

Do you know the 4 Sections of the IELTS General Training 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 (1 hr including transferring answers)



- 40 questions, each worth 1 mark. Each section becomes a bit more difficult than the one before
- 3 different sections varying in length, often work related
- 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.

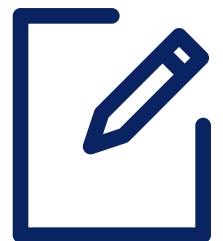
3. Writing (1 hour total)

Writing Task 1: 20 minutes | 150 words

- WT 1: You will write a letter in response to a given situation.
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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?"

