



# ROAD TO IELTS

Information about the test





## The reading test

### The basics

**The reading test** has 40 questions to answer in total. All questions are equally important: you get one mark for each correct answer. The test lasts for 60 minutes. This includes time to copy your answers onto the answer sheet. No additional time is given to transfer your answers at the end of 60 minutes.

The content of the test will depend on whether you are taking the Academic or General Training modules.

### Academic module overview

This module contains three reading texts. Texts come from magazines, journals, books and newspapers and are written for a general or non-specialist audience. Texts may include diagrams, graphs and illustrations.

### General Training module overview

This module contains three sections of progressively more difficult content.

Section	Focus
1	may contain two or three short texts relevant to basic linguistic survival in English, such as public notices, advertisements and timetables
2	contains two texts which focus on the workplace environment, such as job descriptions, contracts and staff development and training materials
3	one long text designed to test your ability to cope with longer, more complex passages found in newspapers, magazines, and fiction and non-fiction book extracts

### What kind of tasks to expect

Expect to find a variety of task types and answer formats in both test modules. Here are examples of the main task types. You may also find short-answer questions, summary completion and table completion as well as various forms of multiple choice.

Any of the following (though not all) may appear in any section:

- Sentence completion
- Various kinds of matching
- Labelling flow-charts or other kinds of diagram
- Identifying the writer's claims or views
- Identifying information

## Sentence completion

This completion task is linked to a text in the test about emergency procedures on a school campus.

### Questions 1–8



Complete the sentences below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** from the text for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 1–8 on your answer sheet.

- 1 In an emergency, a teacher will either phone the office or .....
- 2 The signal for evacuation will normally be several .....
- 3 If possible, students should leave the building by the .....

## Various kinds of matching

This matching task is linked to a text in the test which gives a list of beneficial work practices for keyboard operators.

### Questions 15–21



The text on the next page has seven sections, **A–G**.

Choose the correct heading for each section from the list of headings below.

Write the correct number, **i–x**, in boxes 15–21 on your answer sheet.

#### List of Headings

- i How can reflection problems be avoided?
- ii How long should I work without a break?
- iii What if I experience any problems?
- iv When is the best time to do filing chores?
- v What makes a good seat?
- vi What are the common health problems?
- vii What is the best kind of lighting to have?
- viii What are the roles of management and workers?
- ix Why does a VDU create eye fatigue?
- x Where should I place the documents?

- 15 Section A
- 16 Section B
- 17 Section C