

Lecture 1

International ESL exams

- IELTS
- TOEFL
- TOEIC
- Cambridge English exams :
Advanced (CAE), First (FCE), Key
(KET) and Preliminary (PET)

Common European
Framework of
Reference for
Languages (CEF or
CEFR)

CEFR Levels:

Top Language Proficiency Tests



IELTS

IELTS Academic

IELTS Academic measures English language proficiency needed for an academic, higher learning environment. The tasks and tests are accessible to all test-takers, irrespective of their subject focus.

Listening* (30 minutes, plus 10 minutes extra to transfer your answer to your answer sheet)

- Four recorded monologues and conversations

Reading (60 minutes)

- Three long reading passages with tasks
- Texts range from descriptive and factual to the discursive and analytical
- Includes non-verbal material such as diagrams, graphs or illustrations
- Texts are authentic (e.g. taken from books, journals and newspapers)

Writing (60 minutes)

- Writing task of at least 150 words where the candidate must summarise, describe or explain a table, graph, chart or diagram
- Short essay task of at least 250 words

Speaking* (11 to 14 minutes)

- Face-to-face interview
- Includes short questions, speaking at length about a familiar topic and a structured discussion

IELTS General Training

IELTS General Training measures English language proficiency in a practical, everyday context. The tasks and tests reflect both workplace and social situations.

Listening* (30 minutes, plus 10 minutes extra to transfer your answer to your answer sheet)

- Four recorded monologues and conversations

Reading (60 minutes)

- Three reading passages with tasks
- Section 1 contains two or three short factual texts
- Section 2 contains two short, work-related, factual texts
- Section 3 contains one longer text on a topic of general interest
- Texts are authentic (e.g. taken from company handbooks, official documents, books and newspapers)

Writing (60 minutes)

- Letter writing task of at least 150 words
- Short essay task of at least 250 words

Speaking* (11 to 14 minutes)

- Face-to-face interview
- Includes short questions, speaking at length about a familiar topic and a structured discussion

*1 listening and Speaking components are the same for both versions of the test

IELTS SCORES INTERPRETATION

Band	Description
9.0	Expert user
8.0	Very good user
7.0	Good user
6.0	Competent user
5.0	Modest user
4.0	Limited user
3.0	Extremely limited user
2.0	Intermittent user
1.0	Non user

LISTENING SKILLS ACQUISITION

LISTENING



40 QUESTIONS



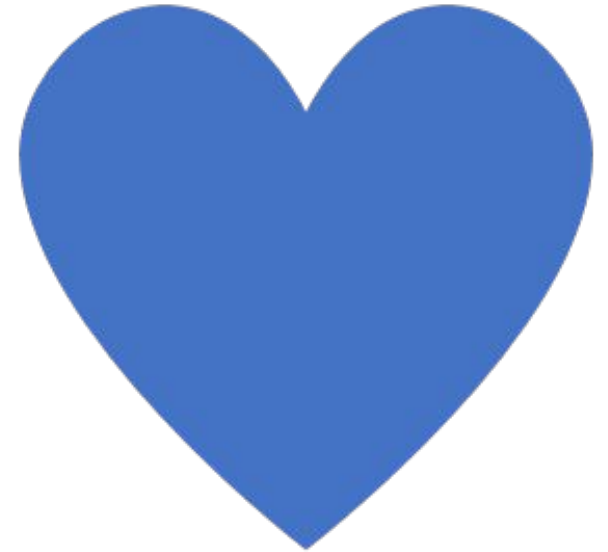
30 +10 MINUTES



1 TIME

Tips and Ideas

- progressively difficult
- a number or some letters
- don't wait until later
- don't panic if you miss an answer
- never leave a question unanswered



Multiple-Choice Questions



READ THE
INSTRUCTIONS
CAREFULLY



SKIM THROUGH THE
QUESTIONS



LISTEN TO THE
INTRODUCTION GIVEN
CAREFULLY



ANSWER THE
QUESTIONS AS YOU
LISTEN



REMEMBER TO MAKE
NOTES



LISTEN FOR PEOPLE
CORRECTING
THEMSELVES



IF YOU NEED TO MAKE A
GUESS, BASE IT ON KEY
WORDS AND PHRASES

Typical tasks

1. Circle the correct letter. Ostrich meat
 - a) has more protein than beef.
 - b) tastes nearly as good as beef.
 - c) is very filling.
2. One problem with ostrich farming in Britain is
 - a) the climate.
 - b) the cost of transporting birds.
 - c) the price of ostrich eggs.

Summary-Completion Questions

- Look at this typical task:
- **You will now hear a short news item. Fill in the gaps in the summary below with the correct word or phrase according to what you hear. The first one has been done for you as an example.**
- The traffic accident in Lidham has caused the death of (1) ____ persons, and a further (2) ____ people have been taken to St. John's (3) ____ for treatment. The northbound and southbound of Avalon Road are still closed, and drivers are advised to avoid the area. Police believe the driver of a (4) ____ lost control of the vehicle before reaching the traffic (5) ____ at the corner of Avalon Road and Batty Avenue. Witnesses told reporters that they heard the lorry sound the (6) ____ moments before it collided with traffic turning into the (7) _____. Anyone requiring further information should telephone the police hotline on (8) _____.

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Gap Filling: Sentence-Completion



- MAKE IT A POINT TO READ THE SENTENCES BEFORE YOU LISTEN



- WRITE YOUR ANSWERS EXACTLY AS YOU HEAR THEM



- RE-CHECK YOUR ANSWERS TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE GRAMMATICALLY FIT



- CHECK FOR CORRECT SPELLING.



- BE ALERT. A WORD LIMIT IS GIVEN; FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE QUESTION ASKS FOR NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS, USE NO MORE THAN 3 WORDS. WRITING 4 WORDS IS WRONG

Matching questions



MATCHING
WORDS/PHRASES/SENTENCE



MATCHING WITH PICTURES

1

Changing the
modifier only

2

Changing the
answer twice

3

Using words that
mean the same
(synonyms)

4

Using opposites
(antonyms)

5

Changing the
wording

True/False Questions traps

Thank you!