

MASTER IELTS READING

Video 1: Introduction to IELTS Reading

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Test Statistics



Mean band score for Iranian candidates ACADEMIC	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Overall
Iran 2016	6.20	5.99	5.90	6.49	6.21
Iran 2017	6.24	5.98	5.58	6.43	6.12
Iran 2018	6.31	6.05	5.63	6.37	6.16
Iran 2019	6.4	6.1	5.8	6.4	6.2
Iran 2021	6.71	6.41	6.05	6.64	6.52
Iran 2022	6.7	6.4	6	6.7	6.5
Iran 2023-24	6.6	6.4	6	6.5	6.4

Mean band score for Iranian candidates GT	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Overall
Iran 2018	6.53	6.20	5.85	6.49	6.33
Iran 2019	6.7	6.3	6.1	6.6	6.5
Iran 2021	6.37	6.02	6.04	6.44	6.28
Iran 2022	6.2	5.8	6	6.4	6.1
Iran 2023-24	6.2	5.9	6	6.3	6.2

- Farsi Speakers usually get 6-6.5 in IELTS Reading.

Source: <https://www.ielts.org/for-researchers/test-statistics/test-taker-performance>

Overview of the Academic Reading Test



- 60 minutes, 40 questions
- 3 passages, 2,150 - 2,750 words in total
- Authentic, non-specialist texts from journals, magazines, books, and newspapers
- General interest topics that are interesting, appropriate, and accessible to test takers entering undergraduate or postgraduate courses
- Written in a variety of styles: narrative, descriptive or argumentative
- 1+ text contains a detailed logical argument
- May contain non-verbal material e.g. diagrams/tables

Overview of the General Training Reading Test



- 60 minutes, 40 questions
- 3 parts:
 - Part 1: two to three everyday general texts
 - Part 2: two work-related texts
 - Part 3: a passage of about 800 words
- Authentic, non-specialist texts from journals, magazines, books, newspapers, and public/corporate texts
- General interest topics that are interesting, appropriate, and accessible to test takers aiming to live and work in an English-speaking country
- May contain non-verbal material e.g. diagrams/tables

Converting Raw Scores to IELTS Band Scores

Academic Reading			General Training Reading	
Band score	Raw score out of 40		Band score	Raw score out of 40
5	15		4	15
6	23		5	23
7	30		6	30
8	35		7	34

Difficult Questions



General Training Test

Section	Number of difficult questions for band 7
1 + 2	2-3/27
3	3-4/13

Academic Test

Section	Number of difficult Qs for band 6	Number of difficult Qs for band 6.5	Number of difficult Qs for band 7
1	3-4/13	2-3/13	1-2/13
2	5-6/13	4-5/13	3-4/13
3	7-8/14	6-7/14	5-6/14



IELTS Reading Answer Sheet

Candidate Name

Candidate No. Centre No.

Test Module ☐ Academic ☐ General Training Test Date Day Month Year

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1		1 ☐ ☐	21		21 ☐ ☐
2		2 ☐ ☐	22		22 ☐ ☐
3		3 ☐ ☐	23		23 ☐ ☐
4		4 ☐ ☐	24		24 ☐ ☐
5		5 ☐ ☐	25		25 ☐ ☐
6		6 ☐ ☐	26		26 ☐ ☐
7		7 ☐ ☐	27		27 ☐ ☐
8		8 ☐ ☐	28		28 ☐ ☐
9		9 ☐ ☐	29		29 ☐ ☐
10		10 ☐ ☐	30		30 ☐ ☐
11		11 ☐ ☐	31		31 ☐ ☐
12		12 ☐ ☐	32		32 ☐ ☐
13		13 ☐ ☐	33		33 ☐ ☐
14		14 ☐ ☐	34		34 ☐ ☐
15		15 ☐ ☐	35		35 ☐ ☐
16		16 ☐ ☐	36		36 ☐ ☐
17		17 ☐ ☐	37		37 ☐ ☐
18		18 ☐ ☐	38		38 ☐ ☐
19		19 ☐ ☐	39		39 ☐ ☐
20		20 ☐ ☐	40		40 ☐ ☐

Marker 2 Signature: Marker 1 Signature: Reading Total:

