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Free-Response Questions

Below are free-response questions from past AP Physics B Exams. Included with the questions are scoring guidelines, sample student responses, and commentary on those responses, as well as exam statistics and the Chief Reader's Report for past administrations.

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Because of the worldwide growth of the AP Program and the administration of exams in multiple time zones, another version of the AP Physics B Exam, called "Form B," may be administered in order to maintain security.

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