

Do you know the 4 Sections of the IELTS Academic Exam?

Be better prepared,
Know what to expect.

1. Listening (30 minutes with 10 minutes to transfer answers)

- Listening only ONCE; progressively more difficult
- 4 parts with 10 questions, each worth 1 mark
 - Part 1: 2 people, an everyday context conversation
 - Part 2: 1 person, a monologue on a general topic
 - Part 3: 2-4 people, an academic context conversation
 - Part 4: 1 person, a monologue in an academic context



2. Reading (1hr including transferring answers)



- 40 questions, each worth 1 mark. Each section becomes a bit more difficult than the one before
- 3 different long texts, academic in nature but not specialized
- Read the instructions very carefully. The instructions and question will tell you exactly what information you need to find in the text and the type of answer that you need.

3. Writing (1 hour total)

Writing Task 1: 20 minutes | 150 words

- WT 1: You will need to accurately describe and summarize visual information presented in the form of a diagram, map, graph or table.

Writing Task 2: 40 minutes | 250 words

- WT 2: You write a discursive essay on a given opinion, problem or issue you will need to discuss.

Do not use bullet points, abbreviations or prepared answers



4. Speaking (11-14 minutes)

- 3 Parts with different speaking styles. Do not worry about the time, the examiner will stop you. Keep speaking!
- Part 1 (4-5 minutes): questions on familiar, everyday topics
- Part 2 (3-4 minutes): a monologue on a familiar topic, e.g., "describe a good friend".
- Part 3 (4-5 minutes): the examiner will ask you more detailed and abstract questions about the topic in Part 2, e.g., "how important is friendship to you?"

