

# IELTS Syllabus

## IELTS Reading Section

This section comprises three general texts on the topics relevant for the candidates who want to study undergraduate and postgraduate courses, work, or migrate to countries abroad.

- The reading modules contain three sections with 40 questions which are majorly MCQs.
- Identifying data for short answer questions, sentence or summary completion, identifying writer's attitudes/views and matching list or phrases are some of the areas where the skills of candidates are examined.
- Students will be provided 30 minutes to solve the section. Tabulated below are the major differences between the IELTS syllabus of the 2 types of Reading sections:

### IELTS Reading: Academic vs General

#### IELTS Syllabus-Academic

Three long paragraphs are given which could be factual, descriptive or analytical.

The probable source of the paragraphs are newspapers, books, journals, research works, etc. and aim to examine the English skills of working professionals or students.

#### IELTS Syllabus- General Training

Three paragraphs are similar in structure to the academic section and can be extracted from the company guidelines, advertisements, brochures, etc.

## IELTS Writing Section

In this section, the candidates will be evaluated on their skills to fluently write a general report or a short essay.

- There are only two questions in the portion of the IELTS exam. In the first question, the candidates will be provided with a diagram, data, or a table and then they have to represent the information in their own words. The word limit of this question is 150 words.
- In the second question, candidates are provided with an argument, or point of view problems. The objective is to assess the candidate on the opinion, justifications, ideas, and evidence they provide for the answer. In total, the candidates will be provided 60 minutes to solve this section.

## IELTS Writing: Academic vs General

### IELTS Syllabus-Academic

Number of Questions: 2

Candidate has to recapitulate and define the provided diagram or data within

150 words essay based on the definition of 1st answer inclusive of the examples

### IELTS Syllabus- General Training

Number of Questions: 2

Candidates have to write a letter as per the given situation. It can be personal, formal, semi-formal depending upon the questions.

The applicant will also be required to write an essay to support the letter, citing the relevant instances (if any)

## IELTS Listening Section

This section of the IELTS exam is divided into four parts where the candidates will be provided with audio clips. While the first would be about social needs, the other two would be related to situations regarding education. The audio clips could either be a dialogue or a monologue that will run for a duration of around three minutes and will be played once only. Based on these clips, short-answers, note completion, MCQ and many other types of questions will be asked. The IELTS syllabus of this section consists of-

- Audio 1- Dialogue based on social contexts
- Audio 2- Monologue about the everyday social issues
- Audio 3- Conversation between 4 people regarding education
- Audio 4- Monologue on an academic subject

## IELTS Speaking Section

Conducted as an interview, this section examines the general communication skills of the candidates. It would ultimately lead to complete analysis of whether the candidate can speak proficiently in English or not. A three-tier process, this section of the IELTS syllabus will start with a short introduction, individual long-run, and a final in-depth discussion. Listed below are the components assessed in this section:

### Part 1 (Introduction Followed by an interview)

In this task, the candidates have to introduce themselves talking about their family, hobbies, interests, educational background, etc in about 4-5 minutes.

### Part 2 (Long Turn)

In this part of IELTS speaking, the candidates will be provided with a flashcard with a topic written on it. They can take a few minutes to think, familiarize themselves with the topic given,

and then speak on it for 2-3 minutes. Afterwards, the interviewer might also some questions to evaluate the candidate's understanding of the topic.

### Part 3 (Discussion)

There would be a detailed discussion on the topic given in Part 2 and the candidate's speech as well as comprehension. You will get the chance to delve deeper into the topic and cover it in an elaborated manner. This task generally encompasses the duration of 5-6 minutes.