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ANSWERING AP TEST MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

- 1. Do not panic if you come across some difficult questions. The test is designed to include some very tough questions in order to differentiate between the more well-prepared students and the less well-prepared students.
- 2. Use at least two "go throughs" on the test. On your first run, answer only the questions that you definitely know. Then go back and do the others that you did not answer. Frequently, going through the entire test will jog your memory so that questions that at first seemed so difficult seem much easier after the first run.
- 3. Circle any "except" questions in order to remind yourself that you are looking for a false statement for the answer. You are allowed to write on the test and you should.
- 4. Do not change an answer unless you are certain that it is correct. Make sure that all erasures are clear.
- 5. Answer the easy questions FIRST. Skip all "Roman numeral" and "graphics" questions until the end. While these questions are sometimes easy to answer, they take a lot longer to answer than other questions.
- 6. KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE CLOCK. You have 45 minutes to answer 60 questions. All multiple choice questions are worth one point. There is no order to the difficulty of the questions. Sometimes question 59 or 60 are really easy, but have a low percentage of students answering them correctly. Why? Students ran out of time and didn't answer them.
- 7. Answer ALL the questions since there is NO PENALTY for guessing.