**AP Psychology FRQs**

On the AP Exam

* 2 FRQs written in 50 minutes
* Worth 33.3% (1/3rd) of the overall grade
* 3 skills for the course:
  1. Concept understanding
  2. Analyze and interpret quantitative data
  3. Analyze psychological research studies
* Question 1: Concept Application (7 points)
  1. Assesses students’ ability to explain behavior and apply theories and perspectives in authentic contexts. Skill Category 1 is assessed.
* Question 2: Research Design (7 points)
  1. Assesses students’ ability to analyze psychological research studies, including analyzing and interpreting quantitative data. All three skill categories are assessed, with an emphasis on Skill Category 3.

Task Verbs

* Construct/Draw: Create a graph that illustrates or explains relationships or phenomena. Labels may or may not be required.
* Define: Provide a specific meaning for a word or concept.
* Describe: Provide the relevant characteristics of a specified topic.
* Draw a conclusion: Use available information to formulate an accurate statement that demonstrates understanding based on evidence. Sometimes phrased as, “What is the most appropriate conclusion?”
* Explain: Provide information about how or why a relationship, process, pattern, position, situation, or outcome occurs, using evidence and/or reasoning to support or qualify a claim.
  + Explain “how” typically requires analyzing the relationship, process, pattern, position, situation, or outcome
  + Explain “why” typically requires analysis of motivations or reasons for the relationship, process, pattern, position, situation, or outcome.
* Identify/State: Indicate or provide information about a specified topic, without elaboration or explanation.