

**Read the following text quickly to find the answers to your quiz questions**

**The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam: exam format**

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| <p><b>Listening</b><br/><b>Time: 30 minutes</b></p> <p>Candidates listen to a number of recorded texts once only. The texts increase in difficulty as the test progresses. They include a mixture of conversations and dialogues and feature a variety of English accents. The candidates are given a limited time to read the questions before listening. After the listening test candidates are given 10 minutes to transfer their answers to an answer sheet.</p> <p>N.B marks are not generally awarded for incorrect spelling of answers. Occasionally marks are awarded for particular variants of spelling.</p> |  |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Academic Reading</b><br/><b>Time: 60 minutes</b></p> <p>There are three reading passages with different kinds of questions to answer. Texts are taken from books, magazines, journals and newspapers, all written for a non-specialist audience. Answers are recorded on an answer sheet within the hour.</p>   |  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>General Training Reading</b><br/><b>Time: 60 minutes</b></p> <p>The texts are based on the type of material candidates would be expected to meet on a daily basis in an English speaking country. They are taken from sources such as newspapers, advertisements, instruction manuals and books. Answers are recorded on an answer sheet within the hour.</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Academic Writing</b><br/><b>Time: 60 minutes</b></p> <p>For the first task, candidates write a report of around 150 words based on material found in a graph, chart, table or diagram, demonstrating their ability to describe and explain data. For the second task candidates write an essay of around 250 words in response to a given topic. They are expected to demonstrate an ability to discuss issues, construct an argument and use the appropriate tone and register.</p>  |  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>General Training Writing</b><br/><b>Time: 60 minutes</b></p> <p>The first task requires candidates to write a letter either asking for information, or explaining a situation. The second task is an essay of around 250 words, and is written in response to a given title. Candidates are expected to be able to present their own ideas and challenge other ideas, using appropriate tone and register.</p> |
| <p><b>Speaking</b><br/><b>Time 11-14 Minutes</b></p> <p>The test takes the form of a one-to-one interview between the candidate and the examiner. Candidates are asked questions, speak for one to two minutes on a given topic (one minute is given for making notes and preparing what you want to say), and answer further questions expressing opinion and speculation.</p>   |  |  |