

Syllabus For IELTS Exam

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is designed to assess the language ability of candidates who need to study or work where English is the language of communication. **IELTS** is jointly managed by the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL), British Council and IDP: IELTS Australia. IELTS conforms to the highest international standards of language assessment. **IELTS** is recognized by universities and employers in many countries, including Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the USA. It is also recognized by professional bodies, immigration authorities and other government agencies.

More than 400 test centers around the world with test up to four times a month. Most test centers are run by the British Council, IELTS Australia, or universities and language schools. Some testing centers also offer off-site testing for large groups by prior arrangement with **IELTS**.

You can choose two types of IELTS test: Academic or general training, depending on whether you want to study, work or migrate both modules are made up of four parts. **IELTS** results are graded on the unique **IELTS-9** band scale.

- The Academic version is intended for those who want to enroll in universities and other institution of higher education and for professional such as medical doctors and engineers, who want to study or practice in an English speaking country.
- The General training version is intended for those planning to undertake non-academic experience or for immigration purpose.

It is generally acknowledged that the reading and writing test for the Academic version are more difficult than those for the General training version due to the difference in the level of intellectual and academic rigor between the two version.

There are four sub-tests, or modules, to the IELTS test: Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. Students must sit all four sub-tests. While all students take the same Listening and Speaking tests, they sit different Reading and Writing tests, depending on whether they have selected the Academic IELTS test or the General Training **IELTS** test.

On the day of the test, the four subsections will be taken in the following order:

1. IELTS Listening: This is a test of listening comprehension in the context of general language proficiency. The test is in four sections. The first two sections are concerned with social needs, while the last two are concerned with situations more closely related to educational or training contexts. Texts include both monologues and dialogues between two or three people, and are heard once only. A variety of question types are used for the forty items, including multiple choice, short-answer questions, notes/summary/flow chart completion, sentence completion, labeling a diagram and matching.

2. IELTS Reading: Candidates take either the Academic or the General Training Reading module. The Academic Reading module consists of texts of general interest dealing with issues which are appropriate for, and accessible to, candidates entering postgraduate or undergraduate courses. The texts of the General Training Reading module draw on social and training contexts or deal with general interest topics.

Both Reading modules consist of three passages or sections with forty questions.

Question types include multiple choice, sentence or summary completion, identifying data for short-answer questions, matching lists or phrases and identifying writers' views/attitudes.

3. IELTS Writing: Candidates take either the Academic or the General Training Writing module. Appropriate responses for the Academic Writing module are short essays or general reports, addressed to tutors or to an educated non-specialist audience. The General Training Writing module requires candidates to write personal semi-formal or formal correspondence, or to write on a given topic as part of a simulated class assignment.

There are two compulsory tasks. Task 1 requires at least 150 words and Task 2, the more heavily weighted, requires at least 250 words. In Task 1, Academic Writing module candidates are asked to look at a diagram, table or data and to present the information in their own words. Candidates taking the General Training Writing module are asked to respond to a given problem with a letter in Task 1. In Task 2, all candidates are presented with a point of view, argument or problem and asked to provide general factual information, outline and/or present a solution, justify an opinion, and evaluate ideas and evidence.

4. IELTS Speaking: The Speaking module is a structured interview with an emphasis on general speaking skills. It assesses whether candidates have the necessary knowledge and skills to communicate effectively with native speakers of English.

As IELTS is an international test, a variety of English accents are used in both of these examinations.

IELTS Academic Module		
Sections	No of questions	Section Time
Listening	4 Sections, 40 Items	30 minutes (20 minutes to listen to a tape and to answer questions on what you hear, and 10 minutes to transfer your answers to Answer Sheet.)
Academic Reading	3 sections, 40 items	60 minutes (your task is to read passages of text and answer questions according to what you have read. There are also other types of assignments)
Academic Writing	2 tasks (150 & 250 words)	60 minutes (20 minutes to write a letter and 40 minutes to write an essay.)
Speaking	-	11 to 14 minutes (consists of 3 parts: Personal Interview, Little Speech and a Discussion.)
	Total :	2 hrs and 45 minutes

Note: All the parts continue one after another, and only before Speaking you get a little break.

IELTS General Training Module

Sections	No of questions	Section Time
Listening	4 Sections, 40 Items	30 minutes (20 minutes to listen to a tape and to answer questions on what you hear, and 10 minutes to transfer your answers to Answer Sheet.)
General Training Reading	3 sections, 40 items	60 minutes (your task is to read passages of text and answer questions according to what you have read. There are also other types of assignments)
General Training Writing	2 tasks (150 & 250 words)	60 minutes (20 minutes to write a letter and 40 minutes to write an essay.)
Speaking	-	11 to 14 minutes (consists of 3 parts: Personal Interview, Little Speech and a Discussion.)
	Total :	2 hrs and 45 minutes

Note: All the parts continue one after another, and only before Speaking you get a little break.

All candidates take the same Listening and Speaking Modules. There is an option of either Academic or General Training Reading and Writing Modules. Academic is suitable for candidates planning to undertake higher education study. General Training is suitable for candidates planning to undertake non-academic training or work experience, or for immigration purposes.

- § You have to complete the Listening, Reading & Writing Sections in one day. You may take the Speaking Section seven days before or after the other three sections (at the discretion of the test center).
- § The Listening, Reading and Writing tests are administered during the morning. Speaking interviews are scheduled during the afternoon if conducted on the same day.
- § The venue for the speaking section may differ from that of the other three modules.