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## ¿SABÍAS QUE?

- El IELTS (International English Language Testing System) es el examen internacional de inglés más utilizado y reconocido en el mundo.
- El próximo año IELTS celebra 30 años de estar brindando oportunidades a la comunidad educativa a nivel global.
- IELTS es uno de los pocos exámenes internacionales que incluyen una entrevista presencial para evaluar la habilidad de expresión oral.
- La administración del British Council y sus aliados te ofrecen los más altos estándares internacionales de seguridad para garantizar tus resultados.

## LA OPCIÓN NÚMERO 1 DE LAS UNIVERSIDADES EN COLOMBIA

Los estudiantes que buscan internacionalizar su perfil académico y profesional siempre piensan en IELTS para posicionarse y aprovechar las mejores oportunidades alrededor del mundo.

Más de 10.000 instituciones de educación superior reconocen los resultados del examen para sus procesos de admisión a nivel global, estas incluyen más de 3.200 universidades y colegios en los Estados Unidos.

El examen **IELTS** también ofrece grandes beneficios en Colombia donde los resultados te permiten cumplir con el requisito de lengua extranjera en todas las universidades de mayor prestigio. El examen también brinda técnicas de comprensión de lectura y redacción de textos académicos muy útiles para la vida universitaria.

**EL TIEMPO**, en alianza con el British Council, se complace en presentar este coleccionable de 20 salidas

que ofrece a los estudiantes universitarios 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.

Actualmente, el British Council ofrece sesiones públicas en Bogotá, Barranquilla, Cali, Medellín, Manizales, Bucaramanga, Pasto, Cúcuta, Ibagué, Villavicencio, Cartagena y próximamente en más ciudades.

### ENCUENTRA EN ESTA SALIDA:

- IELTS Speaking part 3
- Writing, Listening and Reading

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# SPEAKING

La prueba oral IELTS está diseñada para evaluar una amplia gama de habilidades. El examinador querrá ver qué tan bien puedes:

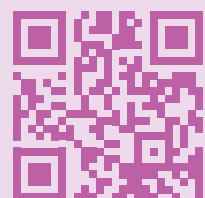
- Comunicar opiniones e información sobre temas cotidianos y experiencias comunes; para hacer esto necesitarás responder una serie de preguntas.
- Hablar extensamente sobre un tema determinado usando el lenguaje apropiado.
- Organizar ideas coherentemente.
- Expresar y justificar opiniones.
- Analizar, discutir y plantear hipótesis sobre temas.

Hablarás con un examinador certificado en el examen IELTS Speaking. La prueba es interactiva y lo más parecido a una situación de la vida real. Se puede usar una variedad de acentos. Recuerda que la prueba será grabada para garantizar la calidad y precisión en la calificación.

**NOTA:** El contenido es el mismo para cualquier versión de la prueba IELTS (académica o general).

**TIP:** Asegúrate de relajarte y hablar con fluidez. Tendrás la oportunidad de expresarte con naturalidad.

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# PART 3

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- In part 3 of the speaking test, you will have a conversation related to the Part 2 topic.
- Part 3 of the speaking test is the most challenging, and it is here that higher-level candidates have the opportunity to use more complex ideas, language structures and vocabulary to express general, rather than personal, ideas.

**TIPS:** If you are aiming for a higher-level score above a band 6, you need to focus much of your preparation time on managing the challenges in Part 3 of the test.

## PART 3 SPEAKING: TOPICS AND QUESTION TYPES

### TOPICS

The topic in part 3 will be related to the topic of your long turn (part 2). The long turn is a personal story, and in part 3, you will be asked to have a general discussion on a related topic.

### TIPS

- After you finish your long turn, the examiner will introduce part 3. Spend this time anticipating the general topic of the discussion.
- However, it is important to listen carefully to the question that the examiner uses to open the discussion, and to answer that question.

### QUESTION TYPES

#### Questions in part 3 may ask you to:

- List items – this is often the opening question
- Compare – older vs young people, men vs women, the past vs the present...
- Give reasons for your opinion....
- Speculate about future changes – in technology, in communication...
- Give your opinion - some people think that... do you agree with this?

# TASK

Read the transcript and consider these questions:

**1** What are my best skills in speaking?

**2** What parts of this test will I find easier?

**3** Which area is my weakest?

- A. Fluency and coherence
- B. Grammar
- C. Vocabulary
- D. Pronunciation

**4** What can I do to help myself to improve in this area?

## EXCERPT FROM PART 3

**Examiner:** We've been talking about a person who you admire, and now we're going to have a more general discussion about this. Let's think about personal qualities. What qualities make a person admirable?

**Candidate:** Oh, well, um...first of all, I think honesty is a very important quality that most people admire, oh, and also, kindness. My friend was very kind to me, and I think that being kind is one of the most admirable qualities in a friend, or in anyone, really. Sometimes it's very hard to put other people first, especially if it is inconvenient, and people who are prepared to do that are very rare and special people.

**Examiner:** I see. Can you think of any other qualities that are considered admirable?

**Candidate:** Well, I suppose that competence is always admirable.

**Examiner:** Yes, can you tell me any more about that.

**Candidate:** Most people look up to those who do things well. Successful people are usually admired, aren't they? It doesn't really matter what they have succeeded in. OH, and I suppose that hard work is part of that, so being hardworking can make you an admirable person.

**Examiner:** Do you think that men and women tend to respect different qualities?

**Candidate:** Oh, I'm not sure. I think that men probably admire competence more than women do, and maybe women prefer personal qualities, such as kindness.

**Examiner:** Why do think that is?

**Candidate:** Well I suppose it's because of their traditional roles. You know, women traditionally looked after the children and men worked to earn the money, so they grew to admire different qualities. Oh, and I think women are more prepared to acknowledge their feelings, so maybe that's why they admire those qualities. But I also think this is changing and that men and women are becoming more similar in their work and attitudes.

**Examiner:** Right, let's move on to think about the media and admirable people. Do you think that the media has a big influence on the qualities that people admire?

**Candidate:** Oh, yes I do. I think it has a huge influence, especially with people like sports stars and movie actors.

**Examiner:** Why is that?

**Candidate:** Well, we see them all the time, and we read about them on Twitter and Facebook, and so we're all encouraged to admire the same people, in fact to think the same way.

**Examiner:** OK, and do you think this will continue to change in the future?

**Candidate:** Yes, I'm sure it will. With the growth of social media websites, I think it's going to become harder and harder to be an individual, and to have your own opinions, unless you cut yourself off altogether of course. I think it could become quite a serious problem, if the media is able to control and influence global opinions and attitudes.

# GET READY FOR IELTS™

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](http://www.britishcouncil.co/examen/ielts)



“IELTS me sirvió para validar mi inglés y entrar a la universidad en EE.UU.”

María Fernanda Cardona

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## ANSWERS

Once you have completed the exercise, check your answers on





## IELTS READING



### FORMAT

- The reading module takes one hour to complete.
- At the end there is no extra time to transfer answers to the answer sheet.
- The reading module is not the same for the Academic and General Training versions of the test.
- Task types are the same for Academic and General Training but the test format and content is a little different.
- For both modules: There are 3 sections with a total of 40 questions in all.



## IELTS LISTENING



### FORMAT

- The Listening module takes about 30 minutes to complete.
- At the end candidates are allowed 10 minutes to transfer answers to an answer sheet.
- The listening module is the same for both the Academic and General Training versions of the test.
- There are 4 sections, each with 10 questions.
- Each section has one or more of various task types.
- The test gets progressively more difficult.



## IELTS WRITING



### FORMAT

- The writing module takes one hour to complete.
- The format is the same for both the Academic and General Training modules
- There are 2 tasks to complete: Task 1 & Task 2.
- The tasks are different for the Academic and General Training versions of the test, as outlined in the table below.\*
- All instructions are printed on the question booklet.

|                    | General Training | Academic |
|--------------------|------------------|----------|
| Task 1 (150 words) | Letter           | Report   |
| Task 2 (250 words) | Essay            | Essay    |

(in response to a point of view, argument, or problem)



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