IELTS Preparation course and practice test 1

The Net Languages IELTS Preparation Course follows closely the structure of the actual IELTS exam. The course consists of six modules: introduction, listening, reading, writing, speaking and, finally, a complete practice test. The practice test is self-marking in the listening and reading sections and tutor-graded in the writing and speaking sections. In addition, in the practice test section candidates receive detailed feedback on the two exam compositions, along with a live simulation of the speaking test itself and feedback on their performance.

In all parts of the course there are detailed explanations and discovery exercises, useful tips for candidates and a wealth of interactive practice material. This includes a variety of different reading and listening texts, and extensive use of videoclips of sample interviews from the speaking test. A wide range of exercise types and authentic exam tasks aim at providing opportunities for genuine practice, while motivating candidates with a high degree of participation at all stages. Tutor support is provided in the writing and speaking modules.

IELTS Preparation course contents:

Introduction

› An IELTS overview
› Test module breakdown
› Task types
› Assessment criteria and the IELTS 9-band scale

Listening Module

› An overview of the listening test
› Form filling
› Multiple choice with pictures
› Note completion
› Picture identification
› Labelling a diagram
› Multiple choice
› Summary completion
› Table completion
› Classification
› Stages and signposts
› Matching statements to visuals
› Opinions and facts

Reading Module

‹ An overview of the reading test
‹ Predicting content
‹ Identifying text and paragraph ideas
‹ Sentence and paragraph completion tasks
‹ Opinions, ideas and facts
‹ Multiple choice
‹ Short answers
‹ Diagram completion tasks
‹ Cause and effect
‹ Recognising cohesive devices, linkers and reference

Writing Module

‹ An overview of the writing test
‹ Spelling and punctuation
‹ Analysing tasks and topics
‹ Matching text to visuals
‹ Deciding on an approach
‹ Planning
‹ Paragraph structure
‹ Appropriacy
‹ Describing processes
‹ Comparing
‹ Avoiding repetition
‹ Cohesion

Speaking Module

‹ An overview of the speaking test
‹ The first part of the speaking test
‹ Answering questions
‹ Appropriate responses
‹ Descriptions
‹ The second part of the speaking test
‹ Planning what you will say
‹ Compare and contrast
‹ Narratives
‹ The third part of the speaking test
‹ Language of opinions
‹ Describing change
‹ Speculating
‹ Discussing problems and solutions

Special features of the course

‹ 2 hours and 30 minutes of tutor feedback time
‹ Wide range of self-marking exercises (with feedback)
‹ Integrated audio and video material

›   A range of sample interview videoclips
›   Integrated tapescripts of listening practice material