International English Language Testing System

IELTS Academic Test Format

Description	SPEAKING	LISTENING	READING	WRITING
Duration	10- 15 minutes	30 minutes + 10minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes
Number of Sections	Introduction + 3	4	3	2
Number of Questions	5-6 questions	10 questions in each section = 40 questions	40 questions	2 questions
Nature of Questions	Short questions about personal interests. Counter questions are picked from the answers given .	MCQ, Fill in the blanks, Complete Flowchart, Diagrams or Label plan or maps , Complete a table & so on.	Fill in gaps in passage or table , Match headings, Complete sentences , Short answers to open questions ,Multiple choice questions , Diagrams or maps & so on	1.Reports writing 2. Essay Writing
Marking	1.Fluency and Coherence 2.Lexical Resource 3.Grammatical Range & Accuracy 4.Pronunciation	Each question carries one mark . Scores are reported in whole & half bands .Score of 40 is converted to 9- band scale	Each question carries one mark . Scores are reported in whole & half bands	1.Spellings & Coherence 2.Lexical Resource 3.Grammatical range & Accuracy 4.Punctuations