

IELTS GENERAL TRAINING READING FORMAT

| Section | Questions | Question Types | Task Types |
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| Section 1 2-3 texts | 13-14 | <i>Section 1 tests the candidate on "social survival" in an English speaking country. The questions usually involve the candidate finding and providing factual information from a variety of texts. Texts in section 1 are relatively short and there may be a number of "mini texts" to look through, i.e.: a series of advertisements on similar subjects.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple choice questions • Short answer questions • Completing sentences • Completing notes • Completing a summary (with or no word bank) • Completing a diagram • Completing a flow chart • Completing a table • Matching headings to identify paragraphs or parts of text • Matching writers' views/claims/information with the writer • Matching lists/phrases • Classification questions • Yes/No/Not Given Questions • True/False/Not Given Questions |
| Section 2 2-3 texts | 13-14 | <i>Section 2 concentrates on the context of work related topics (i.e. applying for jobs or company policies) in an English speaking country. The texts here will be more complicated using more intricate language and structure.</i> | |
| Section 3 1 text | 13-14 | <i>Section 3 tests candidates' ability to deal with longer pieces of writing on a topic of general interest. The reading passage will involve more complex language than the 2 previous sections.</i> | |

- ✓ You have 60 minutes to complete the test.
- ✓ Unlike the listening module, here is NO extra time at the end of the test to transfer your answers to the answer paper.
- ✓ The test has 40 questions based on 5-7 texts.
- ✓ The total length of all the texts put together will be between 2000 and 2750 words.



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