

## ANSWERS TO 'HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE IELTS EXAM?'

1. There's no such thing as a pass or fail in IELTS. TRUE OR FALSE? **T**
2. Only speakers with British accents are used in the listening test. TRUE OR FALSE? **F**
3. How do you receive your IELTS results Test Report Form?  
a) **on the phone** [in some countries] b) by fax **c) by letter** d) **by email**
4. Organisations will not accept a Test Report Form that is more than two years old. **F** [Yes, if you can show evidence that you've tried to improve your English since then.]
5. Students can have their tests remarked if they pay for it. TRUE OR FALSE? **T**
6. The General Training Module is for those wishing to study at undergraduate level. TRUE OR FALSE? **F**
7. The listening and speaking papers are the same for both the Academic Module and the General Training Module. TRUE OR FALSE? **T**
8. Both the reading and listening papers allow 10 minutes for students to transfer their answers from the question paper to the answer sheet. TRUE OR FALSE? **F**
9. **The listening test has four parts. Write 1-4 in Column A according to the order in which the parts come in the test.**

<b>TYPE OF LISTENING MATERIALS</b>	
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
3	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	Monologue on an academic subject (e.g. a university lecture.)
1	Conversation between two people set in an everyday social context (e.g. a conversation in an accommodation agency)
2	Monologue set in an everyday social context (e.g. a speech about local facilities or a talk about the arrangements for meals during a conference.)

10. In the reading paper texts are taken from real books, magazines or newspapers. **T**
11. In the reading exam the meanings of specialist technical words (e.g. medical or engineering words) are sometimes given in the question paper. TRUE OR FALSE? **T**
12. In the Academic Module Writing Paper Task 2, which of the following essay question types will **not** come?  
a) Describing a solution to a problem  
**b) Describing a person or a holiday**  
c) Giving a reasons for an opinion  
d) Comparing and contrasting two different ways of doing something
13. In the speaking test students are allowed to take notes in Part 2 of the test. TRUE OR FALSE? **T**
14. In both the listening and reading tests students can write their answers in either lower case or capitals. TRUE OR FALSE? **T**
15. In the reading and listening tests students' answers written on the question papers are marked. TRUE OR FALSE? **F**
16. In the listening test students always have to spell names without a single mistake to get a mark. TRUE OR FALSE? **F**

17. In the reading test there are twelve question types. Write the correct letter A] – L] on the lines next to the corresponding question types in the table below.

1. Sentence Completion	<u>F</u>	7. Yes / No / Not given	<u>B</u>
2. Choosing from a list	<u>K</u>	8. Multiple Choice	<u>E</u>
3. Summary Completion	<u>H</u>	9. Paragraph Content	<u>G</u>
4. Table Completion	<u>A</u>	10. Paragraph Headings	<u>I</u>
5. Notes Completion	<u>C</u>	11. Labelling a picture	<u>D</u>
6. Classification	<u>J</u>		

**A**

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

Uses of Virtual Reality (VR)		
Users	Description of use	Advantages of VR
Doctors	Practicing difficult 1 ..... , and helping people control 2 .....	It is a safe way to practice and is very useful when patients have serious 3 .....
European 4 .....	Crash testing vehicles.	Results are very 5 ..... , but vehicles are not destroyed, so 6 ..... is saved. Computer can identify problems that 7 ..... could miss.

**B**

Do the following statements agree with the views of the writer? Write:

- YES** if the statement agrees with the views of the writer
- NO** if the statement contradicts the views of the writer
- NOT GIVEN** if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this



- 35 It is easy to describe what libraries are.
- 36 It is difficult to determine the future of libraries.
- 37 Libraries have become much more technologically advanced.

**C**

Questions 4 – 6

Complete the notes below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 4 – 6 on your answer sheet.

- People suspect that some pet owners abuse 4..... to gain privileges.
- Some people don't like to encounter a 5..... animal in their daily lives.
- Horses have very good 6..... because their eyes are at the side of their heads.

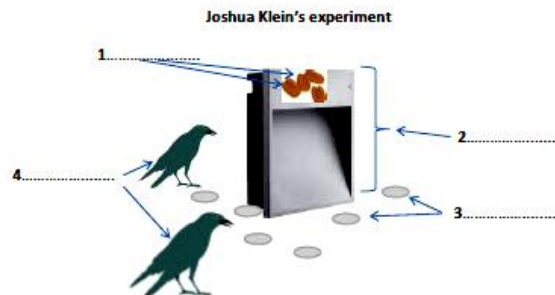
**D**

Questions 1 – 4

Label the diagram below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 1 – 4 on your answer sheet.



**E**

Choose the correct letter; **A, B, C or D**

- What is the writer's main point in paragraph 1?
  - Cheetahs are faster than humans and wolves for a short distance.
  - Humans need to train to be fast.
  - 26 miles is the best distance for humans, not cheetahs or wolves.
  - Humans are very good long-distance runners.
- According to the writer, what do people need to become top marathon runners?
  - To live in Iten and be a member of the Kalenjin tribe.
  - To have long legs and other specific physical attributes and to train at high altitudes
  - To live 8,000 feet above sea level and have large lungs.
  - To be one of the world's top ten winners of marathons.

**F**

Complete each sentence with the correct ending, **A – I**, below.

Write the correct letter, **A – I**, in boxes 1 – 5 on your answer sheet.

- The future of the film industry is probably going to be in...
- Because he is not very good at English, Jay finds it difficult to remember...
- People don't all like the same films; they have their own...
- Jay Chou writes songs about...
- His music is a mixture of two different ...

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| <b>A</b> | influence       |
| <b>B</b> | Hollywood       |
| <b>C</b> | tastes          |
| <b>D</b> | styles          |
| <b>E</b> | gentle          |
| <b>F</b> | the environment |
| <b>G</b> | lyrics          |

**G**

The reading passage has 8 paragraphs, **A – H**.

Which paragraph contains the following information?

Write the correct letter, **A – H** in boxes 1 – 5 on your answer sheet.

- an introduction to playing Second Life
- information about a designer and the cheap clothes she designs
- a reason why Second Life is not a typical online game
- details about the money some players have made from Second Life
- a comparison between Second Life and a child's reason for playing

**H**

Complete the sentences below. Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the text for each answer.

Jay Chou started out as a musician, but he loves movies, which he says are a source 6 \_\_\_\_\_ to him. He still has enough time to 7 \_\_\_\_\_ although his new record won't be finished before 8 \_\_\_\_\_. He didn't like to say no when good production teams 9 \_\_\_\_\_ him to work on a film. He promises to make a new record 10 \_\_\_\_\_.

**I**

Choose the correct heading for paragraphs **B** and **D – I** from the list below.

Write the correct number, **i – ix** in boxes 1 – 7 on your answer sheet.

- | List of Headings |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>i</b>         | A friendly welcome – but am I in Spain? |
| <b>ii</b>        | Drinking by the water                   |
| <b>iii</b>       | A friendly goodbye                      |
| <b>iv</b>        | Feeling uneasy                          |
| <b>v</b>         | Disney with a twist...                  |
| <b>vi</b>        | Alone but happy                         |
| <b>vii</b>       | A musical arrival                       |
| <b>viii</b>      | An afternoon dance                      |
| <b>ix</b>        | Where was I going?                      |

Example Paragraph <b>A</b>	Answer <b>ix</b>
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1. Paragraph **B**

Example Paragraph <b>C</b>	Answer <b>iv</b>
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- Paragraph **D**
- Paragraph **E**
- Paragraph **F**
- Paragraph **G**
- Paragraph **H**
- Paragraph **I**

**J**

Classify the following statements as referring to

- Swimmers
- Distance runners
- Cyclists
- Elite rowers

Write the correct letter, **A, B, C or D** for each statement.

- The physical position for this sport means that being tall helps.
- Their legs should not be heavy as this will add to the workload.
- Their body type needs to be similar to that of a long-distance runner.
- Like rowers, they need big muscles so that they can use more power.
- Most are small and light, but there are some exceptions.
- They can weigh up to 250 pounds.

## K

Choose **FIVE** letters, A – K

Write the correct letters in boxes 1 – 5 on your answer sheet.

**NB** Your answers may be given in any order.

Below are listed some ways in which people choose to live differently.

Which **FIVE** of these ways are reported by the writer of the text?

- A Not going to school.
- B Giving away their money.
- C Never speaking to other people.
- D Giving up normal family relations.
- E Not using electricity.
- F Not eating meat.
- G Sleeping during the day instead of at night.
- H Living through crime.
- I Living in dirty conditions.
- J Not using money.
- K Refusing to pay taxes.

**Now answer these questions about the 12 different types of READING exam question. The SAME question type can have more than ONE question.**

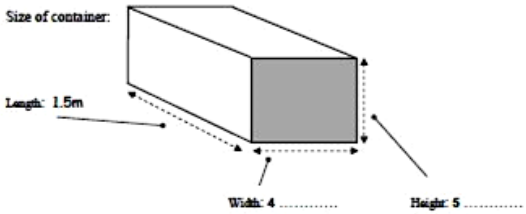
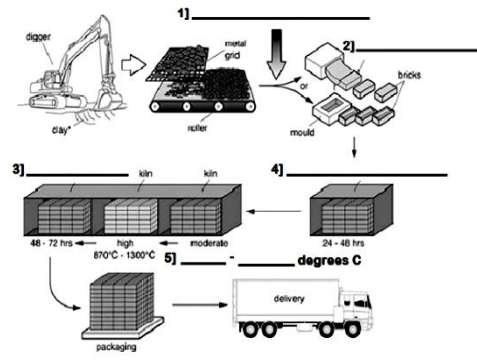
Example: Which question type(s) are asking whether statements agree with or contradict information in the text? True / False / Not Given and Yes / No / Not Given

18. In which question type is there more than one correct answer?  
Choosing from a list
19. In which question types do you choose up to two words from the text?  
Table completion / Notes completion
20. In which question type do you have to put sentences about the text into categories?  
Classification
21. In which question type are three choices given for the answer?  
Yes / No / Not given
22. In which question type do you match paragraphs with phrases describing what's in those paragraphs?  
Paragraph Content
23. In which question type are there four answer choices?  
Multiple Choice
24. In which question type do you have to finish sentences which are about the text with words in a box? Sentence Completion
25. In which question type do you complete a paragraph with words from the text?  
Summary Completion
26. In which question type do you write words describing a picture?  
Labelling a Picture
27. In which question type is the order in which you put the answers NOT important?  
Choosing from a list
28. In which question type are notes about the text completed with words from the text?  
Notes Completion

# IELTS LISTENING QUESTION TYPES

29. Match the question types 31 - 36 with the correct picture of each one. Write the correct letter A – G on the lines below. There are TWO examples of ONE question type.

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|---------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1. Labelling a Floor Plan | <u>F</u> | 7. Labelling a Flow Chart | <u>B</u> |
| 2. Short Answer           | <u>E</u> | 8. Multiple choice        | <u>D</u> |
| 3. Notes Completion       | <u>H</u> |                           |          |
| 4. Sentence Completion    | <u>G</u> |                           |          |
| 5. Matching               | <u>C</u> |                           |          |
| 6. Form Completion        | <u>A</u> |                           |          |

<p><b>A</b></p> <p><i>Write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PACKHAM'S SHIPPING AGENCY – customer quotation form</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><i>Example</i> Country of destination: <b>Kenya</b>.....</p> </div> <p>Name: <b>Jacob</b> 1 .....</p> <p>Address to be collected from: 2 ..... <b>College, Downlands Rd</b></p> <p>Town: <b>Bristol</b></p> <p>Postcode: 3 .....</p> <p>Size of container:</p>  <p>Length: 1.5m</p> <p>Width: 4 .....</p> <p>Height: 5 .....</p> <p>Contents: clothes</p> <p>6 .....</p>	<p><b>B</b></p> <p><i>Label the chart. Use NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS or a NUMBER for each answer.</i></p> 
<p><b>C</b></p> <p><b>SECTION 3</b></p> <p>Questions 21 - 25</p> <p>What does Jack tell his tutor about each of the following course options?</p> <p>A He'll definitely do it.</p> <p>B He may or may not do it.</p> <p>C He won't do it.</p> <p><i>Write the correct letter, A, B or C next to questions 21- 25.</i></p> <p><i>You may choose any letter more than once.</i></p> <p>21 Media Studies</p> <p>22 Women and Power</p> <p>23 Culture and Society</p> <p>24 Identity and Popular Culture</p> <p>25 Introduction to Cultural Theory</p>	<p><b>D</b></p> <p><b>SECTION 1</b></p> <p>Questions 9 and 10</p> <p><i>Choose the correct letter, A, B or C.</i></p> <p>9 Type of insurance chosen</p> <p>A Economy</p> <p>B Standard</p> <p>C Premium</p> <p>10 Customer wants goods delivered to</p> <p>A port</p> <p>B home</p> <p>C depot</p>

**E** SECTION 2  
 Questions 11 – 16  
 Answer the questions below.  
 Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

What **TWO** factors can make social contact in a foreign country difficult?

- 11 .....
- 12 .....

Which types of community group does the speaker give examples of?

- theatre
- 13 .....
- 14 .....

In which **TWO** places can information about community activities be found?

- 15 .....
- 16 .....

**F** SECTION 2  
 Questions 11-15  
 Label the plan below.  
 Choose **FIVE** answers from the box and write the correct letters A-I next to questions 11-15.

**Town Library**

The floor plan shows a central 'Library area' with a 'Librarian's desk' at the bottom. To the left is a 'Reading room' and a 'Seminar room'. To the right is a 'Library office'. There are two 'Newspaper' racks. Rooms 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 are marked with dots and numbers. An 'Entrance' is at the bottom center.

A	Art collection
B	Children's books
C	Computers
D	Local history collection
E	Meeting room
F	Multimedia
G	Periodicals
H	Reference books
I	Tourist information

**G** SECTION 3  
 Questions 27 – 30  
 Complete the sentences below.  
 Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** for each answer.

Studying with the Open University demanded a great deal of 27 .....

Studying and working at the same time improved Rachel's 28 ..... skills.

It was helpful that the course was structured in 29 .....

She enjoyed meeting other students at 30 .....

**H** Questions 4 – 6  
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**Answer the questions below about the LISTENING EXAM.**

29. There are 30 questions on the IELTS listening test, which is divided into four parts. TRUE OR FALSE? **F**
30. In which **TWO** types of the listening questions do you choose your answer from three possible answers? **M-Choice / Matching**
31. Which type of diagram shows the stages of a process? **Flow chart**
32. In which type of listening questions do you either complete sentences with words from the listening text? **Sentence Completion**
33. In which question type do you write the names of places or rooms in a building? **Labelling a Floor Plan**
34. The IELTS listening test is in different formats in the Academic and General Training Modules. TRUE OR FALSE? **F**
35. If you only give **SOME** of the correct information in an answer where you have to write words, you'll always get zero marks. TRUE OR FALSE? **F**