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What is IELTS Academic?

It is the standardized international test designed to assess whether your English language proficiency is suitable for an academic environment (Undergraduate, Postgraduate, or Professional Registration).

Global Acceptance: Required and recognized by over 12,000 top-tier universities, Ivy League institutions, and medical/scientific boards worldwide (including the US, UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand).

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IELTS Academic - Listening Module

Tests your ability to understand main ideas, factual details, and academic discussions.

- **Duration: Approximatly 30 minutes (Plus 10 mins transfer time for Paperbased / 2 mins review time for Computer-delivered).**
- **Structure: 40 Questions across 4 Sections (10 questions per section).**

Detailed Breakdown:

- **Section 1 (Social/Transactional): A conversation between two people in an everyday social context (e.g., booking accommodation).**
- **Section 2 (Social Monologue): One person speaking in an everyday context (e.g., a speech about a local museum).**
- **Section 3 (Academic Context): A discussion between up to 4 people in an educational setting (e.g., a professor and students discussing a research project).**

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- **Section 4 (Academic Monologue): A university-level lecture or talk on an academic subject (e.g., a lecture on environmental science).**

Common Question Types: Form/Note completion, Multiple Choice, Matching, Map/Diagram labeling, Sentence completion.

IELTS Academic - Reading Module

Evaluates advanced academic skills like skimming, scanning, critical reading, and logical reasoning.

- **Duration: 60 minutes (Strictly NO extra transfer time allowed).**
- **Structure: 40 Questions across 3 long passages.**

Detailed Breakdown:

- **Passage 1 (~13 Questions): Factual, direct, and descriptive text.**
- **Passage 2 (~13 Questions): Closer analysis, detailed discursive text.**

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- **Passage 3 (~14 Questions): Complex, argumentative text focusing on opinions, theories, and abstract concepts.**

Source of Texts: **Authentic books, academic journals, magazines, and newspapers written for a non-specialist audience but maintaining a universitylevel tone.**

Common Question Types: **True / False / Not Given, Yes / No / Not Given, Matching Headings, Matching Information, Summary completion.**

IELTS Academic - Writing Module

Assesses your ability to write formally, analyze data accurately, and structure complex academic arguments.

- **Duration: 60 minutes (Recommended: 20 mins for Task 1, 40 mins for Task 2).**
- **Structure: 2 Mandatory Tasks.**

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Detailed Breakdown:

Task 1 (Data Analysis): You are presented with a visual representation (Graph, Chart, Table, Map, or Process Diagram). You must describe, summarize, or explain the data in your own words.
Minimum: 150 words.

Task 2 (Academic Essay): You must write a formal, structured essay in response to a specific point of view, argument, or problem. Your tone must be strictly formal and objective.
Minimum: 250 words.

Assessment Criteria: Task Achievement (25%), Coherence & Cohesion (25%), Lexical Resource (25%), Grammatical Range & Accuracy (25%).

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IELTS Academic - Speaking Module

A face-to-face interactive interview with a certified examiner to test real-world communication.

- **Duration: 11 to 14 minutes.**
- **Structure: 3 Distinct Parts.**

Detailed Breakdown:

- **Part 1 (Introduction - 3-4 mins): Warm-up questions about familiar topics (example : your studies, hometown, hobbies).**
- **Part 2 (The Long Turn - 3-4 mins): You receive a cue card with a topic. You have 1 minute to prepare/take notes and must speak for 1- 2 minutes uninterrupted.**
- **Part 3 (Analytical Discussion - 4-5 mins): A deeper, abstract discussion with the examiner based on the topic in Part 2, testing your ability to speculate, analyze, and justify opinions.**

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Summary Matrix - IELTS Academic

- **Total Time:** ~2 Hours 45 Minutes.
- **Scoring:** Band Scale from 1 to 9 for each module, with an Overall Band Score.
- **Focus:** Proof of English readiness for high-level academic success.

IELTS ACADEMIC – SCORE CALCULATION GUIDE

1. Objective Scoring (Listening & Reading) -
Both modules contain 40 questions. Each correct answer gives you 1 raw mark. Your raw marks are converted into the official 1–9 Band Scale.

Listening Band Conversion (Same for Academic & General)

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Raw Score (Out of 40)	IELTS Band Score
39 – 40	9.0
37 – 38	8.5
35 – 36	8.0
32 – 34	7.5
30 – 31	7.0
26 – 29	6.5
23 – 25	6.0
19 – 22	5.5
16 – 18	5.0

Academic Reading Band Conversion (Strict Grading)

Raw Score (Out of 40)	IELTS Band Score
39 – 40	9.0
37 – 38	8.5
35 – 36	8.0
32 – 34	7.5
30 – 31	7.0
26 – 29	6.5
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2. Subjective Scoring (Writing & Speaking)

Speaking Module An examiner grades your performance from 1 to 9 based on 4 equally weighted criteria (25% each):

1. Fluency and Coherence (FC)
2. Lexical Resource (LR) (Vocabulary)
3. Grammatical Range and Accuracy (GRA)
4. Pronunciation (P)

Formula: {Speaking Band} = {FC} + {LR} + {GRA} + {P}/{4}

Academic Writing Module Your Writing score is heavily weighted toward Task 2. Task 2 is worth two-thirds (2/3) of the total score, while Task 1 is worth only one-third (1/3).

Both tasks are graded on 4 criteria: Task Achievement/Response, Coherence & Cohesion, Lexical Resource, and Grammar.

Formula: {Total Writing Band} = ({Task 1 Score} + {Task 2 Score x 2})/3

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3. Academic Overall Band Score & Rounding

Rule The Overall Band Score is the average of all 4 modules, rounded to the nearest whole or half band according to official Cambridge specifications:

- **Ends in .00 to .24 ➡ Rounds DOWN to the nearest whole band**
- **Ends in .25 to .74 ➡ Rounds to the nearest HALF band**
- **Ends in .75 to .99 ➡ Rounds UP to the nearest whole band**