

## LANGUAGE TESTING, EVALUATION AND FEEDBACK: IELTS

### PRIMARY TESTS

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**Abstract:** In order to form the ability to read the original literature on the specialty, to participate in oral communication in a foreign language in the process of training future personnel in the system of higher education in the country and finding the necessary information for scientific purposes, English lessons wishing.

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Today, foreign language skills are becoming an integral part of professional education. Specialists in various fields have a high level of cooperation with foreign partners, so they have a high demand for language learning. In modern society, foreign languages are becoming an important part of vocational education. Such knowledge is first acquired by people in schools, colleges, high schools, and later in institutes, training courses, or by familiarizing themselves with basic information sets that help them learn a foreign language independently. Today there is a large collection of teaching materials for people with different levels of language skills. Success in achieving this goal depends on the practical methods and skills of teachers. Therefore, it is important for everyone to assess their level of knowledge and understand how much they know science or language. If you are faced with the need to take an international test that determines your level of English proficiency, then you are planning to move abroad in the near future to continue your studies or work. Reputable universities and employers set very high requirements for candidates, including the minimum scores obtained for a particular language test.

Also, if you only want to move to live in another country, you will need to take one of the international exams that will determine your level of English. Currently, it is impossible not to pass some tests, in any case you will get at least one point, some have a grade of "No" in the exam grading system - not passed.

Of course, it is better to score maximum points. But you should not forget that your result depends not only on the level of English, but also on the preparation for the exam format. Each of the language tests has its own characteristics, plus there is a certain amount of time allotted for the task, which may not be enough for you if you don't anticipate how many minutes you will spend on which task. For example, IELTS is a good point to start.

IELTS - International English Language Testing System - is one of the most famous systems for testing foreigners in English. IELTS test results are required to obtain a work visa, the right to permanent residence and citizenship of some English-speaking countries. In addition, the results of passing this particular test must be provided by applicants for admission to a bachelor's degree in most higher educational institutions in the countries of the British Commonwealth. There are two types of IELTS tests:

General (General Training IELTS) - taken by persons wishing to immigrate to New Zealand, Canada or Australia. The assignments are designed to test knowledge of basic everyday communication skills.

Academic (Academic IELTS) - applicants who enter the university take it, respectively, the tasks are designed to assess a person's readiness to study in English.

Academic testing is carried out 48 times, and general testing - 24 times throughout the year. The structure of the exam remains the same regardless of the variety selected.

To take the test, it is enough to contact one of 900 testing centers located in 130 countries around the world.

Listening - Listening

Listening - checking the skills of listening to English-language information. This part is carried out exactly the same for both the general and academic versions of the test. The test taker is given a special booklet with the test tasks (Listening Question Booklet), as well as the Listening Answer Sheet - an examination sheet, where you will need to cleanly rewrite the answers. In 30 minutes, the test taker must listen to the

audio recording and answer 40 questions in the booklet. Then another 10 minutes are allocated for filling out the examination sheet (transferring answers from the booklet to it).

The Listening part is assessed by the number of correct answers. Wrong answers are not counted. Moreover, each task has its own "estimated value".

How to prepare for the Listening part?

To successfully cope with listening, you need to be able to analyze information and grasp the main idea of the text. To do this, you need to listen to English speech as much as possible: radio broadcasts, television, your favorite TV shows and films. Also on the Internet there are a lot of materials from past years, on which you can prepare. You can hone your English language comprehension skills with the help of special online simulators offered by the British Council website.

Tip: During the listening process, you should not waste time checking the answers, since you will not be able to recover the text in your head. Better to focus on the next task.

Reading - Reading

Reading - reading. Within 60 minutes, the test taker must answer 40 questions in several texts. This block consists of three parts. If testing is carried out according to the general version, then the texts are selected light, on general topics. The first part of the test includes 2-3 texts with a total volume of up to 1,000 words, the second - 2 texts with a total volume of up to 1,000 words, the third - one text with a total volume of 650 to 1,000 words. When testing the academic version, texts are taken from books, newspapers or scientific journals. In each section, the test taker is offered one text from 650 to 1,000 words. Thus, the total length of all texts that are offered to the test taker, both in the general and in the academic version, is 2150 - 2750 words.

The Reading part is evaluated by the number of correct answers. Wrong answers are not counted. The answer to each question is worth one point.

It takes a lot of hard practice to speak freely with the examiner on any topic. It is advisable to start communicating with native speakers, you can find such a friend on special services (paid and free), where users help each other in learning foreign languages. In addition to communicating with the native speaker, you can listen to authentic radio, watch movies and TV shows without translation or subtitling.

The results of passing the IELTS test are evaluated on a scale from 0 to 9 points (assessment step - 0.5 points). Each of the four sections of the test is assessed separately, then the average score is displayed.

The total test score is the arithmetic mean of the sum of the scores of the four sections. The results of this test are considered valid for two years.

Examples of IELTS certificates

After the first two people passed IELTS in 1989 in its modern form, the appearance of the certificate changed several times.

Currently, heavier paper is used, a photograph of the candidate has been added and the scores are displayed in a new format.

In conclusion, similarly to every other invention computers have their benefits and drawbacks, I personally think it all depends upon how we use the given tools. Moderation is the key here to keep the balance and allow us to live in harmony. This is a good essay, nice vocabulary, a little too long (340 words instead of 250), a few grammatical mistakes. The topic is not fully covered (what about the "things will they be used for in the future" part?). In conclusion, I can say that learning a new language is not an obligation, it is so much easier to learn it as a hobby or a hobby. How much you adapt to the process or create an interesting environment is often up to the student. Discipline, responsibility and patience are the foundation of any success.

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