



SPEAKING



ACADEMIC

GENERAL TRAINING

Listening



30 minutes

4 sections, 40 questions

Face-to-face with your examiner

Part 1:

Questions about you (4 - 5 mins)

Part 2:

Talking about a topic for up to 2 minutes (3 – 4 mins)

Part 3:

General discussion, linked to Part 2 (4 – 5 mins)

Reading



60 minutes

3 sections, 40 questions

60 minutes
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Writing



60 minutes

2 tasks

60 minutes

General discussion, linked to Part 2 (4 – 5 mins)

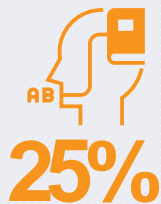
Speaking



11 - 14 minutes

3 parts

Speaking



25%
Pronunciation



25%
Grammatical range and accuracy



25%
Fluency and coherence



25%
Lexical resource

Two-way discussion

Aashish, Nepal -

Band 7.5 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqES1CJ1qts>

Examiner comments

Band 7.5: Aashish



Fluency and coherence

- fluent and speaks with ease
- any hesitation, repetition or self-correction is mainly content-related.
- uses markers flexibly (*I am both; basically; as well as; every now and then; that would be French*)



Lexical resource

- able to talk about variety of topics
- uses idioms and collocations but makes some mistakes (*all over the place; that's not just my cup of tea; someone to confront and talk to; I haven't got a chance*)



Grammatical range and accuracy

- uses wide range of structures
- sentences mostly error-free



Pronunciation

- uses wide range of pronunciation features
- uses stress and intonation
- only few problems with some sounds ('bot' for both; 'vent' for went)

Masterclass advice



Listen, read and think in English before the test.



Talk at a steady rate, not too fast or too slow.



Use the preparation minute to make notes.



Use natural 'fillers', like 'Now, let me think...' to avoid pauses. Avoid phrases such as 'How do you say...?'



Don't sound flat: use stress and intonation.



Don't worry about a grammar mistake – move on.

Masterclass advice



Give more details about each of the points you make.



Explain your answers by giving reasons for what you say.



Part 3: weigh up both sides of a question and give examples to support them.



Rehearse work/study and where you live questions BUT sound natural.



Give your opinion with: In my view; As far as I'm concerned; Generally speaking, I'd say...



Practise typical IELTS topics, e.g. Education; Health and fitness; Travel and transport; Leisure; Communication...



Every day counts towards language skills



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Next Steps

