

## **IELTS Format**

To get success in IELTS exam, the candidate must well aware with the test pattern and the specific techniques for answering the questions asked in exams. The aspirant must be sure that he or she has prepared completely with this knowledge. Moreover, don't believe those people who tell you that no good preparation is required in IELTS if your English is good. Even if your English is good, you still require learning the accurate capabilities for the test. Usually the experts recommend a time period of almost two weeks for preparation, however this time would depend on your level of awareness with English. The test fees are so high and if you don't get the good band score that you require, and then you have to take the IELTS test again. Similarly in all other examinations, good preparation is the strategy to doing well in the IELTS. You must be sure that you have done it before you appear for the test. You must be well aware with the format of test also.

All aspirants are required to complete the four Modules that include:

- 1. Listening**
- 2. Reading**
- 3. Writing**
- 4. Speaking**

## **Listening**

This module comprises of total four sections and each section carries ten questions. The aspirants will be given question paper which consists of multiple questions including: multiple choice questions (MCQs), short questions, as well as sentence completion, summary, labeling a map or diagram or plan, matching etc. the aspirants will hear the recording just once and answer the questions like they listen. Ten minutes will be given to candidates at the end of recordings.

## **Reading**

There are two sorts of reading modules one for Academic Version while the other for General Training Version, every module contains three sections having forty questions in them. The aspirants will be given three readings which might be taken from advertisements, brochures, newspapers, books and from the magazines as well. Though, the first section consists of texts related to the basic linguistic survival in English whereas the other sections are bit difficult. The aspirants will be provided with twenty minutes for completing each section.

## **Writing**

There are two sorts of writing modules one for Academic Version and the other for General Training Version. In every module aspirants have 20 minutes for the task 1 as well as for writing approximately one hundred and fifty words and 40 minutes for completing task 2 which require round about 250 words.

The aspirants will be specified a diagram or some other data (like graphs, table or chart) in assignment number 1 and they have to present that data in their own words.

While in task 2 there is a point of view, argument or the problem and aspirants have to give their opinion through arguments and diagrams.

## **Speaking**

The speaking module of IELTS test comprises of an oral interview between the applicant and the examiner. This module might take almost 11 to 15 minutes. It consist of three parts, in the first part candidate will familiarize himself to the superintendent and will answer the general questions asked by the examiner. It takes almost 4 to 5 minutes.

Whereas in the second part candidates have to talk on a specific topic for round about 2 to 3 minutes and he has one minute to prepare him or make notes about the particular topic given by the examiner. Examiner can ask questions about the discussion. Though, in third part examiner as well as applicants engages in a dialogue on an abstract issue which is linked to the topic of second part for approximately 5 minutes.

This module will consider whether the applicants can communicate effectively in English. The assessment takes on confidence, stability as well as well-formed precision.

The first three modules which are the Listening, Reading and Writing (always in the same order) are completed on the same day, and obvious these modules are taken without any in between. The Speaking Module might be taken, at the choice of the test centre, after or before the seven days of other modules.