

St Thomas College, Kozhencherry
CERTIFICATE COURSE on *IELTS*

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Duration of the Course: 30 hours

Learning Outcome

Reading

- recognise the different types of questions asked in IELTS tests
- predict main ideas from titles and visual aids
- use skimming and scanning to identify gist and details
- identify and summarise the main ideas in various types of texts
- determine the meaning of unknown words from the context
- recognise a writer's views or claims and their implications
- answer a variety of question types found in IELTS reading tests
- complete a reading test in the allotted time

Writing

- analyse IELTS questions and respond appropriately
- organise and present information in a coherent way
- use appropriate language and vocabulary for specific tasks
- use a variety of sentence patterns with grammatical accuracy
- summarise the main ideas of various types of texts
- develop an argument and support it in a structured essay
- identify implications and propose solutions
- edit written work
- complete the test tasks within the required time limits

Listening

- recognise the format and question patterns in an IELTS listening test
- use a variety of techniques to respond appropriately to IELTS listening test questions
- identify the main ideas of an aural text
- identify specific information and roles of speakers
- identify numbers, dates, time, letters, etc. correctly
- understand the implications of information provided in aural texts

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- accurately transfer information gathered from listening to written answers within the set time limit

Speaking

- recognise the different sections and requirements of the IELTS speaking test
- introduce self and converse confidently on a topic, for example, family, hobbies, or work
- give a talk based on a personal topic
- give an opinion and justify it
- speculate about general topics
- answer questions fluently and with clear pronunciation
- use appropriate stress, intonation and speed patterns in their conversation
- use the appropriate vocabulary and grammar to express their ideas

Course Outcomes:

At the end of the course the participants will register noticeable progress across the four key skills of language proficiency -- Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing

He/She will be better equipped to:

1. promote listening skills so that you can follow the ideas, themes, opinions and information in conversations.
2. whet reading skill, so that you can develop a variety of skills, including how to pick out the main ideas of a text, how to determine between details, and how to understand implied meanings and opinions.
3. enhance your writing skills so that you can organise your ideas, and use appropriate sentence structures and vocabulary.
4. To sharpen your communication skills in English

Course Outline (30 hours)

Module 1: (5 hours)

Reading

Module 2: (15 hours)

Writing

Module 3: (1 hours)

Listening

Module 4: (5 hours)

Speaking

Practice: (4 hours)

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