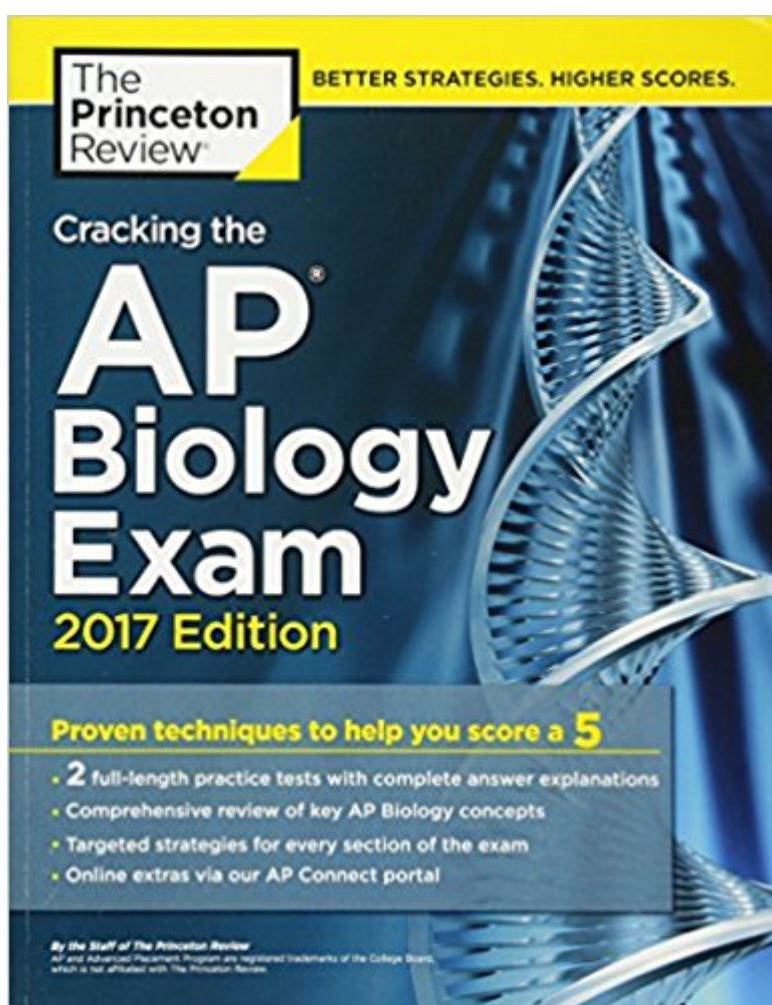


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# Cracking The AP Biology Exam, 2017 Edition: Proven Techniques To Help You Score A 5 (College Test Preparation)



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Great review book for AP biology at a great price. This book gives fantastic overview on common AP exam topics. I use this in my classroom on a daily basis and I feel like my students are well prepared for their exam. I will be buying these for future classes as well.

Princeton has disappointed me, the strategies are trash, its basic common sense. they tell "you don't answer every question", use process of elimination, educated guesses, etc. the content review is very brief, not as nearly in depth as it should be, they even state in the intro that "we cannot cover everything and will be on the ap exam". they only spent 2 pages talking about cellular respiration and photosynthesis. this book is for someone who wants to pass the ap exam (get a 3). its not recommended for getting a 4 or a 5. if you wish to excel, listen to your teacher and make your textbook your best friend.

I teach AP Biology, and as the curriculum and structure of the test have changed significantly for this year, I was really looking forward to the "revised" 2013 edition that became available on Dec. 11th. As far as I can tell, VERY little revising was actually done. In particular, the practice tests still have a heavy emphasis on memorized detail, with little attempt made to include the higher order thinking questions that typify the redesigned test. This makes the practice tests fairly worthless, as they do not assess students in the manner they will be assessed on the new AP exam. There is NO mention anywhere of the incorporation of the 4 so-called "Big Ideas" around which the new test is based - how could the publisher of a test prep book leave that information out? I know Princeton Review has made its reputation on test-taking strategies, but knowing the 4 GIANT themes that every question on the test maps to seems like fairly important information no matter what testing strategies you attempt to teach. The review material seems reasonable - the summaries of facts and processes are accurate as far as I have seen; I'm just not sure how useful they will be in preparing for the real test, which no longer stresses memorization of vast quantities of material. Overall, I'm

really disappointed with this book. Princeton beat other publishers to market with this book, but it's not going to do the job of preparing them for the revised test. Let's hope some of their competitors get it right...

The only reason that I pre-ordered this book was that it was for the 2013 exam. This new exam is totally different than previous ones. However, the book missed the part about the new essay questions. There are 2 long FRQs & 4 short ones. There is also no guessing penalty. The book says that there are 4 long FRQs and a guessing penalty. This is a terrible error. The review materials seem correct, though.

my son used this book prior to taking the AP exam.....very good.

This "2013 edition" does not contain any updates pertinent to the newly revised AP curriculum. Nation-wide changes have been made to the 2012-13 curriculum content, including different test make-up (new shorter free response questions in addition to the longer free response essays + more practical application instead of fact-based questions). This text does not even mention any of these changes and I will not be recommending it to my students.

Great item. Quick shipping and good price.

Very helpful to my student.

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