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ÚNETE A LOS COLEGIOS QUE USAN IELTS EN COLOMBIA

Hoy en día más de 100 colegios en Colombia usan el examen **IELTS** para certificar la competencia en inglés de sus estudiantes, la mayoría en el último año escolar. Cada vez más rectores y coordinadores comprenden la importancia de implementar una evaluación de alta calidad como evidencia de impacto en sus programas de inglés. Para los alumnos y sus familias también es muy gratificante recibir una certificación que facilita el ingreso o exención de cursos de inglés, en universidades nacionales y extranjeras, y que es reconocida en el país con propósitos de entrada y en muchos casos como requisito de grado.

Para los docentes, el examen IELTS tiene un valor agregado ya que el formato y sus tipos de ejercicios ofrecen un enfoque internacional a sus estudiantes. El componente de escritura les brinda unas directrices para la estructura y organización de textos académicos, los cuales son de gran aporte para producir ensayos y análisis en

todas las áreas curriculares. De igual forma las técnicas de comprensión de lectura contribuyen a que el estudiante asimile y entiendan de manera efectiva temáticas de otras materias en inglés. Estas técnicas son imprescindibles en la preparación de los estudiantes para la vida universitaria.

EL TIEMPO, en alianza con el **British Council**, se complace en presentar este coleccional de 20 salidas que ofrece a los estudiantes de colegios y a todos los candidatos a presentar el examen, un complemento perfecto de preparación para el IELTS. El examen es copropiedad del British Council, Cambridge Assessment English e IDP, y evalúa las habilidades comunicativas para estudiar, trabajar y desenvolverse en situaciones cotidianas.

ENCUENTRA EN ESTA SALIDA:

- IELTS Writing: Task 2
- Speaking, Listening and Reading

SALIDA

15

MARTES

20

DE NOVIEMBRE



WRITING

¿SABÍAS QUE?

- IELTS (International English Language Testing System) es el examen internacional de inglés con el mayor número de candidatos, anualmente más de 3 millones de personas.
- El examen IELTS es reconocido por más de 10.000 instituciones en más de 140 países.
- IELTS es uno de los pocos exámenes internacionales que incluyen una entrevista presencial para evaluar la habilidad de expresión oral.
- El examen IELTS evalúa las cuatro habilidades y está diseñado para reflejar la capacidad de comunicación en inglés en diferentes ámbitos (general y académico).

NOVIEMBRE | SALIDA
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reading, listening
and speaking

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reading, listening
and writing

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speaking and
writing

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reading, listening,
and writing

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JUEVES Writing,
reading, listening
and Speaking

WRITING

ACADEMIC TRAINING

La prueba de escritura IELTS está diseñada para evaluar una amplia gama de habilidades, incluyendo:

- Escribir una respuesta correctamente.
- Organizar ideas.
- Usar vocabulario y gramática con precisión.

NOTA: Estas habilidades aplican para cualquier versión de la prueba IELTS (académica o general).

Los temas utilizados en la prueba de escritura de IELTS Academic Training son de interés general.

EJERCICIO 1

Se te pedirá un ejercicio de escritura de al menos 150 palabras donde el candidato debe resumir, describir o explicar una tabla, gráfico o diagrama.

EJERCICIO 2

Se te pedirá que escribas un ensayo argumentativo en respuesta a un punto de vista, situación o problema. Puedes usar un estilo personal.

CALIFICACIÓN:

La prueba de escritura será calificada por un examinador IELTS certificado. Es importante que sepas que el **ejercicio 2** vale el doble de puntos que el **ejercicio 1**. La calificación se reporta en la banda correspondiente (de 1 a 9).



20 minutos **ejercicio 1**
40 minutos **ejercicio 2**

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WRITING TASK 2

In Task 2 of the Academic Writing module, you are asked to write 250 words on a general topic.

You may be asked to:

1. Compare advantages and disadvantages.
2. Discuss the reasons for something.
3. Discuss the results of some current problem or issue.
4. Suggest some solutions to a current problem or issue.
5. Evaluate two conflicting opinions and give your ideas.
6. Say to what extent (how much) you agree or disagree with an opinion.

In most cases, you will need to express an opinion at the end of your essay.

Task 2 of the General Training Writing module is very similar, but the topics and the tasks tend to be simpler. All of the information about Academic Writing also applies to the General Training module.

Each Task 2 question has 2 parts:

- A topic: what you must write about.
- A task: usually one or two from the list of tasks above.

TIP You need to analyse the topic carefully. Find the topic, and find the task (rubric). If you train yourself to do this, you will be sure to write on the correct topic, and you will improve your band score.

TASK 2

Most people accept that we now live in a globalised world but not everyone agrees that this is beneficial.

To what extent is globalisation a positive or negative development?

MODEL RESPONSE

Globalisation is here to stay, driven by advances in information technology and resulting in scientific, technological and economic progress and increased international trade and investment. It has had wide-ranging positive and negative effects on employment and economic development, scientific research, language and culture, and the environment.

One positive result of globalisation is the global distribution of labour. It is now much easier to move to other countries to find work, and this leads to better employment prospects for individuals and to more diverse workplaces. In addition, capital and industrial resources have migrated to developing countries, thus providing local jobs and boosting local economies. It has also resulted in greater contact between different cultures, as travel has become relatively safer and less expensive than it used to be. Ease of communication has encouraged an unprecedented level of global scientific research and cooperation, and a subsequent explosion of knowledge and information.

A downside of this global economy is that when a catastrophe occurs, as in the recent global financial crisis that started in the USA, it affects the whole world. Similarly, when a virus emerges in one region of the world, it spreads rapidly, threatening worldwide health. Globalisation affects culture and language, too; minority languages are dying out because of the necessity of learning English for international business, and indigenous cultures are being rejected in favour of a dominant, often USA-based, culture. Finally, levels of pollution are rising as countries strive for economic growth and a competitive edge in the global market.

In conclusion, globalisation is a double-edged sword that has created jobs and promoted international cooperation but has led to cultural losses, more environmental damage, increased health risks and exposure to economic crises. However, our world will continue to shrink as technology expands, and we need to accept globalisation as a fact of life in the 21st century.

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will help you experience the types of tasks you will be asked during the test session of the academic IELTS version. Use this material to carry out timed exercises and develop your test technique. Find the answers to the questions, model responses and complementary material on www.britishcouncil.co/examen/ielts



El **IELTS** me hizo dar cuenta que tan importante es tener una certificación internacional.

Alexandra Rivera

www.eltiempo.com/ielts

ANSWERS

Once you have completed the exercise, check your answers on





IELTS SPEAKING

Three Sections Description



PART 1 Introduction and interview 4-5 minutes. The examiner will introduce him or herself and ask you to introduce yourself and confirm your identity. The examiner will ask you general questions on familiar topics, e.g. home, family, work, studies and interests. This section should help you relax and talk naturally.

PART 2 Individual long turn 3-4 minutes. The examiner will give you a task card which asks you to talk about a particular topic, including points to include in your talk. You will be given one minute to prepare and make notes. You will then be asked to talk for 1-2 minutes on the topic. You will not be interrupted during this time, so it is important to keep talking. The examiner will then ask you one or two questions on the same topic.

PART 3 Two-way discussion 4-5 minutes. The examiner will ask you further questions which are connected to the topic of Part 2. These questions are designed to give you an opportunity to discuss more abstract issues and ideas.



IELTS LISTENING

Sections Description



1. You listen to a conversation between two people set in an everyday social situation, e.g. a conversation in an accommodation agency, and answer questions on your comprehension.

2. You listen to a monologue set in an everyday social situation, e.g. a speech about local facilities or a talk about the arrangements for meals during a conference.

3. You listen to a conversation between up to four people set in an educational or training context, e.g. a university tutor and a student discussing an assignment, or a group of students planning a research project.

4. You listen to a monologue on an academic subject, e.g. a university lecture.



IELTS READING



- There are three sections to the IELTS Academic Reading test, and each contains one long text.

- They range from the descriptive and factual to the discursive and analytical.



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