Large sample confidence interval for a mean
  - 4. Large sample confidence interval for a difference between two proportions
  - 5. Large sample confidence interval for a difference between two means (unpaired and paired)
- B. Tests of significance
  - 1. Logic of significance testing, null and alternative hypotheses;  $p$ -values; one- and two-sided tests; concepts of Type I and Type II errors; concept of power
  - 2. Large sample test for a proportion
  - 3. Large sample test for a mean
  - 4. Large sample test for a difference between two proportions
  - 5. Large sample test for a difference between two means (unpaired and paired)
  - 6. Chi-square test for goodness of fit, homogeneity of proportions, and independence (one- and two-way tables)
- C. Special case of normally distributed data
  - 1.  $t$ -distribution
  - 2. Single sample  $t$  procedures
  - 3. Two sample (independent and matched pairs)  $t$  procedures
  - 4. Inference for the slope of least-squares regression line

## The Use of Technology

The AP Statistics course adheres to the philosophy and methods of modern data analysis. Although the distinction between graphing calculators and computers is becoming blurred as technology advances, at present the fundamental tool of data analysis is the computer. The computer does more than eliminate the drudgery of hand computation and graphing — it is an essential tool for structured inquiry.

Data analysis is a journey of discovery. It is an iterative process that involves a dialogue between the data and a mathematical model. As more is learned about the data, the model is refined and new questions are formed. The computer aids in this journey in some essential ways. First, it produces graphs that are specifically designed for data analysis. These graphical displays make it easier to observe patterns in data, to identify important subgroups of the data, and to locate any unusual data points. Second, the computer allows the student to fit complex mathematical models to the data and to assess how well the model fits the data by examining the residuals. Finally, the computer is helpful in identifying an observation that has an undue influence on the analysis and in isolating its effects.

In addition to its use in data analysis, the computer facilitates the simulation approach to probability that is emphasized in the AP Statistics course. Probabilities of random events, probability distributions of random variables, and sampling distributions of statistics can be studied conceptually, using simulation. This frees the student and teacher from a narrow approach that depends on a few simple probabilistic models.

Because the computer is central to what statisticians do, it is considered essential for teaching the AP Statistics course. It is not yet possible for students to have access to a computer during the AP Statistics Exam. Without a computer and under the conditions of a timed exam, students cannot be asked to perform the amount of computation that is needed for many statistical investigations. Consequently, standard computer output will be provided as necessary and students will be expected to interpret it. (See two examples of computer output in the Multiple-Choice Questions section on pages 23 and 26.)

A graphing calculator is a useful computational aid, particularly in analyzing small data sets, but should not be considered equivalent to a computer in the teaching of statistics. If a graphing calculator is used in the course, its computational capabilities should include descriptive statistics such as the standard deviation, the correlation coefficient, and the equation of the least-squares linear regression line. Its graphical capabilities should include the ability to make a scatterplot and to graph the least-squares linear regression line. Students find calculators where data are



entered into a spreadsheet format particularly easy to use. Ideally, students in an AP Statistics course should have access to both computers and calculators for work in and outside the classroom.

## **Formulas and Tables**

Students enrolled in the AP Statistics course should concentrate their time and effort on developing a thorough understanding of the fundamental concepts of statistics. They do not need to memorize formulas.

The following list of formulas and tables will be furnished to students taking the AP Statistics Examination. Teachers are encouraged to familiarize their students with the form and notation of these formulas by making them accessible at the appropriate times during the course.

## I. Descriptive Statistics

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$$

$$s_x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

$$s_p = \sqrt{\frac{(n_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (n_2 - 1)s_2^2}{(n_1 - 1) + (n_2 - 1)}}$$

$$\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1x$$

$$b_1 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

$$b_0 = \bar{y} - b_1\bar{x}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum \left( \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s_x} \right) \left( \frac{y_i - \bar{y}}{s_y} \right)$$

$$b_1 = r \frac{s_y}{s_x}$$

$$s_{b_1} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{n-2}}}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

## II. Probability

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$E(X) = \mu_x = \sum x_i p_i$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma_x^2 = \sum (x_i - \mu_x)^2 p_i$$

If  $X$  has a binomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $p$ , then:

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

$$\mu_x = np$$

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{np(1 - p)}$$

$$\mu_{\hat{p}} = p$$

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{p(1 - p)}{n}}$$

If  $\bar{x}$  is the mean of a random sample of size  $n$  from an infinite population with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ , then:

$$\mu_{\bar{x}} = \mu$$

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

## III. Inferential Statistics

Standardized test statistic:  $\frac{\text{statistic} - \text{parameter}}{\text{standard deviation of statistic}}$

Confidence interval:  $\text{statistic} \pm (\text{critical value}) \cdot (\text{standard deviation of statistic})$

### Single-Sample

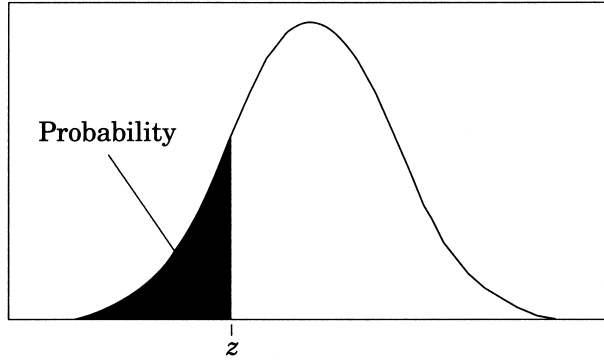
Statistic	Standard Deviation of Statistic
Sample Mean	$\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$
Sample Proportion	$\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$

### Two-Sample

Statistic	Standard Deviation of Statistic
Difference of sample means	$\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}$ <p>Special case when <math>\sigma_1 = \sigma_2</math></p> $\sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}$
Difference of sample proportions	$\sqrt{\frac{p_1(1-p_1)}{n_1} + \frac{p_2(1-p_2)}{n_2}}$ <p>Special case when <math>p_1 = p_2</math></p> $\sqrt{p(1-p)} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}$

$$\text{Chi-square test statistic} = \sum \frac{(\text{observed} - \text{expected})^2}{\text{expected}}$$

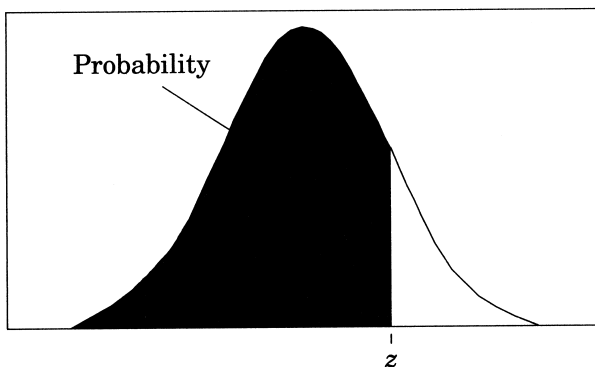
Table entry  
for  $z$  is the  
probability  
lying below  $z$ .



**Table A** Standard normal probabilities

$z$	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
-3.4	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0002
-3.3	.0005	.0005	.0005	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0003
-3.2	.0007	.0007	.0006	.0006	.0006	.0006	.0006	.0005	.0005	.0005
-3.1	.0010	.0009	.0009	.0009	.0008	.0008	.0008	.0008	.0007	.0007
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-2.9	.0019	.0018	.0018	.0017	.0016	.0016	.0015	.0015	.0014	.0014
-2.8	.0026	.0025	.0024	.0023	.0023	.0022	.0021	.0021	.0020	.0019
-2.7	.0035	.0034	.0033	.0032	.0031	.0030	.0029	.0028	.0027	.0026
-2.6	.0047	.0045	.0044	.0043	.0041	.0040	.0039	.0038	.0037	.0036
-2.5	.0062	.0060	.0059	.0057	.0055	.0054	.0052	.0051	.0049	.0048
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-1.4	.0808	.0793	.0778	.0764	.0749	.0735	.0721	.0708	.0694	.0681
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-1.1	.1357	.1335	.1314	.1292	.1271	.1251	.1230	.1210	.1190	.1170
-1.0	.1587	.1562	.1539	.1515	.1492	.1469	.1446	.1423	.1401	.1379
-0.9	.1841	.1814	.1788	.1762	.1736	.1711	.1685	.1660	.1635	.1611
-0.8	.2119	.2090	.2061	.2033	.2005	.1977	.1949	.1922	.1894	.1867
-0.7	.2420	.2389	.2358	.2327	.2296	.2266	.2236	.2206	.2177	.2148
-0.6	.2743	.2709	.2676	.2643	.2611	.2578	.2546	.2514	.2483	.2451
-0.5	.3085	.3050	.3015	.2981	.2946	.2912	.2877	.2843	.2810	.2776
-0.4	.3446	.3409	.3372	.3336	.3300	.3264	.3228	.3192	.3156	.3121
-0.3	.3821	.3783	.3745	.3707	.3669	.3632	.3594	.3557	.3520	.3483
-0.2	.4207	.4168	.4129	.4090	.4052	.4013	.3974	.3936	.3897	.3859
-0.1	.4602	.4562	.4522	.4483	.4443	.4404	.4364	.4325	.4286	.4247
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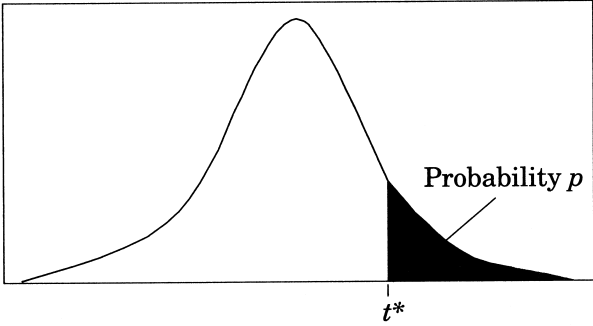
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lying below  $z$ .



**Table A** (Continued)

$z$	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0.0	.5000	.5040	.5080	.5120	.5160	.5199	.5239	.5279	.5319	.5359
0.1	.5398	.5438	.5478	.5517	.5557	.5596	.5636	.5675	.5714	.5753
0.2	.5793	.5832	.5871	.5910	.5948	.5987	.6026	.6064	.6103	.6141
0.3	.6179	.6217	.6255	.6293	.6331	.6368	.6406	.6443	.6480	.6517
0.4	.6554	.6591	.6628	.6664	.6700	.6736	.6772	.6808	.6844	.6879
0.5	.6915	.6950	.6985	.7019	.7054	.7088	.7123	.7157	.7190	.7224
0.6	.7257	.7291	.7324	.7357	.7389	.7422	.7454	.7486	.7517	.7549
0.7	.7580	.7611	.7642	.7673	.7704	.7734	.7764	.7794	.7823	.7852
0.8	.7881	.7910	.7939	.7967	.7995	.8023	.8051	.8078	.8106	.8133
0.9	.8159	.8186	.8212	.8238	.8264	.8289	.8315	.8340	.8365	.8389
1.0	.8413	.8438	.8461	.8485	.8508	.8531	.8554	.8577	.8599	.8621
1.1	.8643	.8665	.8686	.8708	.8729	.8749	.8770	.8790	.8810	.8830
1.2	.8849	.8869	.8888	.8907	.8925	.8944	.8962	.8980	.8997	.9015
1.3	.9032	.9049	.9066	.9082	.9099	.9115	.9131	.9147	.9162	.9177
1.4	.9192	.9207	.9222	.9236	.9251	.9265	.9279	.9292	.9306	.9319
1.5	.9332	.9345	.9357	.9370	.9382	.9394	.9406	.9418	.9429	.9441
1.6	.9452	.9463	.9474	.9484	.9495	.9505	.9515	.9525	.9535	.9545
1.7	.9554	.9564	.9573	.9582	.9591	.9599	.9608	.9616	.9625	.9633
1.8	.9641	.9649	.9656	.9664	.9671	.9678	.9686	.9693	.9699	.9706
1.9	.9713	.9719	.9726	.9732	.9738	.9744	.9750	.9756	.9761	.9767
2.0	.9772	.9778	.9783	.9788	.9793	.9798	.9803	.9808	.9812	.9817
2.1	.9821	.9826	.9830	.9834	.9838	.9842	.9846	.9850	.9854	.9857
2.2	.9861	.9864	.9868	.9871	.9875	.9878	.9881	.9884	.9887	.9890
2.3	.9893	.9896	.9898	.9901	.9904	.9906	.9909	.9911	.9913	.9916
2.4	.9918	.9920	.9922	.9925	.9927	.9929	.9931	.9932	.9934	.9936
2.5	.9938	.9940	.9941	.9943	.9945	.9946	.9948	.9949	.9951	.9952
2.6	.9953	.9955	.9956	.9957	.9959	.9960	.9961	.9962	.9963	.9964
2.7	.9965	.9966	.9967	.9968	.9969	.9970	.9971	.9972	.9973	.9974
2.8	.9974	.9975	.9976	.9977	.9977	.9978	.9979	.9979	.9980	.9981
2.9	.9981	.9982	.9982	.9983	.9984	.9984	.9985	.9985	.9986	.9986
3.0	.9987	.9987	.9987	.9988	.9988	.9988	.9989	.9989	.9989	.9990
3.1	.9990	.9991	.9991	.9991	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9993	.9993
3.2	.9993	.9993	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9995	.9995	.9995
3.3	.9995	.9995	.9995	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9997
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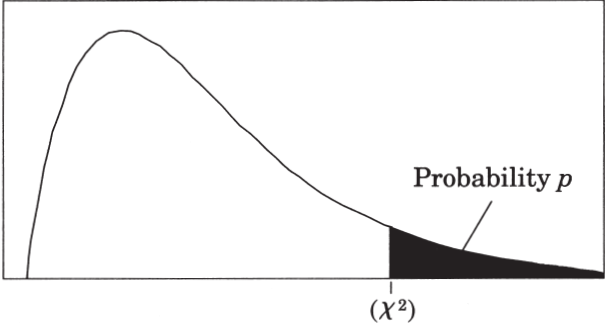
Table entry for  $p$  and  $C$  is the point  $t^*$  with probability  $p$  lying above it and probability  $C$  lying between  $-t^*$  and  $t^*$ .



**Table B**  $t$  distribution critical values

df	Tail probability $p$											
	.25	.20	.15	.10	.05	.025	.02	.01	.005	.0025	.001	.0005
1	1.000	1.376	1.963	3.078	6.314	12.71	15.89	31.82	63.66	127.3	318.3	636.6
2	.816	1.061	1.386	1.886	2.920	4.303	4.849	6.965	9.925	14.09	22.33	31.60
3	.765	.978	1.250	1.638	2.353	3.182	3.482	4.541	5.841	7.453	10.21	12.92
4	.741	.941	1.190	1.533	2.132	2.776	2.999	3.747	4.604	5.598	7.173	8.610
5	.727	.920	1.156	1.476	2.015	2.571	2.757	3.365	4.032	4.773	5.893	6.869
6	.718	.906	1.134	1.440	1.943	2.447	2.612	3.143	3.707	4.317	5.208	5.959
7	.711	.896	1.119	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.517	2.998	3.499	4.029	4.785	5.408
8	.706	.889	1.108	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.449	2.896	3.355	3.833	4.501	5.041
9	.703	.883	1.100	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.398	2.821	3.250	3.690	4.297	4.781
10	.700	.879	1.093	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.359	2.764	3.169	3.581	4.144	4.587
11	.697	.876	1.088	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.328	2.718	3.106	3.497	4.025	4.437
12	.695	.873	1.083	1.356	1.782	2.179	2.303	2.681	3.055	3.428	3.930	4.318
13	.694	.870	1.079	1.350	1.771	2.160	2.282	2.650	3.012	3.372	3.852	4.221
14	.692	.868	1.076	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.264	2.624	2.977	3.326	3.787	4.140
15	.691	.866	1.074	1.341	1.753	2.131	2.249	2.602	2.947	3.286	3.733	4.073
16	.690	.865	1.071	1.337	1.746	2.120	2.235	2.583	2.921	3.252	3.686	4.015
17	.689	.863	1.069	1.333	1.740	2.110	2.224	2.567	2.898	3.222	3.646	3.965
18	.688	.862	1.067	1.330	1.734	2.101	2.214	2.552	2.878	3.197	3.611	3.922
19	.688	.861	1.066	1.328	1.729	2.093	2.205	2.539	2.861	3.174	3.579	3.883
20	.687	.860	1.064	1.325	1.725	2.086	2.197	2.528	2.845	3.153	3.552	3.850
21	.686	.859	1.063	1.323	1.721	2.080	2.189	2.518	2.831	3.135	3.527	3.819
22	.686	.858	1.061	1.321	1.717	2.074	2.183	2.508	2.819	3.119	3.505	3.792
23	.685	.858	1.060	1.319	1.714	2.069	2.177	2.500	2.807	3.104	3.485	3.768
24	.685	.857	1.059	1.318	1.711	2.064	2.172	2.492	2.797	3.091	3.467	3.745
25	.684	.856	1.058	1.316	1.708	2.060	2.167	2.485	2.787	3.078	3.450	3.725
26	.684	.856	1.058	1.315	1.706	2.056	2.162	2.479	2.779	3.067	3.435	3.707
27	.684	.855	1.057	1.314	1.703	2.052	2.158	2.473	2.771	3.057	3.421	3.690
28	.683	.855	1.056	1.313	1.701	2.048	2.154	2.467	2.763	3.047	3.408	3.674
29	.683	.854	1.055	1.311	1.699	2.045	2.150	2.462	2.756	3.038	3.396	3.659
30	.683	.854	1.055	1.310	1.697	2.042	2.147	2.457	2.750	3.030	3.385	3.646
40	.681	.851	1.050	1.303	1.684	2.021	2.123	2.423	2.704	2.971	3.307	3.551
50	.679	.849	1.047	1.299	1.676	2.009	2.109	2.403	2.678	2.937	3.261	3.496
60	.679	.848	1.045	1.296	1.671	2.000	2.099	2.390	2.660	2.915	3.232	3.460
80	.678	.846	1.043	1.292	1.664	1.990	2.088	2.374	2.639	2.887	3.195	3.416
100	.677	.845	1.042	1.290	1.660	1.984	2.081	2.364	2.626	2.871	3.174	3.390
1000	.675	.842	1.037	1.282	1.646	1.962	2.056	2.330	2.581	2.813	3.098	3.300
$\infty$	.674	.841	1.036	1.282	1.645	1.960	2.054	2.326	2.576	2.807	3.091	3.291
	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	95%	96%	98%	99%	99.5%	99.8%	99.9%
	Confidence level $C$											

Table entry for  $p$  is the point ( $\chi^2$ ) with probability  $p$  lying above it.



**Table C**  $\chi^2$  critical values

df	Tail probability $p$										
	.25	.20	.15	.10	.05	.025	.02	.01	.005	.0025	.001
1	1.32	1.64	2.07	2.71	3.84	5.02	5.41	6.63	7.88	9.14	10.83
2	2.77	3.22	3.79	4.61	5.99	7.38	7.82	9.21	10.60	11.98	13.82
3	4.11	4.64	5.32	6.25	7.81	9.35	9.84	11.34	12.84	14.32	16.27
4	5.39	5.99	6.74	7.78	9.49	11.14	11.67	13.28	14.86	16.42	18.47
5	6.63	7.29	8.12	9.24	11.07	12.83	13.39	15.09	16.75	18.39	20.51
6	7.84	8.56	9.45	10.64	12.59	14.45	15.03	16.81	18.55	20.25	22.46
7	9.04	9.80	10.75	12.02	14.07	16.01	16.62	18.48	20.28	22.04	24.32
8	10.22	11.03	12.03	13.36	15.51	17.53	18.17	20.09	21.95	23.77	26.12
9	11.39	12.24	13.29	14.68	16.92	19.02	19.68	21.67	23.59	25.46	27.88
10	12.55	13.44	14.53	15.99	18.31	20.48	21.16	23.21	25.19	27.11	29.59
11	13.70	14.63	15.77	17.28	19.68	21.92	22.62	24.72	26.76	28.73	31.26
12	14.85	15.81	16.99	18.55	21.03	23.34	24.05	26.22	28.30	30.32	32.91
13	15.98	16.98	18.20	19.81	22.36	24.74	25.47	27.69	29.82	31.88	34.53
14	17.12	18.15	19.41	21.06	23.68	26.12	26.87	29.14	31.32	33.43	36.12
15	18.25	19.31	20.60	22.31	25.00	27.49	28.26	30.58	32.80	34.95	37.70
16	19.37	20.47	21.79	23.54	26.30	28.85	29.63	32.00	34.27	36.46	39.25
17	20.49	21.61	22.98	24.77	27.59	30.19	31.00	33.41	35.72	37.95	40.79
18	21.60	22.76	24.16	25.99	28.87	31.53	32.35	34.81	37.16	39.42	42.31
19	22.72	23.90	25.33	27.20	30.14	32.85	33.69	36.19	38.58	40.88	43.82
20	23.83	25.04	26.50	28.41	31.41	34.17	35.02	37.57	40.00	42.34	45.31
21	24.93	26.17	27.66	29.62	32.67	35.48	36.34	38.93	41.40	43.78	46.80
22	26.04	27.30	28.82	30.81	33.92	36.78	37.66	40.29	42.80	45.20	48.27
23	27.14	28.43	29.98	32.01	35.17	38.08	38.97	41.64	44.18	46.62	49.73
24	28.24	29.55	31.13	33.20	36.42	39.36	40.27	42.98	45.56	48.03	51.18
25	29.34	30.68	32.28	34.38	37.65	40.65	41.57	44.31	46.93	49.44	52.62
26	30.43	31.79	33.43	35.56	38.89	41.92	42.86	45.64	48.29	50.83	54.05
27	31.53	32.91	34.57	36.74	40.11	43.19	44.14	46.96	49.64	52.22	55.48
28	32.62	34.03	35.71	37.92	41.34	44.46	45.42	48.28	50.99	53.59	56.89
29	33.71	35.14	36.85	39.09	42.56	45.72	46.69	49.59	52.34	54.97	58.30
30	34.80	36.25	37.99	40.26	43.77	46.98	47.96	50.89	53.67	56.33	59.70
40	45.62	47.27	49.24	51.81	55.76	59.34	60.44	63.69	66.77	69.70	73.40
50	56.33	58.16	60.35	63.17	67.50	71.42	72.61	76.15	79.49	82.66	86.66
60	66.98	68.97	71.34	74.40	79.08	83.30	84.58	88.38	91.95	95.34	99.61
80	88.13	90.41	93.11	96.58	101.9	106.6	108.1	112.3	116.3	120.1	124.8
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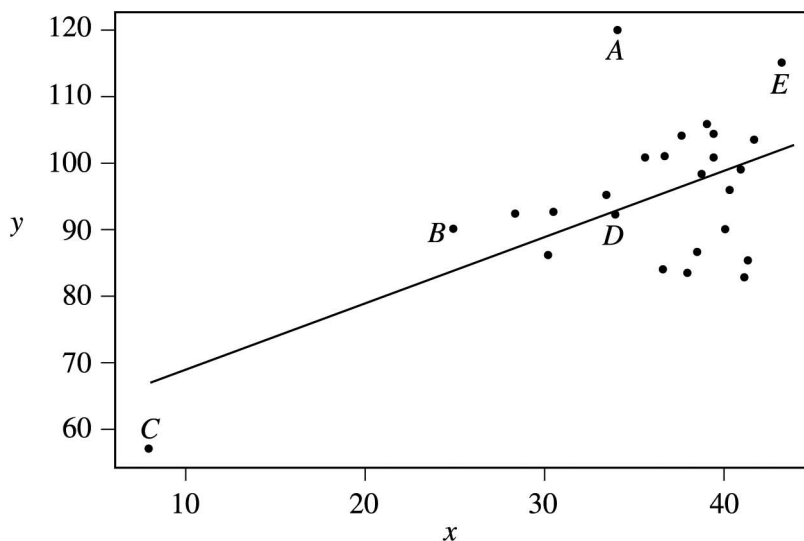
## The Examination

The AP Statistics Examination is three hours long and seeks to determine how well a student has mastered the concepts and techniques of the subject matter of the course. This paper-and-pencil examination consists of (1) a 90-minute multiple-choice section testing proficiency in a wide variety of topics, and (2) a 90-minute free-response section requiring the student to answer open-ended questions and to complete an investigative task involving more extended reasoning. In the determination of the grade for the examination, the two sections will be given equal weight. Each student will be expected to bring a graphing calculator with statistical capabilities to the examination. The expected computational and graphic features for these calculators are described in an earlier section. Minicomputers, pocket organizers, electronic writing pads (e.g., Newton), and calculators with QWERTY (i.e., typewriter) keyboards will not be allowed. Calculator memories will not be cleared. However, calculator memories may be used only for storing programs, not for storing notes. During the exam, students are not permitted to have access to any information in their graphing calculators or elsewhere that is not directly related to upgrading the statistical functionality of older graphing calculators to make them comparable to statistical features found on newer models. Acceptable upgrades include improving the calculator's computational functionalities and/or graphical functionalities for data that students key into the calculator while taking the examination. Unacceptable enhancements include, but are not limited to, keying or scanning text or response templates into the calculator. Students attempting to augment the capabilities of their graphing calculators in any way other than for the purpose of upgrading features as described above will be considered to be cheating on the examination. A student may bring up to two calculators to the examination.

### Multiple-Choice Questions

The following are examples of the kinds of multiple-choice questions found on the AP Statistics Examination; the answers to these questions follow Question 18. The distribution of topics and the levels of difficulty are illustrative of the composition of the examination; however, this group of questions does not constitute a complete examination, nor does it show the complete range of questions that appear in an examination.

Students often ask whether they should guess on the multiple-choice section. Haphazard or random guessing is unlikely to improve scores, because one-fourth of the number of questions answered incorrectly will be subtracted from the number of questions answered correctly. However, students who have some knowledge of a question and can eliminate one or more answer choices will usually find it advantageous to guess from among the remaining choices.



- In the scatterplot of  $y$  versus  $x$  shown above, the least squares regression line is superimposed on the plot. Which of the following points has the largest residual?

- (A)  $A$
- (B)  $B$
- (C)  $C$
- (D)  $D$
- (E)  $E$

2. Under which of the following conditions is it preferable to use stratified random sampling rather than simple random sampling?
- (A) The population can be divided into a large number of strata so that each stratum contains only a few individuals.
  - (B) The population can be divided into a small number of strata so that each stratum contains a large number of individuals.
  - (C) The population can be divided into strata so that the individuals in each stratum are as much alike as possible.
  - (D) The population can be divided into strata so that the individuals in each stratum are as different as possible.
  - (E) The population can be divided into strata of equal sizes so that each individual in the population still has the same chance of being selected.
3. All bags entering a research facility are screened. Ninety-seven percent of the bags that contain forbidden material trigger an alarm. Fifteen percent of the bags that do not contain forbidden material also trigger the alarm. If 1 out of every 1,000 bags entering the building contains forbidden material, what is the probability that a bag that triggers the alarm will actually contain forbidden material?
- (A) 0.00097
  - (B) 0.00640
  - (C) 0.03000
  - (D) 0.14550
  - (E) 0.97000
4. A candy company claims that 10 percent of its candies are blue. A random sample of 200 of these candies is taken, and 16 are found to be blue. Which of the following tests would be most appropriate for establishing whether the candy company needs to change its claim?
- (A) Matched pairs  $t$ -test
  - (B) One-sample proportion  $z$ -test
  - (C) Two-sample  $t$ -test
  - (D) Two-sample proportion  $z$ -test
  - (E) Chi-square test of association

## DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

Variable score	N 50	Mean 1045.7	Median 1024.7	TrMean 1041.9	StDev 221.9	SE Mean 31.4
Variable score	Minimum 628.9	Maximum 1577.1	Q1 877.7	Q3 1219.5		

5. Some descriptive statistics for a set of test scores are shown above. For this test, a certain student has a standardized score of  $z = -1.2$ . What score did this student receive on the test?
- (A) 266.28  
 (B) 779.42  
 (C) 1008.02  
 (D) 1083.38  
 (E) 1311.98
6. In a test of  $H_0: \mu = 8$  versus  $H_a: \mu \neq 8$ , a sample of size 220 leads to a  $p$ -value of 0.034. Which of the following must be true?
- (A) A 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$  calculated from these data will not include  $\mu = 8$ .  
 (B) At the 5% level if  $H_0$  is rejected, the probability of a Type II error is 0.034.  
 (C) The 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$  calculated from these data will be centered at  $\mu = 8$ .  
 (D) The null hypothesis should not be rejected at the 5% level.  
 (E) The sample size is insufficient to draw a conclusion with 95% confidence.

7. A summer resort rents rowboats to customers but does not allow more than four people to a boat. Each boat is designed to hold no more than 800 pounds. Suppose the distribution of adult males who rent boats, including their clothes and gear, is normal with a mean of 190 pounds and standard deviation of 10 pounds. If the weights of individual passengers are independent, what is the probability that a group of four adult male passengers will exceed the acceptable weight limit of 800 pounds?
- (A) 0.023
  - (B) 0.046
  - (C) 0.159
  - (D) 0.317
  - (E) 0.977
8. Consider a data set of positive values, at least two of which are not equal. Which of the following sample statistics will be changed when each value in this data set is multiplied by a constant whose absolute value is greater than 1?
- I. The mean
  - II. The median
  - III. The standard deviation
- (A) I only
  - (B) II only
  - (C) III only
  - (D) I and II only
  - (E) I, II, and III

9. Each person in a simple random sample of 2,000 received a survey, and 317 people returned their survey. How could nonresponse cause the results of the survey to be biased?
- (A) Those who did not respond reduced the sample size, and small samples have more bias than large samples.
  - (B) Those who did not respond caused a violation of the assumption of independence.
  - (C) Those who did not respond were indistinguishable from those who did not receive the survey.
  - (D) Those who did not respond represent a stratum, changing the simple random sample into a stratified random sample.
  - (E) Those who did respond may differ in some important way from those who did not respond.
10. In a certain game, a fair die is rolled and a player gains 20 points if the die shows a “6.” If the die does not show a “6,” the player loses 3 points. If the die were to be rolled 100 times, what would be the expected total gain or loss for the player?
- (A) A gain of about 1,700 points
  - (B) A gain of about 583 points
  - (C) A gain of about 83 points
  - (D) A loss of about 250 points
  - (E) A loss of about 300 points
11. The Attila Barbell Company makes bars for weight lifting. The weights of the bars are independent and are normally distributed with a mean of 720 ounces (45 pounds) and a standard deviation of 4 ounces. The bars are shipped 10 in a box to the retailers. The weights of the empty boxes are normally distributed with a mean of 320 ounces and a standard deviation of 8 ounces. The weights of the boxes filled with 10 bars are expected to be normally distributed with a mean of 7,520 ounces and a standard deviation of
- (A)  $\sqrt{12}$  ounces
  - (B)  $\sqrt{80}$  ounces
  - (C)  $\sqrt{224}$  ounces
  - (D) 48 ounces
  - (E)  $\sqrt{1,664}$  ounces

12. Exercise physiologists are investigating the relationship between lean body mass (in kilograms) and the resting metabolic rate (in calories per day) in sedentary males.

Predictor	Coef	StDev	T	P
Constant	264.0	276.9	0.95	0.363
Mass	22.563	6.360	3.55	0.005

S = 144.9      R-Sq = 55.7%      R-Sq(adj) = 51.3%

Based on the computer output above, which of the following is the best interpretation of the value of the slope of the regression line?

- (A) For each additional kilogram of lean body mass, the resting metabolic rate increases on average by 22.563 calories per day.
- (B) For each additional kilogram of lean body mass, the resting metabolic rate increases on average by 264.0 calories per day.
- (C) For each additional kilogram of lean body mass, the resting metabolic rate increases on average by 144.9 calories per day.
- (D) For each additional calorie per day for the resting metabolic rate, the lean body mass increases on average by 22.563 kilograms.
- (E) For each additional calorie per day for the resting metabolic rate, the lean body mass increases on average by 264.0 kilograms.

13. An investigator was studying a territorial species of Central American termites, *Nasutitermes corniger*. Forty-nine termite pairs were randomly selected; both members of each of these pairs were from the same colony. Fifty-five additional termite pairs were randomly selected; the two members in each of these pairs were from different colonies. The pairs were placed in petri dishes and observed to see whether they exhibited aggressive behavior. The results are shown in the table below.

	Aggressive	Nonaggressive	Total
Same colony	40 (33.5)	9 (15.5)	49
Different colonies	31 (37.5)	24 (17.5)	55
Total	71	33	104

A Chi-square test for homogeneity was conducted, resulting in  $\chi^2 = 7.638$ . The expected counts are shown in parentheses in the table. Which of the following sets of statements follows from these results?

- (A)  $\chi^2$  is not significant at the 0.05 level.
- (B)  $\chi^2$  is significant,  $0.01 < p < 0.05$ ; the counts in the table suggest that termite pairs from the same colony are less likely to be aggressive than termite pairs from different colonies.
- (C)  $\chi^2$  is significant,  $0.01 < p < 0.05$ ; the counts in the table suggest that termite pairs from different colonies are less likely to be aggressive than termite pairs from the same colony.
- (D)  $\chi^2$  is significant,  $p < 0.01$ ; the counts in the table suggest that termite pairs from the same colony are less likely to be aggressive than termite pairs from different colonies.
- (E)  $\chi^2$  is significant,  $p < 0.01$ ; the counts in the table suggest that termite pairs from different colonies are less likely to be aggressive than termite pairs from the same colony.



14. Consider  $n$  pairs of numbers  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ . The mean and standard deviation of the  $x$ -values are  $\bar{x} = 5$  and  $s_x = 4$ , respectively. The mean and standard deviation of the  $y$ -values are  $\bar{y} = 10$  and  $s_y = 10$ , respectively. Of the following, which could be the least squares regression line?
- (A)  $\hat{y} = -5.0 + 3.0x$
  - (B)  $\hat{y} = 3.0x$
  - (C)  $\hat{y} = 5.0 + 2.5x$
  - (D)  $\hat{y} = 8.5 + 0.3x$
  - (E)  $\hat{y} = 10.0 + 0.4x$
15. The mayor of a large city will run for governor if he believes that more than 30 percent of the voters in the state already support him. He will have a survey firm ask a random sample of  $n$  voters whether or not they support him. He will use a large sample test for proportions to test the null hypothesis that the proportion of all voters who support him is 30 percent or less against the alternative that the percentage is higher than 30 percent. Suppose that 35 percent of all voters in the state actually support him. In which of the following situations would the power for this test be highest?
- (A) The mayor uses a significance level of 0.01 and  $n = 250$  voters.
  - (B) The mayor uses a significance level of 0.01 and  $n = 500$  voters.
  - (C) The mayor uses a significance level of 0.01 and  $n = 1,000$  voters.
  - (D) The mayor uses a significance level of 0.05 and  $n = 500$  voters.
  - (E) The mayor uses a significance level of 0.05 and  $n = 1,000$  voters.

16. George and Michelle each claimed to have the better recipe for chocolate chip cookies. They decided to conduct a study to determine whose cookies were really better. They each baked a batch of cookies using their own recipe. George asked a random sample of his friends to taste his cookies and to complete a questionnaire on their quality. Michelle asked a random sample of her friends to complete the same questionnaire for her cookies. They then compared the results. Which of the following statements about this study is false?
- (A) Because George and Michelle have a different population of friends, their sampling procedure makes it difficult to compare the recipes.
  - (B) Because George and Michelle each used only their own respective recipes, their cooking ability is confounded with the recipe quality.
  - (C) Because George and Michelle each used only the ovens in their houses, the recipe quality is confounded with the characteristics of the oven.
  - (D) Because George and Michelle used the same questionnaire, their results will generalize to the combined population of their friends.
  - (E) Because George and Michelle each baked one batch, there is no replication of the cookie recipes.
17. A large company is considering opening a franchise in St. Louis and wants to estimate the mean household income for the area using a simple random sample of households. Based on information from a pilot study, the company assumes that the standard deviation of household incomes is  $\sigma = \$7,200$ . Of the following, which is the least number of households that should be surveyed to obtain an estimate that is within \$200 of the true mean household income with 95 percent confidence?
- (A) 75
  - (B) 1,300
  - (C) 5,200
  - (D) 5,500
  - (E) 7,700

18. Courtney has constructed a cricket out of paper and rubber bands. According to the instructions for making the cricket, when it jumps it will land on its feet half of the time and on its back the other half of the time. In the first 50 jumps, Courtney's cricket landed on its feet 35 times. In the next 10 jumps, it landed on its feet only twice. Based on this experience, Courtney can conclude that
- (A) the cricket was due to land on its feet less than half the time during the final 10 jumps, since it had landed too often on its feet during the first 50 jumps
  - (B) a confidence interval for estimating the cricket's true probability of landing on its feet is wider after the final 10 jumps than it was before the final 10 jumps
  - (C) a confidence interval for estimating the cricket's true probability of landing on its feet after the final 10 jumps is exactly the same as it was before the final 10 jumps
  - (D) a confidence interval for estimating the cricket's true probability of landing on its feet is more narrow after the final 10 jumps than it was before the final 10 jumps
  - (E) a confidence interval for estimating the cricket's true probability of landing on its feet based on the initial 50 jumps does not include 0.2, so there must be a defect in the cricket's construction to account for the poor showing in the final 10 jumps

**Answers to Multiple-Choice Questions**

1.-A	4.-B	7.-A	10.-C	13.-E	16.-D
2.-C	5.-B	8.-E	11.-C	14.-D	17.-C
3.-B	6.-A	9.-E	12.-A	15.-E	18.-D

## Free-Response Questions

In the free-response section of the AP Statistics Examination, students are asked to answer five questions and complete an investigative task. Each question is designed to be answered in approximately 12 minutes. The longer investigative task is designed to be answered in approximately 30 minutes.

Statistics is a discipline in which clear and complete communication is an essential skill. The free-response questions on the AP Statistics Examination require students to use their analytical, organizational, and communication skills to formulate cogent answers and provide students with an opportunity to:

- Relate two or more different content areas (i.e., elementary data analysis, experimental design and sampling, probability, and statistical inference) as they formulate a complete response or solution to a statistics or probability problem, and
- Demonstrate their mastery of statistics in a response format that permits the students to determine *how* they will organize and present each response.

The purpose of the investigative task is not only to evaluate the student's understanding in several content areas, but also to assess his or her ability to integrate statistical ideas and apply them in a new context or in a nonroutine way.

## Scoring of Free-Response Questions

The evaluation of student responses on the free-response section of the AP Statistics Examination reflects the dual importance of statistical knowledge and good communication. The free-response questions and the investigative task are scored “holistically”; that is, each question’s response is evaluated as ‘a complete package’. With holistic scoring, after reading through the details of a student’s response, a judgment is made about the *overall quality* of the response, as opposed to “analytic” scoring, wherein the individual components to be evaluated in a student’s response are specified in advance, and each component is given a value counting toward the overall score.

Holistic scoring is well suited for questions wherein the student is required to synthesize information and respond at least partially in written paragraphs, and for questions that could potentially generate multiple, and diverse, but equally correct, responses. For example, an open-ended question may present data from a real life study and ask the student not only to analyze the data, but also to comment on how the study’s protocol might be improved. Comments on improving the protocol might focus on improving the sampling method, controlling confounding variables, or seeking more power by increasing the sample size. In this context, holistic scoring represents a recognition not only of the existence of multiple reasonable approaches to a statistical analysis, but a realization of the existence of a statistical synergy — i.e., that a quality student response is more than just the sum of its parts.

The AP Statistics scoring rubric for each free response question has five categories, numerically scored on a 0 to 4 scale. Each of these categories represents a level of quality in the student response. These levels of quality are defined on two dimensions: statistical knowledge and communication. The specific rubrics for each question are tied to a general template, which represents the descriptions of the quality levels as envisioned by the Development Committee. This general template is given in the following table, “A Guide to Scoring Free Response Statistics Questions.”

**A GUIDE TO SCORING FREE-RESPONSE  
STATISTICS QUESTIONS:  
THE CATEGORY DESCRIPTORS**

<b>Score Descriptors</b>	<b>Statistical Knowledge</b>	<b>Communication</b>
	<p>Identification of the important components of the problem</p> <p>Demonstration of the statistical concepts and techniques that result in a correct solution of the problem</p>	<p>Explanation of what was done and why, along with a statement of conclusions drawn</p>
<p>4 Complete</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shows complete understanding of the problem's statistical components</li> <li>• synthesizes a correct relationship among these components, perhaps with novelty and creativity</li> <li>• uses appropriate and correctly executed statistical techniques</li> <li>• May have minor arithmetic errors, but answers are still reasonable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides a clear, organized, and complete explanation, using correct terminology, of what was done and why</li> <li>• states appropriate assumptions and caveats</li> <li>• uses diagrams or plots when appropriate to aid in describing the solution</li> <li>• states an appropriate and complete conclusion</li> </ul>

<p>3 Substantial</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shows substantial understanding of the problem's statistical components</li> <li>• synthesizes a relationship among these components, perhaps with minor gaps</li> <li>• uses appropriate statistical techniques</li> <li>• may have arithmetic errors, but answers are still reasonable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides a clear but not perfectly organized explanation, using correct terminology, of what was done and why, but explanation may be slightly incomplete</li> <li>• may miss necessary assumptions or caveats</li> <li>• uses diagrams or plots when appropriate to aid in describing the solution</li> <li>• states a conclusion that follows from the analysis but may be somewhat incomplete</li> </ul>
<p>2 Developing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shows some understanding of the problem's statistical components</li> <li>• shows little in the way of a relationship among these components</li> <li>• uses some appropriate statistical techniques, but misses or misuses others</li> <li>• may have arithmetic errors that result in unreasonable answers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides some explanation of what was done, but explanation may be vague and difficult to interpret and terminology may be somewhat inappropriate</li> <li>• uses diagrams in an incomplete or ineffective way, or diagrams may be missing</li> <li>• states a conclusion that is incomplete</li> </ul>

<p>1 Minimal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shows limited understanding of the problem's statistical components by failing to identify important components</li> <li>• shows little ability to organize a solution and may use irrelevant information</li> <li>• misuses or fails to use appropriate statistical techniques</li> <li>• has arithmetic errors that result in unreasonable answers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides minimal or unclear explanation of what was done or why it was done, and explanation may not match the presented solution</li> <li>• fails to use diagrams or plots, or uses them incorrectly</li> <li>• states an incorrect conclusion or fails to state a conclusion</li> </ul>
<p>0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shows little to no understanding of statistical components</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides no explanation of a legitimate strategy</li> </ul>



Some important points that students should remember when answering free-response questions on the AP Statistics Examination are given below.

1. Read the questions carefully and answer them in context; for example, the results of a hypothesis test should always be followed by a conclusion in context and a confidence interval should always be followed by an interpretation of the interval in context. Explanations and conclusions in context are always required for a complete answer.
2. Know the vocabulary of statistics, and use that vocabulary correctly in all written responses.
3. Remember to define all symbols. Specifically, remember to distinguish between population parameters and sample statistics.
4. Remember to state and check all necessary assumptions when performing hypothesis tests and constructing interval estimates.
5. Be able to interpret data displayed in a variety of ways, including graphical and in computer outputs. Be able to represent data in a variety of forms and base sound statistical arguments on these representations.

AP Central™ contains free-response questions, rubrics, and selected student responses from past AP Statistics exams. This is an excellent place to become more familiar with the content of past free-response questions and how they were scored.

The following questions are examples of free-response questions. These questions were administered as part of a previous year's exam.

1. The summary statistics for the number of inches of rainfall in Los Angeles for 117 years, beginning in 1877, are shown below.

N	MEAN	MEDIAN	TRMEAN	STDEV	SE MEAN
117	14.941	13.070	14.416	6.747	0.624

MIN	MAX	Q1	Q3
4.850	38.180	9.680	19.250

- (A) Describe a procedure that uses these summary statistics to determine whether there are outliers.
- (B) Are there outliers in these data? \_\_\_\_\_  
Justify your answer based on the procedure that you described in part (a).
- (C) The news media reported that in a particular year, there were only 10 inches of rainfall. Use the information provided to comment on this reported statement.
2. A department supervisor is considering purchasing one of two comparable photocopy machines, *A* or *B*. Machine *A* costs \$10,000 and machine *B* costs \$10,500. This department replaces photocopy machines every three years. The repair contract for machine *A* costs \$50 per month and covers an unlimited number of repairs. The repair contract for machine *B* costs \$200 per repair. Based on past performance, the distribution of the number of repairs needed over any one-year period for machine *B* is shown below.

Number of Repairs	0	1	2	3
Probability	0.50	0.25	0.15	0.10

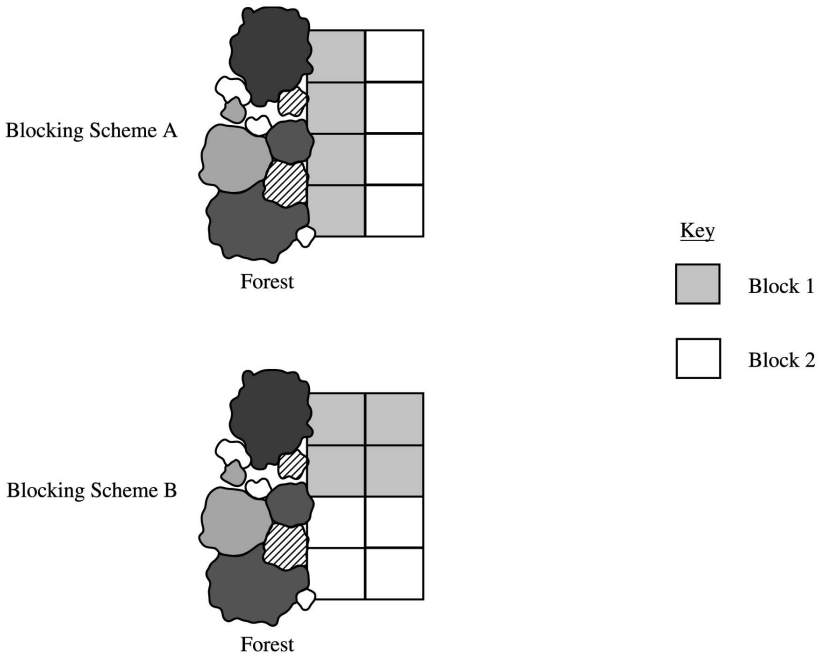
You are asked to give a recommendation based on overall cost as to which machine, *A* or *B*, along with its repair contract, should be purchased. What would your recommendation be? Give a statistical justification to support your recommendation.

3. Every Monday a local radio station gives coupons away to 50 people who correctly answer a question about a news fact from the previous day's newspaper. The coupons given away are numbered from 1 to 50, with the first person receiving coupon 1, the second person receiving coupon 2, and so on, until all 50 coupons are given away. On the following Saturday, the radio station randomly draws numbers from 1 to 50 and awards cash prizes to the holders of the coupons with these numbers. Numbers continue to be drawn without replacement until the total amount awarded first equals or exceeds \$300. If selected, coupons 1 through 5 each have a cash value of \$200, coupons 6 through 20 each have a cash value of \$100, and coupons 21 through 50 each have a cash value of \$50.
- (A) Explain how you would conduct a simulation using the random number table provided below to estimate the distribution of the number of prize winners each week.
- (B) Perform your simulation three times. (That is, run three trials of your simulation.) Start at the leftmost digit in the first row of the table and move across. Make your procedure clear so that someone can follow what you did. You must do this by marking directly on or above the table. Report the number of winners in each of your three trials.

72749	13347	65030	26128	49067	02904	49953	74674	94617	13317
81638	36566	42709	33717	59943	12027	46547	61303	46699	76423
38449	46438	91579	01907	72146	05764	22400	94490	49833	09258

4. Students are designing an experiment to compare the productivity of two varieties of dwarf fruit trees. The site for the experiment is a field that is bordered by a densely forested area on the west (left) side. The field has been divided into eight plots of approximately the same area. The students have decided that the test plots should be blocked. Four trees, two of each of the two varieties, will be assigned at random to the four plots within each block, with one tree planted in each plot.

The two blocking schemes shown below are under consideration. For each scheme, one block is indicated by the white region and the other block is indicated by the gray region in the figures.



- (A) Which of the blocking schemes, A or B, is better for this experiment? Explain your answer.
- (B) Even though the students have decided to block, they must randomly assign the varieties of trees to the plots within each block. What is the purpose of this randomization in the context of this experiment?

5. A growing number of employers are trying to hold down the costs that they pay for medical insurance for their employees. As part of this effort, many medical insurance companies are now requiring clients to use generic brand medicines when filling prescriptions. An independent consumer advocacy group wanted to determine if there was a difference, in milligrams, in the amount of active ingredient between a certain “name” brand drug and its generic counterpart. Pharmacies may store drugs under different conditions. Therefore, the consumer group randomly selected ten different pharmacies in a large city and filled two prescriptions at each of these pharmacies, one for the “name” brand and the other for the generic brand of the drug. The consumer group’s laboratory then tested a randomly selected pill from each prescription to determine the amount of active ingredient in the pill. The results are given in the following table.

ACTIVE INGREDIENT  
(in milligrams)

Pharmacy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Name brand	245	244	240	250	243	246	246	246	247	250
Generic brand	246	240	235	237	243	239	241	238	238	234

Based on these results, what should the consumer group’s laboratory report about the difference in the active ingredient in the two brands of pills? Give appropriate statistical evidence to support your response.

6. The statistics department at a large university is trying to determine if it is possible to predict whether an applicant will successfully complete the Ph.D. program or will leave before completing the program. The department is considering whether GPA (grade point average) in undergraduate statistics and mathematics courses (a measure of performance) and mean number of credit hours per semester (a measure of workload) would be helpful measures. To gather data, a random sample of 20 entering students from the past 5 years is taken. The data are given below.

Successfully Completed Ph.D. Program

Student	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
GPA	3.8	3.5	4.0	3.9	2.9	3.5	3.5	4.0	3.9	3.0	3.4	3.7	3.6
Credit hours	12.7	13.1	12.5	13.0	15.0	14.7	14.5	12.0	13.1	15.3	14.6	12.5	14.0

Did Not Complete Ph.D. Program

Student	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
GPA	3.6	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.3
Credit hours	11.1	14.5	14.0	10.9	11.5	12.1	12.0

The regression output below resulted from fitting a line to the data in each group. The residual plots (not shown) indicated no unusual patterns, and the assumptions necessary for inference were judged to be reasonable.

Successfully Completed Ph.D. Program

Predictor	Coef	StDev	T	P
Constant	23.514	1.684	13.95	0.000
GPA	-2.7555	0.4668	-5.90	0.000
S = 0.5658		R-Sq = 76.0%		

Did Not Complete Ph.D. Program

Predictor	Coef	StDev	T	P
Constant	24.200	3.474	6.97	0.001
GPA	-3.485	1.013	-3.44	0.018
S = 0.8408		R-Sq = 70.3%		

- (A) Use an appropriate graphical display to compare the GPA's for the two groups. Write a few sentences commenting on your display.

- (B) For the students who successfully completed the Ph.D. program, is there a significant relationship between GPA and mean number of credit hours per semester? Give a statistical justification to support your response.
- (C) If a new applicant has a GPA of 3.5 and a mean number of credit hours per semester of 14.0, do you think this applicant will successfully complete the Ph.D. program? Give a statistical justification to support your response.

# AP® Program Essentials

## The AP Reading

In June, the free-response sections of the exams, as well as the Studio Art portfolios, are scored by college faculty and secondary school AP teachers at the AP Reading. Thousands of readers participate, under the direction of a Chief Reader in each field. The experience offers both significant professional development and the opportunity to network with like-minded educators.

If you are an AP teacher or a college faculty member and would like to serve as a reader, you can visit AP Central for more information on how to apply. Alternatively, send an e-mail message to [apreader@ets.org](mailto:apreader@ets.org), or call Performance Scoring Services at 609 406-5383.

## AP Grades

The readers' scores on the essay and problem-solving questions are combined with the results of the computer-scored multiple-choice questions, and the total raw scores are converted to AP's 5-point scale:

AP GRADE	QUALIFICATION
5	Extremely well qualified
4	Well qualified
3	Qualified
2	Possibly qualified
1	No recommendation

## Grade Distributions

Many teachers want to compare their students' grades with the national percentiles. Grade distribution charts are available at AP Central, as is information on how the cut-off points for each AP grade are calculated. Grade distribution charts are also available on the AP student site at [www.collegeboard.com/apstudents](http://www.collegeboard.com/apstudents).

## Earning College Credit and/or Placement

Credit, advanced placement, or both are awarded by the college or university, not the College Board or the AP Program. The best source of specific and up-to-date information about an individual institution's policy is its catalog or Web site.



## Why Colleges Grant Credit and/or Placement for AP Grades

Colleges know that the AP grades of their incoming students represent a level of achievement equivalent to that of students who take the same course in the colleges' own classrooms. That equivalency is assured through several Advanced Placement Program processes:

- College faculty serve on the committees that develop the course descriptions and examinations in each AP subject.
- College faculty are responsible for standard setting and are involved in the evaluation of student responses at the AP Reading.
- AP courses and exams are updated regularly, based on both the results of curriculum surveys at up to 200 colleges and universities and the interactions of committee members with professional organizations in their discipline.
- College comparability studies are undertaken in which the performance of college students on AP Exams is compared with that of AP students to confirm that the AP grade scale of 1–5 is properly aligned with current college standards.

In addition, the College Board has commissioned studies that use a “bottom-line” approach to validating AP Exam grades by comparing the achievement of AP versus non-AP students in higher-level college courses. For example, in the 1998 Morgan and Ramist “21-College” study, AP students who were exempted from introductory courses and who completed a higher-level course in college were compared favorably, on the basis of their college grades, with students who completed the prerequisite first course in college, then took the second, higher-level course in the subject area. Such studies answer the question of greatest concern to colleges — are AP students who are exempted from introductory courses as well prepared to continue in a subject area as students who took their first course in college? To see the results of several college validity studies, go to AP Central. (The Morgan and Ramist study can be downloaded from the site in its entirety.)

## Guidelines on Granting Credit and/or Placement for AP Grades

If you are an admissions administrator and need guidance on setting an AP policy for your college or university, you will find the *College and University Guide to the Advanced Placement Program* useful; see the back of this booklet for ordering information. Alternatively, contact your local College Board office, as noted on the inside back cover of this Course Description.

## Finding Colleges That Accept AP Grades

In addition to contacting colleges directly for their AP policies, students and teachers can use College Search, an online resource maintained by the College Board through its Annual Survey of Colleges. College Search can be accessed via the College Board's Web site ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)). It is worth remembering that policies are subject to change. Contact the college directly to get the most up-to-date information.

## AP Awards

The AP Program offers a number of awards to recognize high school students who have demonstrated college-level achievement through AP courses and exams. Although there is no monetary award, in addition to an award certificate, student achievement is acknowledged on any grade report sent to colleges following the announcement of the awards. For detailed information on AP Awards, including qualification criteria, visit AP Central or contact the College Board's National Office. Students can find this information at [www.collegeboard.com/apstudents](http://www.collegeboard.com/apstudents).

## AP Calendar

The *AP Program Guide* and the *Bulletin for AP Students and Parents* provide education professionals and students, respectively, with information on the various events associated with the AP year. Information on ordering and downloading these publications can be found at the back of this booklet.

## Test Security

The entire AP Exam must be kept secure at all times. Forty-eight hours after the exam has been administered, the green and blue inserts containing the free-response questions (Section II) can be made available for teacher and student review.\* **However, the multiple-choice section (Section I) MUST remain secure both before and after the exam administration.** No one other than students taking the exam can ever have access to or see the questions contained in Section 1 — this includes AP Coordinators and all teachers. The multiple-choice section must never be shared, copied in any manner, or reconstructed by teachers and students after the exam.

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\*The alternate form of the free-response section (used for late testing administration) is NOT released.

Selected multiple-choice questions are reused from year to year to provide an essential method of establishing high exam reliability, controlled levels of difficulty, and comparability with earlier exams. These goals can be attained only when the multiple-choice questions remain secure. This is why teachers cannot view the questions and students cannot share information about these questions with anyone following the exam administration.

To ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to demonstrate their abilities on the exam, AP Exams must be administered in a uniform manner. **It is extremely important to follow the administration schedule and all procedures outlined in detail in the most recent *AP Coordinator's Manual*.** Please note that Studio Art portfolios and their contents are not considered secure testing materials; see the *AP Coordinator's Manual* for further information. The manual also includes directions on how to deal with misconduct and other security problems. Any breach of security should be reported to Test Security immediately (call 800 353-8570, fax 609 406-9709, or e-mail [tsreturns@ets.org](mailto:tsreturns@ets.org)).

## Teacher Support

You can find the following Web resources at AP Central:

- Teachers' Resources (reviews of classroom resources).
- Institutes & Workshops (a searchable database of professional development opportunities).
- The most up-to-date and comprehensive information on AP courses, exams, and other Program resources.
- The opportunity to exchange teaching methods and materials with the international AP community using electronic discussion groups (EDGs).
- An electronic library of AP publications, including released exam questions, the *AP Coordinator's Manual*, Course Descriptions, and sample syllabi.
- Opportunities for professional involvement in the AP Program.
- Information about state and federal support for the AP Program.
- AP Program data, research, and statistics.
- FAQs about the AP Program.
- Current news and features about the AP Program, its courses and teachers.

AP teachers can also use a number of AP publications, CD-ROMs, and videos that supplement these Web resources. Please see the following pages for an overview and ordering information.

## **Pre-AP®**

Pre-AP® is a suite of K–12 professional development resources and services to equip middle and high school teachers with the strategies and tools they need to engage their students in high-level learning, thereby ensuring that every middle and high school student has the depth and understanding of the skills, habits of mind, and concepts they need to succeed in college.

Pre-AP rests upon a profound hope and heartfelt esteem for teachers and students. Conceptually, Pre-AP is based on two important premises. The first is the expectation that all students can perform at rigorous academic levels. This expectation should be reflected in curriculum and instruction throughout the school such that all students are consistently being challenged to expand their knowledge and skills to the next level.

The second is the belief that we can prepare every student for higher intellectual engagement by starting the development of skills and acquisition of knowledge as early as possible. Addressed effectively, the middle and high school years can provide a powerful opportunity to help all students acquire the knowledge, concepts, and skills needed to engage in a higher level of learning.

Since Pre-AP teacher professional development supports explicitly the goal of college as an option for every student, it is important to have a recognized standard for college-level academic work. The Advanced Placement Program (AP) provides these standards for Pre-AP. Pre-AP teacher professional development resources reflect topics, concepts, and skills found in AP courses.

The College Board does not design, develop, or assess courses labeled “Pre-AP.” Courses labeled “Pre-AP” that inappropriately restrict access to AP and other college-level work are inconsistent with the fundamental purpose of the Pre-AP initiatives of the College Board. We encourage schools, districts, and policymakers to utilize Pre-AP professional development in a manner that ensures equitable access to rigorous academic experiences for all students.

## Pre-AP Professional Development

Pre-AP professional development is administered by Pre-AP Initiatives, a unit in K–12 Professional Development, and is available through workshops and conferences coordinated by the regional offices of the College Board. Pre-AP professional development is divided into two categories:

1. **Articulation of content and pedagogy across the middle and high school years** — The emphasis of professional development in this category is aligning curriculum and improving teacher communication. The intended outcome from articulation is a coordinated program of teaching skills and concepts over several years.
2. **Classroom strategies for middle and high school teachers** — Various approaches, techniques, and ideas are emphasized in professional development in the category.

For a complete list of Pre-AP Professional Development offerings, please contact your regional office or visit AP Central at [apcentral.collegeboard.com](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com).

## AP Publications and Other Resources

A number of AP resources are available to help students, parents, AP Coordinators, and high school and college faculty learn more about the AP Program and its courses and exams. To identify resources that may be of particular use to you, refer to the following key.

<b>AP Coordinators and Administrators</b> . . . . .	<b>A</b>
<b>College Faculty</b> . . . . .	<b>C</b>
<b>Students and Parents</b> . . . . .	<b>SP</b>
<b>Teachers</b> . . . . .	<b>T</b>

## Ordering Information

You have several options for ordering publications:

- **Online.** Visit the College Board store at [store.collegeboard.com](http://store.collegeboard.com).
- **By mail.** Send a completed order form with your payment or credit card information to: Advanced Placement Program, Dept. E-06, P. O. Box 6670, Princeton, NJ 08541-6670. If you need a copy of the order form, you can download one from AP Central.

- **By fax.** Credit card orders can be faxed to AP Order Services at 609 771-7385.
- **By phone.** Call AP Order Services at 609 771-7243, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET. Have your American Express, Discover, JCB, MasterCard, or VISA information ready. This phone number is for credit card orders only.

Payment must accompany all orders not on an institutional purchase order or credit card, and checks should be made payable to the College Board. The College Board pays UPS ground rate postage (or its equivalent) on all prepaid orders; delivery generally takes two to three weeks. Please do not use P.O. Box numbers. Postage will be charged on all orders requiring billing and/or requesting a faster method of delivery.

Publications may be returned for a full refund if they are returned within 30 days of invoice. Software and videos may be exchanged within 30 days if they are opened, or returned for a full refund if they are unopened. No collect or C.O.D. shipments are accepted. Unless otherwise specified, orders will be filled with the currently available edition; prices and discounts are subject to change without notice.

In compliance with Canadian law, all AP publications delivered to Canada incur the 7 percent GST. The GST registration number is 13141 4468 RT. Some Canadian schools are exempt from paying the GST. Appropriate proof of exemption must be provided when AP publications are ordered so that tax is not applied to the billing statement.

## Print

Items marked with a computer mouse icon can be downloaded for free from AP Central.

### **Bulletin for AP Students and Parents**

**SP**

This bulletin provides a general description of the AP Program, including how to register for AP courses, and information on the policies and procedures related to taking the exams. It describes each AP Exam, lists the advantages of taking the exams, describes the grade reporting process, and includes the upcoming exam schedule. The *Bulletin* is available in both English and Spanish.

### **AP Program Guide**

**A**

This guide takes the AP Coordinator step-by-step through the school year — from organizing an AP program, through ordering and administering the AP Exams, payment, and grade reporting. It also includes infor-

mation on teacher professional development, AP resources, and exam schedules. The *AP Program Guide* is sent automatically to all schools that register to participate in AP.

## **College and University Guide to the AP Program**

**C, A**

This guide is intended to help college and university faculty and administrators understand the benefits of having a coherent, equitable AP policy. Topics included are validity of AP grades; developing and maintaining scoring standards; ensuring equivalent achievement; state legislation supporting AP; and quantitative profiles of AP students by each AP subject.

## **Course Descriptions**

**SP, T, A, C**

Course Descriptions provide an outline of the AP course content, explain the kinds of skills students are expected to demonstrate in the corresponding introductory college-level course, and describe the AP Exam. They also provide sample multiple-choice questions with an answer key, as well as sample free-response questions. Note: The Course Description for AP Computer Science is available in electronic format only.

## **Pre-AP**

**A, T**

This brochure describes the Pre-AP concept and the professional development opportunities available to middle school and high school teachers.

## **Released Exams**

**T**

About every four to five years, on a rotating schedule, the AP Program releases a complete copy of each exam. In addition to providing the multiple-choice questions and answers, the publication describes the process of scoring the free-response questions and includes examples of students' actual responses, the scoring guidelines, and commentary that explains why the responses received the scores they did.

## **Teacher's Guides**

**T**

For those about to teach an AP course for the first time, or for experienced AP teachers who would like to get some fresh ideas for the classroom, the Teacher's Guide is an excellent resource. Each Teacher's Guide contains syllabi developed by high school teachers currently teaching the

AP course and college faculty who teach the equivalent course at colleges and universities. Along with detailed course outlines and innovative teaching tips, you'll also find extensive lists of suggested teaching resources.

### **AP Vertical Team Guides**

**T, A**

An AP Vertical Team (APVT) is made up of teachers from different grade levels who work together to develop and implement a sequential curriculum in a given discipline. The team's goal is to help students acquire the skills necessary for success in AP. To help teachers and administrators who are interested in establishing an APVT at their school, the College Board has published these guides: *A Guide for Advanced Placement English Vertical Teams*; *Advanced Placement Program Mathematics Vertical Teams Toolkit*; *AP Vertical Teams in Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language, Studio Art, and Music Theory: An Introduction*; *AP Vertical Teams Guide for Social Studies*; *AP Vertical Teams Guide for Fine Arts, Vol. 1: Studio Art*; *AP Vertical Teams Guide for Fine Arts, Vol. 2: Music Theory*; and *AP Vertical Teams Guide for Fine Arts, Vol. 1 and 2* (set).

### **Multimedia**

**APCD® (home version),  
(multi-network site license)**

**SP, T**

These CD-ROMs are available for Calculus AB, English Language, English Literature, European History, Spanish Language, and U.S. History. They each include actual AP Exams, interactive tutorials, and other features, including exam descriptions, answers to frequently asked questions, study-skill suggestions, and test-taking strategies. There is also a listing of resources for further study and a planner to help students schedule and organize their study time.

The teacher version of each CD, which can be licensed for up to 50 workstations, enables you to monitor student progress and provide individual feedback. Included is a Teacher's Manual that gives full explanations along with suggestions for utilizing the APCD in the classroom.



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