

# Exam Overview

*The AP World History Exam assesses student understanding of the historical thinking skills and learning objectives outlined in the course framework. The exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes long and students are required to answer 55 multiple-choice questions, 3 short-answer questions, 1 document-based question, and 1 long essay question. The details of the exam, including exam weighting and timing, can be found below:*

| Section   | Question Type                            | Number of Questions | Exam Weighting | Timing  |
|-----------|--|---------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>I</b>  | <b>Part A: Multiple-choice questions</b> | <b>55</b>           | <b>40%</b>     | <b>55 minutes</b>                                       |
|           | <b>Part B: Short-answer questions</b>    | <b>3</b>            | <b>20%</b>     | <b>40 minutes</b>                                       |
|           | Question 1: Secondary source(s)          |                     |                |   |
|           | Question 2: Primary source               |                     |                |   |
|           | <b>Students select one:</b>              |                     |                |   |
|           | Question 3: No stimulus                  |                     |                |   |
|           | Question 4: No stimulus                  |                     |                |   |
| <b>II</b> | <b>Free-response questions</b>           | <b>2</b>            |                |   |
|           | Question 1: Document-based               |                     | 25%            | 60 minutes<br>(includes<br>15-minute<br>reading period) |
|           | <b>Students select one:</b>              |                     | 15%            | 40 minutes  |
|           | Question 2: Long essay                   |                     |                |   |
|           | Question 3: Long essay                   |                     |                |   |
|           | Question 4: Long essay                   |                     |                |   |