

# IELTS Syllabus 2024-25

You must have heard about the IELTS exam in your friend circle or from your relatives who want to pursue their education abroad or migrate to foreign countries for other reasons like a job. Anyone who wants to go overseas must pass the IELTS exam. Understanding and practicing the IELTS syllabus is the best way to do so. The IELTS syllabus 2024-25 is different for students going abroad to pursue their education than those going for other opportunities.

The IELTS exam syllabus differs for Academic (for education purposes) and General Training (for other purposes). The Cambridge IELTS syllabus consists of four main sections: Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening. Check the section-wise detailed syllabus.

## IELTS Syllabus

Candidates seeking admission overseas and needing an IELTS score must familiarize themselves with the IELTS exam syllabus. The IELTS exam comes in two versions: IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training. Applicants can review the IELTS exam syllabus depending on the type of IELTS score required.

The IELTS test curriculum is split into four main parts – Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening. To excel and achieve a high score on the IELTS test, candidates need to thoroughly prepare for the IELTS exam curriculum covered extensively in this.

## Cambridge IELTS Syllabus

There are two types of IELTS exams: Academic and General Training. Academic studies are designed for individuals interested in furthering their education in a country where English is the primary language. General Training is designed for individuals who are interested in working or relocating to countries like that.

The IELTS curriculum consists of four primary components: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking, each with its own specific topics for evaluation.

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The IELTS curriculum differs between the IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training formats. Candidates must understand that both IELTS versions are crucial for accurately assessing their language skills in listening, reading, writing, and speaking. Before knowing the detailed syllabus, candidates should check the IELTS exam pattern.

Test Type	Academic IELTS	General Training IELTS	Duration
Listening	4 Sections, 40 Questions	4 Sections, 40 Questions	30 Minutes
Reading	3 Passages, 40 Questions	Multiple Texts, 40 Questions	60 Minutes
Writing	Task 1: Describe Data, Task 2: Essay	Task 1: Write a letter, Task 2: Essay	60 Minutes
Speaking	Part 1: Background, Part 2: Topic, Part 3: Discussion	Part 1: Background, Part 2: Topic, Part 3: Discussion	11-14 Minutes

## IELTS Syllabus 2025 Sectionwise

As mentioned, the IELTS curriculum consists of four parts. This table breakdown IELTS exam syllabus sectionwise.

Test Type	Description	Duration
Listening Section	Applicants have to listen to recorded texts and answer questions. This section have; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Recorded Texts &amp;</li> <li>• 40 Questions</li> </ul>	30 Minutes
Reading Section	Applicants have to read lengthy passages and answer questions given. This section have; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Passages &amp;</li> <li>• 40 Questions</li> </ul>	60 Minutes
Writing Section	Applicants have to attempt two tasks as per topics from board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing Task 1 (150 Words)</li> <li>• Writing Task 2 (250 Words)</li> </ul>	60 Minutes

Speaking Section	Speaking section is divided into 3 parts in which candidates are required to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer general question on themselves,</li> <li>• Talk on a particular topic form cue card,</li> <li>• Answer question related to part 2.</li> </ul>	11-14 Minutes
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## Syllabus for Reading Section

Candidates are required to answer to 40 questions related to three or more passages in this section for the Academic IELTS and for the General Training IELTS. A total of 60 minutes will be allotted to finish this section.

Common topics like science, history, culture and environmental issues are covered for this section.

Category	Description
Passages	3 passages from books, journals, magazines and newspapers
Duration	60 Minutes
Questions	40 questions
Topics	Subjects such as Science, History, Culture, or Environmental issues
Skills	Reading comprehension, skimming, scanning, identifying main ideas, understanding specific details, recognizing options and attitudes, inferring and summarizing.
Type	Multiple Choice, Identifying Information (True or False), Identify writers views/claims (Yes or No), Matching information, Matching headings, Matching features, Matching sentence, Sentence completion, Summary, Flow chart completion, Diagram labeling, Short answer questions.

## Syllabus for Writing Section

Candidates have to finish two tasks (say Task 1 & Task 2) within 60 minutes. Task 1 in Academic IELTS required providing a description of a graph, table, chart or diagram, whereas Task 2 involves essay writing on a designated subject.

For General Training IELTS, Task 1 involves composing a letter and Task 2 involves writing an essay based on specific subject.

Task	Syllabus	Time	Aspects
1	Describe a graph, table, chart or diagram	20 Minutes	Clarity, coherence, grammar, vocabulary etc.
2	Write an essay on given topic	40 Minutes	Clarity, coherence, grammar, vocabulary, topic handling ability etc.

## Syllabus for Speaking Section

Speaking section comprises three parts, in person interview with time duration 11-14 minutes. The part 1 includes answering generic questions about candidates history, hobbies, background and experiences. For part 2, the candidate has to talk on any particular topic. In part 3, an abstract explanation of the subjects covered in part 2.

Part	Description	Time	Aspects
1	Answer general questions about your background, interests, and experiences	4-5 Minutes	Fluency, accuracy, vocabulary and pronunciation
2	Prepare for 1 minute with prompt card and speak on that topic for 1-2 minutes	3-4 Minutes	Fluency, accuracy, vocabulary, pronunciation, and ability to organize thoughts and ideas
3	Two way discussion based on topic from Part 2 (Examiner will ask questions related the topic)	4-5 Minutes	Fluency, accuracy, vocabulary, pronunciation, and ability to express

## Syllabus for Listening Section

In Listening section, a total of 40 questions which are divided into four sections. With in 30 minutes, the candidate needs to finish the test.

Part	Description	Questions	Aspects
1	Conversation (2 Speakers)	10	Social context, every day topics
2	Monologue (1 Speaker)	10	Social context, every day topics
3	Conversation (4 speakers)	10	Academic or Educational Topic
4	Monologue (1 Speaker)	10	Academic or Educational Topic