***Consejos y estrategias para el examen de AP Español Lengua y Cultura***

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**Reading (Multiple Choice)**

* Look for paraphrasing and/or synonyms in the answers
* Be careful if answer has the same word from the reading.
* Read questions first then look for answers??
* For literary selection, try to look at words metaphorically and not so literally.
* Don’t spend too much time on one reading.
* You only get credit for correct answers, so answer all of them.
* Announcements/Advertisements – read a little more carefully. Don’t take for granted.

**Interpersonal Writing (Email)**

* Minimum of 60 words will probably only get you a 3 unless those 60 words are extremely well written. Probably needs to be more around 100-120.
* Don’t go off on tangents.
* Circle parts of email that need to be answered.
* Subjunctive, Perfect Tenses, Future.
* Pay attention to Register. Be consistent. (tú vs. Ud.)
* Try to be creative or original (use cultural references if possible)
* Don’t forget questions, and write GOOD ONES!!!

**Presentational Writing (Essay)**

* Minimum of 200 words will probably get you a 3 unless those 200 words are very well written. Probably needs to be around 300 or more.
* ORGANIZATION AND CONTROL OF BASIC GRAMMAR IS ESSENTIAL!!!!
* 2 paragraphs or 3? That is the question. Doesn’t matter.
* You HAVE to pick a side. Can’t argue/present both sides equally.
* Don’t start body paragraphs with source information. Use your own words!
* Cites from sources are to support your position, not to fill body paragraphs.
* Determine the most important information from article and audio.
* USE ALL THREE SOURCES!!! If you leave one out, you are not going to get a 5.
* Stay on topic, no tangents!
* Use information correctly from each source…especially the audio.
* Yes, you can paraphrase from sources, just do it well. (I still think it’s best to cite exactly from written and as best as you can from the audio.) (Según el gráfico, según el audio, según la fuente escrita, etc.)
* Subjunctive, Perfect Tenses, Future
* At least 5-8 transitional words, phrases (Además, Hoy en día, Sin embargo, etc.)

**Interpersonal Speaking (Simulated Conversation)**

* It’s in your best interest to speak for the full 20 seconds. You want to get cut off by tone.
* Follow the outline!!!
* Be careful if there are 2 tasks in one prompt. Make sure to get to the second task.
* Respond with verb that was used in the question or prompt.
* Subjunctive/Perfect Tenses
* Pay attention to Register. Be consistent. (Tú or Ud.)
* Try to be creative or original, just don’t get crazy. (Use cultural references if possible.)
* Finaliza los planes y despídete. – If you have trouble filling time on the last prompt.
* Be animated and engaged in the conversation. Sound confident.

**Presentation Speaking (Cultural Comparison)**

* Speak for the full 2 minutes.
* Switch communities at one minute. Or “ping-pong” back and forth if applicable.
* Must clearly state the communities.
* Brazil is NOT a Spanish-speaking community!
* ORGANIZATION!
* Don’t spend 20-30 seconds muttering out a long introduction that basically restates the prompt.
* Be specific. Give details. Don’t generalize the information.
* At least 5 transitional words and/or phrases.
* Control of basic grammar.
* Subjunctive, Perfect tenses, Future.