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PREFACE

Welcome to **IELTSmart**. Over 1250 questions and audio materials are dedicated to the successful preparation of students for English language testing. Authentic English language test material covers essentials from survival techniques through to the complex understandings required for university life. Specially written materials are applied in the styles of a range of text types, including newspaper, advertisement, notice, magazine, radio, and lecture. In addition there is a set of Speaking and Listening Audio Cassettes/CDs. The practice materials account for the 2005 revisions.

The publication of **IELTSmart** in China focuses on the needs of local learners and best international practice. Its two lead authors are Dr. Huizhong Shen, and Honorary Professor John Cleverley. Dr. Shen is a widely experienced English practitioner and teacher educator. On graduation from Fudan University, he taught College English at Fudan for five years. Currently, Dr. Shen is the Director of the Sydney-Fudan Master of Education in TESOL program, and lectures on the MED TESOL program at the University of Sydney. He has written numerous curriculum books and articles on language education, including the Language Market CD-Rom, nominated for a national award in Australia.

The second lead author is Honorary Professor John Cleverley, a graduate in English and Education from the University of Sydney. Professor Cleverley was Head of School and Pro-Dean in its Faculty of Education, and is the author of many books, articles and reports on modern educational theory and practice. He has written extensively on Chinese education, including, The Schooling of China, Tradition and Modernity in

Chinese Education. His work is informed by first hand knowledge of Western and Chinese language settings and contemporary life.

The authors wish to acknowledge Ms. Kaye Richards, with her English language teaching background, who has been part of the team. Ms. Richards has taught English in schools in Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia. Further, she has worked for 20 years in the Australian educational publishing industry, where her company's educational books have achieved global awards for excellence.

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We believe that through the use of good quality texts and materials, and by utilising modern language learning techniques, students of English will do full justice to their talents in the test situations they will face.

Huizhong Shen John Cleverley

Welcome to IELTSmart

The practice materials incorporate the 2005 updates.

These authentic and well-sequenced topics are designed to prepare students for the demands of English language testing. They focus on the needs of Chinese learners.

Recent years have brought major advances in research and professional practice in language learning and a demand for new texts that translate these insights into sound practice. *IELTSmart* contains over 1250 new test questions and suggested responses, including cassette tapes and/or CD recordings. They cover language skills for both academic and general purposes.

IELTS aside, there are other English language test programs, which assess skills in English language performance like TOEFL or CULT. This practice text material provides assistance to those practising for such tests.

While content makes use of common knowledge and data and, at times, institutional names, the settings are devised wholly for educational purposes and may include non-factual information. Nothing published here is intended to reflect adversely on any individual or institution.

We believe that through practice, success in IELTS type and related English language tests is achievable. The extensive program available here is specifically designed to develop

key competencies in English. As you progress through them, you will gain confidence in your abilities and do full justice to yourself, the ultimate aim of good learning.

Understanding the structure of IELTS

The International English Language Testing System, known as IELTS, is an English language proficiency test which contains a variety of these experiences and question types, designed to simulate language tasks in real-life situations.

The score that a student achieves in IELTS is designed to give the student, and the institution to which he or she has applied, a reliable idea of the student's ability in the use of English. Candidates planning university study will normally take the IELTS Academic mode. Candidates wishing to enrol in vocational training, or secondary school, or use the score for immigration purposes, will normally take the General Training mode.

Academic and General Training modes differ from each other only in the Reading and Writing modules. The Listening and Speaking modules are the same. Students must sit all four modules. On the day of the test, three of the modules, Listening, Reading, Writing, will be taken with no break. However, the Speaking test may or may not be on the same day. If it is not on the same day, it will be within seven days before or after.

Listening module takes approximately 30 minutes. There are 4 sections and 40 questions.

Academic Reading module, or General Training Reading module takes 60 minutes. There are 3 sections, of about 20 minutes each and 40 questions.

Academic Writing module, or General Training Writing module takes 60 minutes. There are 2 tasks: Task 1 is of at least 150 words and takes about 20 minutes. Task 2, of at least 250 words, takes about 40 minutes

Speaking module takes 11-14 minutes. There are 3 parts: Part I takes 4-5

minutes, Part 2 takes 2-3 minutes, and Part 3, 4-5 minutes.

Each module is marked on a scale from 1 to 9. These bands are determined according to highly detailed marking guidelines, which are not made public. Bands correspond roughly to the following categories: 1 essentially a non-user of English, 2 few English language skills, 3 very limited user, 4 limited user, 5 modest user, 6 competent user, 7 effective user, 8 very good user, and 9, expert user of English.

The test results form will show the mark for each module, and will contribute to an average (overall) band score. Listening and Reading are reported in whole and half bands, and Writing and Speaking only in whole bands.

Test result (Example)

| | | | |
|----------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| Listening Band | 6.5 | | |
| Reading Band | 6.5 | | |
| Writing Band | 7.0 | | |
| Speaking Band | 6.0 | Overall Band | 6.5 |

There is no pass or fail mark in IELTS. The marks or bands that a candidate receives, and the descriptive statement with them, illustrate his or her ability to use and understand English.

Over a period of time the IELTS format may change, so candidates should check the latest requirements and their own situation well ahead of the designated test time. The latest data on IELTS testing is accessible through its website. Students intending to go overseas may also check with the relevant embassy and designated institution.

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Understanding Reading Test Materials

The Reading - General Test takes one hour based on 40 questions in three sections. Section 1 covers questions 1-14; Section 2, questions 15-27; and Section 3, 28-40. The total length of the reading material is around 2000-2750 words.

Section 1 questions relate to factual information covering basic survival skills. It provides an opportunity to understand and retrieve non-complex information. Section 2 questions focus on educational and training situations and welfare, and include more complex language and expression. Section 3 questions ask you to present responses to more extended and more complex prose of a descriptive and instructive type.

You will find in IELTSmart a bilingual glossary to help you study the texts and broaden your vocabulary.

A variety of test types are utilised. This includes multiple choice, short answer, sentence completion, diagrams, table completion, graphs, yes/no, true/ false/ not given, etc. The tests also present a range of reading formats such as advertisements, notices, booklets, newspapers, magazines and books.

Make sure too that you spell the words correctly in your answer. Either British or American spelling is acceptable.

Note: practice question types and test formats cannot represent every possibility, and students are advised to be flexible in their thinking and alert in the actual exam situation.

Frequently asked questions-Reading

Q. What are the skills or strategies I should learn which can ensure that I do well?

A. You can:

- (1) Read the instructions carefully and understand exactly what is required, e.g. You should not write four words/numbers if the instruction is 'give no more than three words/numbers'.
- (2) Before starting, read through the questions quickly to have a sense of what items need attention during reading.
- (3) Skim through the text to get an understanding of the meaning, and notice titles, headings, numbers, diagrams, and parts that may contain important information, e.g. the first and last paragraph of the text, or the first sentence of each paragraph.
- (4) Scan the text seeking specific information, e.g. if the question asks for a specific answer like 'the name of a company,' or 'a specific time'. Focus on key words in the question and find them, or synonyms.
- (5) Check your answers and correct any errors.

Q. What should I do if I come across an unfamiliar word in the reading?

A. Check quickly if this new word is asked for in the questions. If it is, you may use one of the following strategies to work out the meaning.

- (1) Work out the meaning by looking at the words or phrases that go immediately before or after the unfamiliar word.
- (2) Read the line after the unfamiliar word to see if there is a definition of the word. A good writer often defines or explains a word if he or she thinks it is uncommon.
- (3) Study the lexical or grammatical features of the unfamiliar word to determine if it is a noun, verb, adjective, or adverb, in the sentence. Break the word down to find the root and prefix to work out the meaning. Punctuation marks can help.
- (4) A connective word e.g. alternatively, similarly, as a result, etc., can help you get a general understanding of the sentence, and then you can work out the meaning that

way.

Q. I have tried all the strategies and still can't work out the meaning of the unfamiliar word.

What shall I do?

A. Sometimes you can determine the answer of a multiple-choice question by the process of eliminating familiar words. Remember, guess as a last resort - never leave a question unattempted.

Q. I always seem to run out of time before I've finished the test. How can I manage my time better?

A. This is a usual problem at the beginning stage. As your practice skills develop, you will find that you will be able to complete the items in the set time. As you complete each practice test, you can note down the time taken for each section. Then you can see which kind of test questions is taking up most of your time. Then do more practice specifically on these items.

Q. When should I use True or False or Not Given? I sometimes get confused between False and Not Given.

A. True is used where the content of a passage informs us that the statement in the question is correct. False is used where the content of the passage informs us that the statement in the question is incorrect. Not Given is used where the content of the passage does not inform us whether the statement in the question is not true or false, or where no information on the statement in the question is provided.

PRACTICE READING - GENERAL

TEST 1

Time allowed: one hour
Number of questions: 40

All 40 questions should be attempted. The test has three sections:

| | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Section 1</i> | <i>Questions 1-14</i> |
| <i>Section 2</i> | <i>Questions 15-27</i> |
| <i>Section 3</i> | <i>Questions 28-40</i> |

Section I Questions 1-14

You should spend about 20 minutes on Section 1.

Questions 1-4

Read the six advertisements of apartments for rent A-F.

Write the letters of the appropriate advertisement in the answer list 1-4 below.

Use any letter more than once if necessary.

Advertisements

A

LANE COVE

20 William St. Open for viewing Monday 30th October. Two bedrooms, close to shops and rail, balcony, internal laundry facilities, lock up garage.

Located in factory area and next to North Shore Private Hospital, Sydney. \$300 per week. Ring 32400011.

B

HILLS DISTRICT

309 South Hill Rd. Offers a wonderful living experience for professional people. In the heart of Adelaide parkland, it has 4 bedrooms and two car spaces in a lock up garage. Only \$550 per week, the apartment is competitively priced, however the owner has indicated she will negotiate the price for the right tenant. Ring Anne 298 8000.

C

GLEN WAVERLEY

This fine apartment is located at 25 Mt Victoria Rd, Melbourne, and offers 3 bedrooms with individual bathrooms. There is one car space. Internal washing and drying are available. It is close to tram and train and opposite Waverley Racecourse. Reasonable rent at \$650 per week. Email the owner with references_John @ easylet.

D

GLADESVILLE

111 Bay View Rd. One bedroom, compact apartment, with all facilities. Water views. Would suit busy professional with no time to garden. On the Sydney subway. Owner has set a reasonable rent of \$250 per week. Absolutely no negotiations, but the owner will give the first week free. Call at Quickrent Real Estate, Gladesville.

E

STANMORE

181 Railway Road. Has three bedrooms and a large entertaining area. It is close to Sydney lakes, and tenants can choose to walk or jog regularly. Rent is \$400 per week, negotiable. Apply 915 9991.

F

ALICE SPRINGS

Holiday flat available in the central desert area 150 kilometres west of Alice Springs. Will accommodate a group of up to 7 people. Local activities include rock climbing and desert walks - romantic area. Rent is \$800 per week Find out more from our website - desert@wide.

Example

Which apartment is in Melbourne?

Answer: C

1. Which apartment has the highest weekly rent?
2. Which apartments are in Sydney?
3. Which two apartments are near water?
4. Which two apartments have rents that can be negotiated with the owner?

Write your answers here.

1.
2.
3.
4.

Questions 5-10

Read the Information Sheet - The Hotel Equator Notice Board.

Write the appropriate number/s in 5-10, in your answer list below.

Use one number more than once if necessary.

INFORMATION SHEET

The Hotel Equator Notice Board

Fax: 221 7676, Phone: 221 7677-9 (three lines)

This information below is provided for the benefit of guests. Please take time to read it through. It will add to your enjoyment of your time in Singapore, the Lion City.

1. Please present your passports and supply home details at the front reception area. When booking-out, please leave the hotel by 12 Noon. Please tell the booking clerk whether you wish to be accommodated on a smoking or a non-smoking floor. We have two basic room rates per night: \$100 for a standard room for two, and \$200 for a deluxe