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Course Structure



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London House of Career will rigorously cover the following topics within its IELTS Course.

1. Introduction to IELTS and pitfalls
2. Official Statistical data
3. Myth about Tricks and Tips
4. Why Grammar is important in IELTS

1. READING

Understanding patterns of organization and structure

Developing vocabulary (attached handouts)

Determining topic, main points and supporting details

Patterns of Organization and Structure:

- Why is it important to understand the structure of reading material?
- Better understand writer's purpose and main point(s)
- Helps with overall comprehension if you know how all the components of a passage are working together
- Can predict what is coming next in a work
- Can help improve reading rate
- If you can guess what's coming next, you can read faster through those sections

Patterns and Signal Words

There are several patterns of organizational structure – see page 3 of this handout.

Topics and Main Ideas

In order to really understand your reading material, you need to comprehend and distinguish between:

- The topic of a reading passage
- The main idea of a passage (including finding the topic sentence of a paragraph)
- The supporting details

1.1 Implied main idea Effective scanning skills (6 ways)

1.2 Effective Skimming skills

1.3 Focus on key words (how to determine key words)

1.4 Passage orientation for effective reading

1.5 Focus on Key words (how to determine key words)

1.6 Critical reading skills and Strategy

1.7 Using skills learnt in Section 5 and combined with some tips and tricks to improve scores

2 Question Types covered

2.1 short answers

2.2 sentence completion

2.3 summary completion

2.4 multiple choice



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- 2.5 table completion
- 2.6 labelling flow charts / processes
- 2.7 matching
- 2.8 paragraph selection
- 2.9 True, False, Not Given
- 2.10 Yes, No, Not Given
- 2.11 Headings
- 2.12 Diagrams

WRITING

Understanding what writing means and why transition words play a major role in Writing

- 1.1 How to write all types of IELTS writing task 1?
- 1.2 Line graph
- 1.3 Pie chart
- 1.4 Bar chart
- 1.5 Table
- 1.6 Mixed
- 1.7 Maps and Process
- 1.8 What you need to know about the IELTS writing task 2
- 1.9 Sharpening your writing skills
- 1.10 General structure
- 1.11 How to write a good introduction, using a 3-4 sentence rule devised by London House?
- 1.12 How to write a body paragraph, using 4-5 sentence rule devised by London House?
- 1.13 How to write a good conclusion, using 1-2 sentence rule devised by London House?
- 1.14 How to write all types of IELTS writing task 2, Using a unique grid system devised by London House?
- 1.15 Opinion essay
- 1.16 One-sided approach
- 1.17 Balanced approach
- 1.18 One-sided vs. Balanced
- 1.19 Discussion essay
- 1.20 Advantage & Disadvantage essays
- 1.21 Cause & Effect/Solution essays
- 1.22 Direct-question essays

LISTENING

- 1. Orientating yourself to the text
- 1.1 Listening for specific information
- 1.2 What are the key words?
- 1.3 IELTS Section 1 task - table and note completion
- 1.4 IELTS Section 1 task - form filling



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2. Identifying detail
 - 2.1 When do we need to listen for detail?
3. IELTS Section 1 task - multiple-choice pictures for detail
 - 3.1 Identifying main ideas
 - 3.2 What are the speakers talking about?
 - 3.3 What are the main ideas and how are they are developed?
4. IELTS Section 2 task - multiple choice and note completion
 - 4.1 Seeing beyond the surface meaning
 - 4.2 What does the speaker mean exactly?
 - 4.3 How can we interpret intonation?
5. Following signpost words
 - 5.1 What are 'signpost words'?
 - 5.2 How do they help us to understand?
6. IELTS Section 3 task - note completion and labelling a diagram
7. Being aware of stress, rhythm and intonation
 - 7.1 How do intonation and word stress help us to understand?
8. IELTS Section 4 task - following a talk
 - 8.1 flow chart table/flow chart completion and multiple choice

SPEAKING SKILLS

1. Part one of the Speaking test - the interview
 - 1.1 Becoming more fluent
 - 1.2 Willingness to participate and expand
2. Part two of the Speaking test - **the** long turn
 - 2.1 Preparing your talk
 - 2.2 Explaining how you feel – now and then
 - 2.3 Giving short answers to the follow-up questions
3. Part three of the Speaking test - the discussion
 - 3.1 Exploring the theme
 - 3.2 Producing a reasoned response
 - 3.3 Taking command
 - 3.4 Pause words and prompts
 - 3.5 Understanding the relationship of written opinions Vs Spoken Opinions
 - 3.6 Effective Signal words and their usage

The complete course is conducted in accordance with British Standard, and using the following materials:

1. British Council (UK)
2. Cambridge International (UK)
3. Oxford University (UK)
4. Trinity College (London)
5. London House of Career

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