

## What is IELTS?

International English Language Systems (IELTS) is one of the world's English Proficiency tests that proves that your level of English can allow you to study, live or work in most parts of the world. It is administered by British Council. You can take either IELTS paper based or computer delivered. IELTS is accepted in Europe, USA, Canada and some Asian Universities.

Just a word of caution: **MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT EXAMINERS CONSIDER WHEN THEY ARE MARKING YOU!**

### STEPS TO SUCCESS

- 1. Getting informed:** You should be familiar with IELTS format, what score you need, what dates are available, which IELTS you should take...

<https://www>

- 2. Get your level assessed.** Most people take the wrong path. They book, and pay before they know whether they'll pass or fail. It should be the other way around. **Get your level assessed first.**

**The Road to Success**

- 4. Apply.**

Remember the score between 6 – 7/9 is the best!

- 3. Practice makes perfect.** Do as many exercises as possible.

## IELTS: Purpose, Format & Structure

| Purpose        | IELTS            | Structure  | Timing     | Types of Questions   | Marking Rubrics  |
|----------------|------------------|--|------------|--|--|
| <b>Studies</b> | <b>Academic/</b> | <b>Listening</b>   | 30 minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form, note, table, flow-chart, summary completion.</li> <li>Plan, map, diagram labeling.</li> <li>Matching.</li> <li>Multiple choices.</li> <li>Sentence completion.</li> </ul> | Each correct answer is worth 1 point.  |
|                | <b>General</b>   | 4 sections and each is 10 questions  |            |  |  |
|                |                  | <b>Reading</b><br>3 passages<br>Two passages have 13 questions each<br>one passage has 14 questions                  | 60 minutes | Headings; True /False/ Not Given; Yes, No, Not Given; Paragraph selection; multiple choice; matching; Sentence endings; classification; table, sentence, notes, summary, flow-chart, diagram; and short answer         | Each correct answer is worth 1 point.  |
|                |                  | <b>Writing</b><br>2 Tasks<br>Task 1. A summary with at least 150 words.<br>Task 2. An essay with at least 250 words. | 60 minutes | <b>Task 1</b><br>A summary of a table, graph, map or a process<br><b>Task 2</b><br>An essay about cause and effect, or argumentative essay   | Task achievement<br>Coherence and Cohesion<br>Lexical resource<br>Grammar range and accuracy |

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**Speaking**

15 minutes

*3 parts.*

Part 1. Introduction and interview

Part 2. Individual long turn

Part 3. A two-way discussion

**Part 1: Introduction and Interview**

Introduction and general questions about familiar topics like family, studies, sports...

**Part 2: Individual Long turn**

A task card with a topic and four points are given to a candidate to talk about.

**Part 3 A two-way discussion**

The examiner asks you further questions which are connected to the topic in part 2.

Fluency  
Coherence and cohesion  
Lexical resource  
Grammatical range and accuracy  
Pronunciation