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- *4 Practice sessions of each – Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening*
- *Smart CD Presentation on IELTS- TECH with Four Listening Sessions*

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Preface

IELTS- TECH - A complete Toolkit for learning, practising and knowing about IELTS. As the world is growing smarter, the ways of its learning and getting education is also getting smarter day by day. IELTS-TECH (A TECHNICAL TOOLKIT OF LEARNING INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM) acts as a smarter way to learn IELTS via Presentations on its Strategies. This Book is 4 in 1 which completes the wholesome package of READING, WRITING, LISTENING & SPEAKING skills, strategies (on SMART CD PRESENTATION) and its practice sessions. Undoubtedly, you get practice sessions and strategies online, or via some other books or media, but this book is unique because here you get everything in a single book, i.e., *skills, strategies, practice sessions and smart tech CD presentation* on IELTS.

This will really prove to be boon for the students.

The book is specially designed to investigate what skills and strategies are required in writing and speaking modules that distinguish the IELTS proficiency levels. There are a number of factors like *Word Stress, Intonation, Rhythm, Cohesive Devices* which are required on behalf of the IELTS candidates in order to determine their assessments over four band scales: Fluency, grammatical range and accuracy, lexical resource and pronunciation. But how to attain all these skills is still a matter of discussion. Without understanding these technical aspects of English language, it is difficult for the IELTS candidates to score good grades in the IELTS Speaking Test as this is the criteria for their oral proficiency. In non-native English country like India and China, no preference is given to learn all these skills. Only few study materials are provided to them to memorize the answers. No preference is to be laid in building of Rhetoric among the candidates. The major objective of the book is:

- ★ Making the IELTS candidates proficient in the Speaking Test by teaching them all the Rhetorical devices like *Word Stress, Intonation, Rhythm, Cohesive Devices, Fluency and Lexical Resource*.
- ★ All these techniques should be properly designed and provided to the students in the form of study materials.
- ★ Sound recorder (self-created by students in mobile phones) software should be used to maintain the Rate of Speech in the IELTS Speaking Task 2.

★ Speech Therapies should be given to the students to twist their tongues in L2.

In 2001, the IELTS interview format and criteria were revised. A major change was the shift from a single global scale to a set of four analytic scales focussing on different aspects of oral proficiency. This study is concerned with the validity of the analytical rating scales. It aims to verify the descriptors used to define the score points on the scales by providing empirical evidence for the criteria in terms of their overall focus, and their ability to distinguish levels of performance.

The Speaking Test band descriptors and criteria key indicators were analyzed in order to identify relevant analytical categories for each of the *four band scales: fluency, grammatical range and accuracy, lexical resource and pronunciation.*

The Speaking Skills Checklist is like this:

Production Skills, Pronunciation: Rhythm, Number and Length of Pauses, Stress, Intonation Contours.

Communication Skills: Fluency, Clarity, Coherence, Confidence Cultural Appropriateness

Language Skills: Grammatical Accuracy, Grammatical Range, Vocabulary

But how an IELTS student will build these skills is still the matter of discussion. The IELTS Books/Instructors or even the organization of IELTSs are mum in this matter. No doubt, we can get this matter by netsurfing over different websites but what about the authenticity of the study material. The main problem in non –native English Country, how students twist their tongue in L2 (English Language) because while learning the language, they automatically get the influence of L1 (Mother Tongue) because it is their native language and this is natural. Nobody avoids it but learning global (English) Language with the help of Vocal Cosmetics/Rhetorical Devices will improve their tongue twisting into L2 (Second Language Acquisition) which automatically improve the proficiency of the candidate in the IELTS Speaking and Writing Test.

Keeping this viewpoint in mind, I have decided to put forth some technical aspects of learning, writing & speaking English through the medium of this book. This will truly help the students to speak good and perfect English.

Constructive suggestions are welcome. For any of your queries, please contact the author, Ms. Jyoti Malhotra.

Why IELTS-Tech is a Big Requirement:

- ★ Candidates are not scoring more than 5.5 to 6.5 bands (A type of scoring system in which you are scored from 0-9 on a scale)
- ★ Not able to speak English fluently
- ★ Institutions are providing only practice sessions and not techniques to appear in the IELTS
- ★ Lack of knowledge of Grammatical rules
- ★ Speak more but score less
- ★ Lack of standardised words, while speaking English
- ★ Lack of ideas for attempting TASK 2 in Writing as well as the Speaking Task 1, 2 and 3
- ★ Influence of Mother Tongue over the Second Language

IELTS-Tech Tool Kit



Meanings of Important Terms

VOCAL COSMETICS

A cosmetic for improving your voice. This product will fulfill the technical requirements of the candidate's English which includes understanding of Words, Stress, Intonation and Syllable.

Speech Therapy

This product will enhance the tongue-twisting abilities of the candidate.

Awareness Sessions

This product will improve the exposure of the candidate to the current affairs. This also offers the candidate, complete choice of words, proverbs, etc. For this purpose, chapters are designed in the PowerPoint format to improve the writing and speaking skills of the candidate.

Lexical Resource

This product will help the candidate to improve the usage of words at different levels of speaking and writing.

Band Descriptors

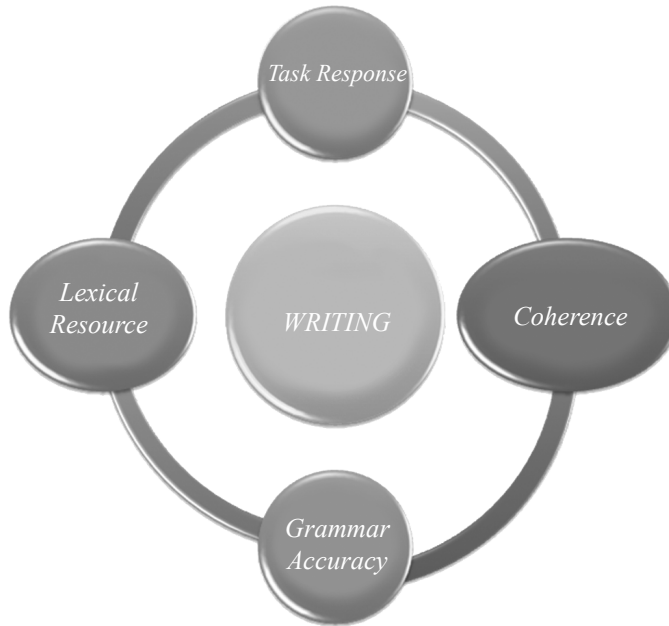
Reading Description

- ★ 40 Questions
- ★ 40 Marks

Listening Description

- ★ 40 Questions
- ★ 40 Marks

Writing Band Description



Speaking Band Description

Speaking Criteria	Bands
Fluency	1 Band
Word Stress Accent	2 Band
Intonation	3 Band
Rhythm	4 Band
Lexical Resource	5 Band
Coherence	6 Band
Grammar Accuracy	7 Band
L2	8 Band
Cultural Appro	9 Band

Note: L2 – It's a level of listening proficiency

Cultural Appro – It is appropriate culturally according to the English language culture and traditions

IELTS Exam Criteria

Listening-40 Minutes

Reading-60 Minutes

Writing-60 Minutes

Speaking-15 Minutes

ABSTRACT

READING MODULE

This chapter helps the candidate to know about the strategies and skills for cracking the IELTS Reading Test, which includes its two basic techniques i.e., Skimming & Scanning along with different types of questions involved in the reading test. At the end of the module students will be able to practise those questions which are essential for the reading test.

Chapter 1 : Reading Strategies

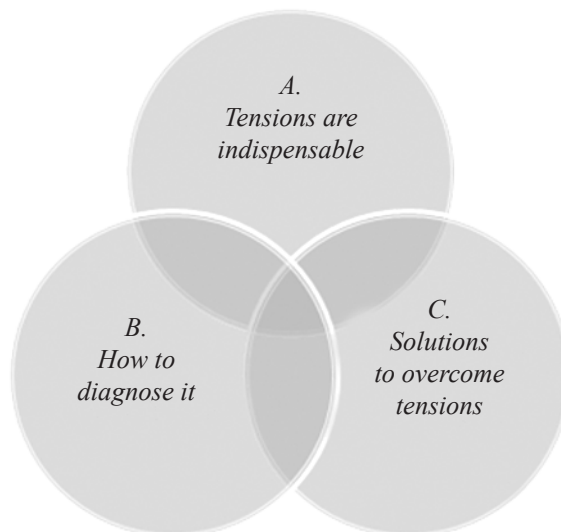
Skimming and Scanning

Meaning: Skimming refers to a General Overview of the Reading Passage.

How to Approach Skimming in Reading Passage

- A. Tensions are an inseparable part of our existence. If we have to live, we must be ready to face tensions. There is no panacea to get rid of them. Modern life has become so hectic that we cannot dream of life without tensions.
- B. First of all, we should analyse our problems and find out the causes of the problems that we face in our daily life. If we diagnose the problems, it would be easy to seek a solution. Share your problems with your relatives because it is a common saying – ‘Grief shared is grief halved’. The other way to reduce your tensions is to keep yourself busy. It is rightly said: ‘The busiest person is the happiest person’. Apart from our daily routine, we should do some social welfare activities. In isolation, our grief is doubled. We should go for walks and participate in group activities.
- C. Meditation, especially in the modern materialistic world, has become the last resort for the human beings of today. It purifies and enlightens our Mind and Body.

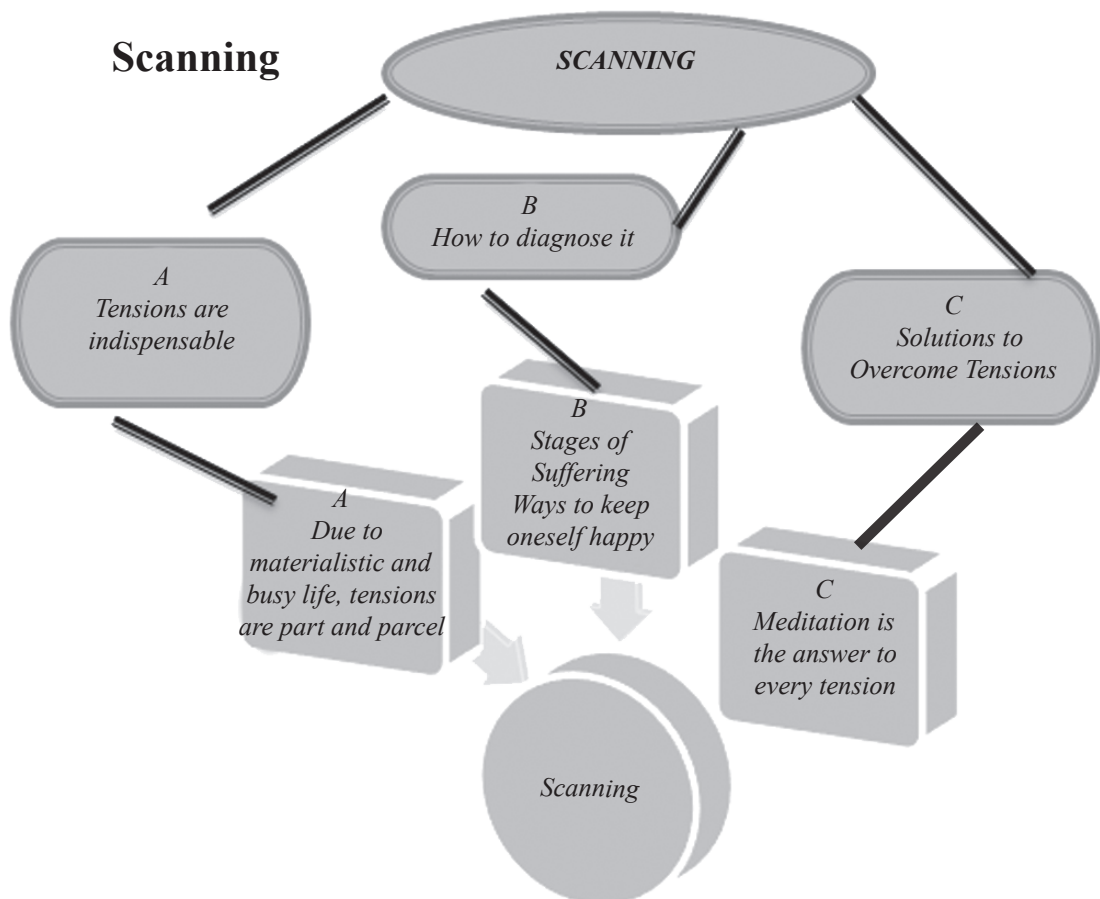
Skimming



Meaning: Scanning means to reach the corridors of the reading passage.

How to Approach Scanning in the Reading Passage Test

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- B. First of all, we should analyse our problems and find out the causes of the various problems that we face in our day-to-day life. If we diagnose the problem, it would be easy to seek a solution. Share your problems with your relatives because it is a common saying- ‘Grief shared is grief halved’. The other way to reduce your tension is to keep yourself busy. It is rightly said: ‘The busiest person is the happiest person.’ Apart from our daily routine, we should do some social welfare activities. In isolation, our grief is doubled. We should go for walks and participate in group activities.
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- ⦿ *Read the paragraph only once using the technique of Skimming and Scanning.*
- ⦿ *Always remember, Scanning is the consequence of Skimming interrogation. It is an answer to the query that occurs in Skimming.*
- ⦿ *Always manage to get the general idea of each paragraph and then try to get the real meaning. In simple words, Do “POST MORTEM” of each paragraph.*