



IELTS

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Overall Band Score - 7.5

Individual Band Score

Listening	-	8
Reading	-	8
Writing	-	6.5
Speaking	-	7

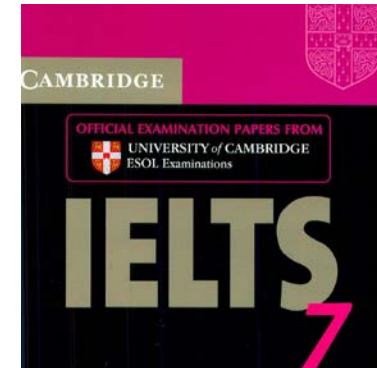
How did I prepare for the exam?

Take preparation course and self study

Preparation course– 3 months

Self Study

- Reference Books: Cambridge IELTS Module (7 to 11)



Preparation - Time Taken

3-4 months

This is intense practice!



Listening

Test format

40 Minutes, 40 Questions, 40 Marks

4 Sections

- A conversation in everyday social situation (2 speakers)
- A person speaking in a social situation (Monologue)
- A conversation in an educational context (up to 4 speakers)
- A lecture on a topic of general academic interest (Monologue)



Listening

Preparation before the exam

1. Improve your listening skills with variety of materials (music, radio, video , News Channels..)
2. Understand the questions format ★
3. Practice regularly! If possible practice one test per day. ★
4. Learn the vocabulary from Listening task of Cambridge IELTS exam papers (module 1 to 11)



Listening



Tips for the exam

- **Read questions carefully** within the allowed time frame
- Make sure you **understand the instructions**
- Be aware the **maximum no. of words** allowed
- ***Do not leave a blank!*** Ensure you answer all the questions. If in doubt, guess and write down what you think might be the correct answer.
- You will have 10 min to written down your answer at the end of this task.
Better not to change you answer at this stage!



Reading

Exam Format

- 60 minutes, total 40 questions

Task Types (around 5 types)

- Question and Answer
- Sentence completion
- Multiple choice question (MCQ)
- Yes, No, Not given/ True, False, Not given
- Matching headings to sections



Reading

Preparation before the exam

- Try to read as widely as possible; News, articles, novel, etc.
- Understand the questions types ★
- Practices regularly. Practice at least one reading passage per day ★



Reading



Tips for the exam

- Manage your time!
- Read the questions first and highlight the keywords!
- Use your skimming skill to get overview
- Look for the keywords and try to answer the questions
- Remember questions appear in the same order as the answers in the text.
- **Write down the answer immediately! Be aware** you will not have specific time to write your answer into the answer sheet as in the Listening task.
- Attempt all questions
- Check your answer!



Writing

Exam Format

Task 1- minimum 150 words, 20 minutes

- Describe information from a chart, diagram, table or graph

Task 2- minimum 250 words, 40 minutes

3 types of essay asking about

1. Opinion
2. Problem/Solution
3. Argument



Writing

Preparation before the exam

- ✓ **Understand the marking scheme**
 - task response
 - Cohesion and coherence
 - Accuracy and grammar
 - Lexical resources (Vocabulary)
- ✓ **Study from model essays** (Cambridge preparation test, online)
- ✓ learn the wide range of vocabulary as much as you can.



Writing

Preparation before the exam

✓ Writing process – always practice as follow

	Task 1 (20 min) 150 words	Task 2 (40 min) 250 words
Plan	3 min	5 min
Write	15 min	33 min
Edit	2 min	2 min



Writing

Preparation – Essay for task 2 should consist of the following

1. Introduction

1. Background information
2. Focus (argumentative, thesis lead, problem/solution)

2. Body (can be 2 to 3 paragraphs)

1. Topic sentences
2. Supporting sentence (example, explanation, effect etc.)
3. Conjunctions

3. Conclusion

1. Summary
2. Opinion



Writing



Tips for the exam

- **Time management is critical!** Don't spend overtime in task 1!! ★
- **Prepare first!** (always follow this logic- **prepare, write and edit**)
- Decide how many paragraph you will going to write for the BODY of the essay. **NOTED- one idea one paragraph** ★
- Should not copy words/sentence directly from question papers. Paraphrase by using your own words.
- Never use bullet points or note forms.
- Spend at least **2 min to do final edit!** Check spelling, grammar and punctuation ★



Speaking

Exam format

This is Face to face conversation- it will last about 10 to 15 min

Consist of 3 parts

- Part 1
 - general questions about yourself, your family and other familiar topics such as home, work etc.
- Part 2
 - based on a topic card, you will need to **talk for one to two minutes**, you will have about **one minute** to prepare
- Part 3
 - Discussion- the examiner will ask questions related to the topic in part 2



Speaking

Preparation before the exam

- **Try to talk in English as much as you can**
- Listen to the talk from various form of media such radio, TV, News channels, documentary.
- Practice talking with your friends or teacher.
- Practice to speak naturally
- Record and assess yourself
- Study old questions and prepare your notes. Keep these notes in separate book. (you can just review this note on the day before your exam)



Speaking

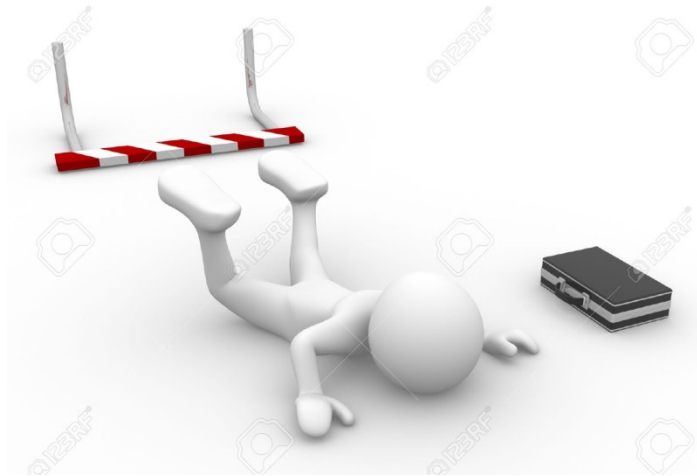


Tips for the exam

- Don't nervous!
- Try to relax and remember to smile.
- Be confidence on you speaking. But not over confidence!
- Try to speak clearly and naturally
- For the part 2 min a topic card question- try to talk continuously until examiner ask you to stop.
- Don't hesitate to ask the question again if you don't understand.

Difficulties

- Difficult to practice everyday
- Limited time for studying due to overload with work
- During the test, spend too much time on writing task test 1. Hence, didn't have time to edit and check test 2 essay which is more important than test 1.



Advices on the day before the exam



- Ensure you have full energy!
- Try to have enough food and sleep
- Review your notes. Don't panic if you don't have enough time to review all the notes.
- Wake up early and have a good breakfast.
- Arrive to the exam hall on time.
- Control your excitement!
- If you are calm and relax, you will have a better concentration during the exam. Remember, exam last nearly 3 hours.

Thank you for your attention