Introduction to IELTS

Writing



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WRITING

• 2 Tasks: A Report + An Essay

Total time: 60 minutes

Word limit: 150 for task 1 and 250 for task 2

Time management: ________

Scoring: Task 2 is weighed more than task 1

We've gathered top IELTS Writing tips that will help you score band 8+ on IELTS Writing:

- 1. Read the question and cover all answers
- 2. Always write an outline
- 3. Read what you have written
- 4. Be clear
- 5. Follow the standard structure

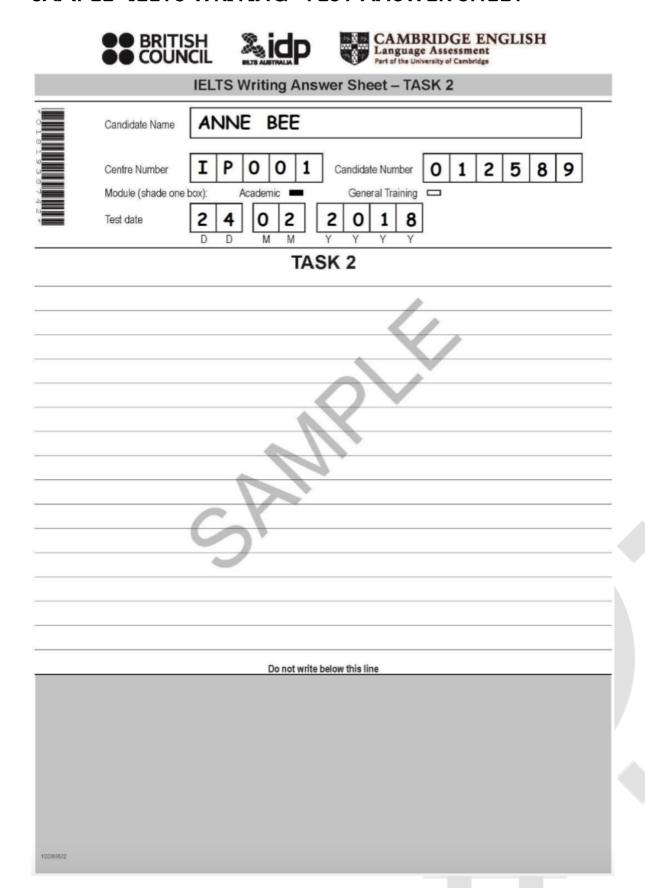
IELTS Writing task 1 should be written as follows:

- Introduction: briefly describe what your graph shows.
- Overview: state main trends.
- Specific details: describe specific changes, providing data.

IELTS Writing task 2 answer should have such backbone:

- Introduction: paraphrase the topic + give your opinion.
- Body paragraphs: each should have its main idea, which is generally stated in the first sentence.
- Conclusion: paraphrase your opinion from the introduction.
- 6. Never use informal language in academic writing
- 7. Don't learn model answers by heart
- 8. Write clearly and coherently
- 9. Good Vocabulary is a plus

SAMPLE "IELTS WRITING" TEST ANSWER SHEET



Writing Task 2 Strategies

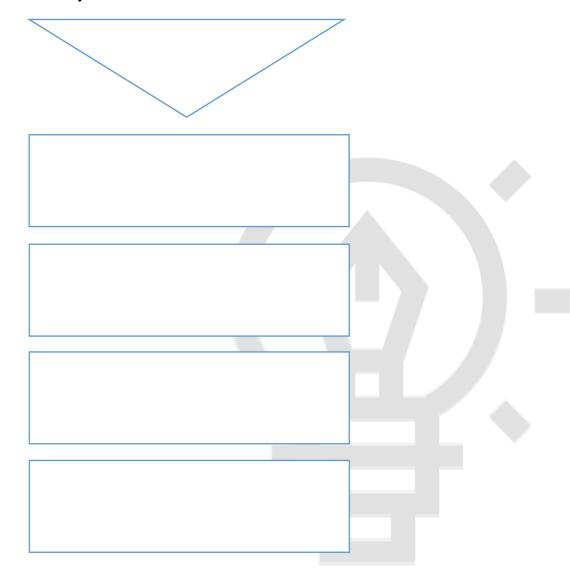
In order to be prepared for the real test, at least you have to cover all of the below essay topics. The more you write, the better your performance will be.

Essay Topic List

- Art
- Education
- Environment
- Friends and family
- Government and society
- Health

- Jobs and Employment
- Relationships
- Science and technology
- Sport
- Travel and tourism
- TV, music and media

• The Famous Five Essay



Pattern

- O People equate success with money.
- O Therefore, before the situation gets worse, the government should find a stricter measure to handle that issue.

Lexical Resource



Example:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Many childhood diseases can now be prevented through the use of vaccines. Parents should be made by law to immunize their children against common diseases.

Thesis Statement:		
Try writing an introduction:		
General Information:		
Counter Argument:		
Thesis Statement:		

Model Answer:

With the advent of vaccines, it is now possible to prevent several communicable diseases which are very common in children and unfortunately cause mortality. While some people think that compulsory vaccination burdens the country a great cost, I tend to believe a government can efficiently manage the budget to allow its immense benefits. Despite the awareness of its substantial cost, I agree that childhood vaccination should be mandated by law.

Writing Task 1 Strategies

Types of graphs

0	Line:
0	Bar:
0	Pie:
0	Table:
0	Diagram:
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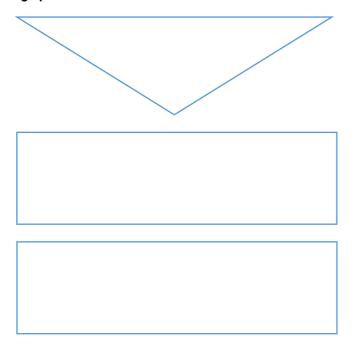
Before you take the exam, make sure that you are capable of these concepts Trend = an overall picture = ______ in essay writing.

- Selecting information: don't write everything in detail but need to cover all categories.
- Vocabulary to show changes:

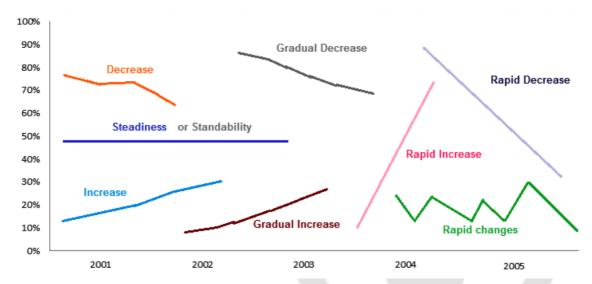
Examples:

- The economic inflation of the country rose sharply by 20% in 2008.
- There was a sharp drop in the industrial production in the year 2009.
- The demand for new houses slightly went up in 2002.
- The population of the country skyrocketed in the last decade.
- The price of the oil moderately increased in last quarter but as a consequence, the price of daily necessity rapidly went up.

• How many paragraphs?



• Trends



Percentage

- O 10% increase
- O 25 per cent decrease
- One-fourth, three-quarter, half

• Transition

Addition	Sequence	Consequence	Summary
In addition	First	As a result	In summary
Similarly	Initially	Thus	In conclusion
Likewise	To begin with	Therefore	To conclude
As well as	Then	Consequently	
Besides	Next	It follows that	
Furthermore	After that	Thereby	
Also	Following that	Eventually	
Moreover	Afterward	Then	
Not onlybut also		In that case	
		Admittedly	



Example:

The table below shows information and predictions regarding the change in percentage of the population aged 65 and above in three countries.

Country	1988	2000	2030
Canada	16.31	20.67	26.35
Germany	20.45	25.32	30.42
UK	14.23	14.89	20.35

The table gives information about the proportion of the population who are 65 years old and over in 3 countries (Canada, Germany and the UK) in 1988, 2000 and an estimated percentage in 2030.

Overall, the population of elderly people is predicted to rise in all three countries from 1988 to 2030. The highest percentage of the senior citizens were in Germany, which will continue to remain the highest in 2030, while the lowest proportion can be seen in the UK over the period given.

Between 1988 and 2000, the aging population of Canada and Germany went up by around 5% to 20.67% and 25.32% respectively. The UK, on the other hand, showed relatively little change in the proportion of its population aged 65 plus and remained at just under 15% in both years.

By 2030, it is expected that the population of people aged 65 and above will increase by approximately 5.5% in all three countries. The percentage is forecast to reach 30. 42% in Germany, 26.35% in Canada and 20.35% in the UK.