

AP Calculus BC score calculator: the worksheet and the conversion table (May 2027 format)

How the exam is scored

Section	Questions	Time	Share	Points
I: multiple choice	42	1 hour 40 minutes	50%	42, one each, no penalty for wrong answers
II: Question 1 (calculator)				9 points
II: Question 2 (calculator)				9 points
II: Question 3				9 points
II: Question 4				9 points
II: Question 5				9 points
II: Question 6				9 points
II: free response total	6	1 hour 30 minutes	50%	54
Total		3 hours 10 minutes	100%	composite as a percentage

Changed for 2027: Through May 2026 Section I had 45 questions (30 in 60 minutes, 15 in 45 minutes) and the exam ran 3 hours 15 minutes.

From May 2027 there are 42 questions; the two sections stay at 50 percent each.

The worksheet

1. Multiple choice correct (out of 42):

2. Line 1 / 42 x 50 = multiple-choice share (%):

3a. Question 1 (calculator) (out of 9):

3b. Question 2 (calculator) (out of 9):

3c. Question 3 (out of 9):

3d. Question 4 (out of 9):

3e. Question 5 (out of 9):

3f. Question 6 (out of 9):

4. Free-response total (out of 54):

5. Line 4 / 54 x 50 = free-response share (%):

6. Composite = line 2 + line 5 (%):

The conversion table (estimates; the College Board sets the real cut points after each exam)

AP score	Composite	For example	Means
5	61% and up	26 of 42 multiple choice and 33 of 54 free response	Extremely well qualified
4	49% to 60%	21 of 42 multiple choice and 26 of 54 free response	Well qualified
3	38% to 48%	16 of 42 multiple choice and 21 of 54 free response	Qualified
2	28% to 37%	12 of 42 multiple choice and 15 of 54 free response	Possibly qualified
1	under 28%		No recommendation

Worked example: 31 of 42 multiple choice and free-response scores of 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6 (36 of 54) give a composite of 70.2%, a 5 on the table. A composite within three points of a cut is on the line, not over it.

What the scores say, where the points are lost, and the plan

The May 2025 results (College Board)

Score	5	4	3	2	1	3 or higher	Mean
Share of 160,436 students	44.0%	21.9%	12.8%	15.2%	6.2%	78.6%	3.82

What the free-response questions ask

[] The six questions cover the AB content and the BC-only topics: a parametric or polar question (area inside a polar curve, speed of a particle on a parametric path), a series question (a Taylor polynomial, the Lagrange error bound, the interval of convergence), and an improper integral or Euler's method inside one of the AB-style questions

[] The AB subscore counts the questions and parts that are AB material, so a student strong in the AB content but weak in series can still carry a high AB subscore

Where the points are lost: tick the ones that are yours

[] The series question: a Taylor polynomial written without the general term when it is asked for, the error bound stated without its justification, the endpoints of the interval of convergence not tested

[] Polar area: the limits of integration wrong because the curve traces the region twice or the half-angle is used

[] Parametric speed and arc length: the formula written without the square on dx/dt and dy/dt

[] The same AB losses: set-up missing, justification missing, units missing

[] Time: BC students who linger on an AB-style question in Part B and leave the series question for the last ten minutes

From a practice composite to the exam

Practice composite	Likely score now	What moves it most
under 38%	1 or 2	content first: the units with the most multiple-choice misses, then one free-response question a week marked to the scoring guidelines
38% to 48%	3	the free response: every lost point is a specific missing thing on the rubric; fix the pattern, not the question
49% to 60%	4	timing and the hardest question type; a full timed paper every two weeks
61% and up	5	keep it: a timed paper every two weeks and the questions that score under 70 percent

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