

IELTS FAQs for Test Day

1. Is the IELTS test completed in one day?

- The Listening, Reading and Writing sections of the test are always completed in a day. They are undertaken immediately after each other without any break. The Speaking test may be taken up to 7 days either before or after the test date.

2. What if I am delayed by circumstances beyond my control (eg a transport strike)?

- The test centre may offer you a test on the next available test date.

3. What can I bring into the examination room?

- You are allowed to bring only pens, pencils and erasers to the exam hall. Also you are to get your passport/national identity card that you used while registering for the IELTS.
- Any other item including Mobile phones and pagers must be switched off and kept outside the area in the supervision of the concerned personnel. If you do not switch off your phone/pager or keep it on you, you will be disqualified.

4. Which part do I take first?

- Take the Listening test first followed by the Reading and Writing sections. You may take the Speaking test up to 7 days either before or after the test date.

5. Which accents can be heard in the Listening and Speaking tests?

- As IELTS is an international test, many sorts of English accents are used and hence heard in both of these tests.

6. Does the Listening tape provide instructions and pauses?

- Yes. At the time of initiation, certain instructions are given to you and a sample question is exemplified. Then you are to read section 1 questions, listen to section 1 part and then answer the questions for the same. The same continues for sections 2, 3 and 4. The last 10 minutes are given to mark the answers in the answer sheet.

7. Are the 10 minutes given in the Reading test as in Listening section to transfer answers to the answer sheet?

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- No. The Reading test is one hour and you have to complete the section by transferring the answers within this time.

8. Can I use a pen for the Listening and Reading tests?

- No. You can't use a pen. You have to write it in pencil. This is because the answer sheet is scanned by a computer which cannot read pen.

9. Can I make notes on the Listening and Reading question papers?

- Yes. You can. Your question paper is not checked by the IELTS Examiner.

10. What is the Speaking test?

- The Speaking test is a conversation which is recorded in an audiocassette or a digital recorder with a certified IELTS Examiner. This test comprises of three sections.

11. What do I need for the Speaking test?

- You are to get your passport/national identity card that you used while registering for the IELTS. Your ID will be checked before you enter the interview room.