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《雅思直快》的五位编者均为北京语言大学出国留学人员培训部的资深雅思培训专家,在近 20 年的雅思教学实践中积累了丰富的成功经验。《雅思直快》最突出的特点就在于它对雅思考试的各项具体要求和应试技巧进行了非常细致、深入的剖析,为考生指明了科学、有效的训练方法,使考生能够在正确指导下进行有效的训练,在训练的同时不断得到有针对性的指导,以保证取得最佳的备考效果。该系列共含 5 个分册,即听力、阅读(学术类)、阅读(培训类)、写作和口语。自 2002 年出版以来,《雅思直快》受到了广大雅思考生和雅思培训第一线上的教师们的普遍欢迎。

为了使《雅思直快》更好地为考生服务,最近,五位编者根据雅思考试的最新要求和在教学实践中反复使用该系列的经验总结对各分册进行了修订,修改和补充了其中的一些讲解,替换、增加了部分练习和模拟试题。相信修订后的《雅思直快》一定能够指导考生们更加高效地备考,帮助他们登上通向成功的直达快车!

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第一章

IELTS 阅读考试(培训类)介绍



IELTS 普通培训类(General Training)阅读考试(以下简称 G 类阅读考试)是针对去英语国家完成中学教育或学习培训课程的人员的考试,近年来越来越多的移民澳大利亚、加拿大、新西兰等国的人员被这些国家要求参加该项考试,因此在我国 G 类考试被称为移民类考试。G 类考试主要考查考生在一般的教育或社会背景下的基本生存技能,在选材、难度等方面与 IELTS 学术类考试(Academic)以及我国考生所熟悉的 GRE、TOEFL 等考试有很大的不同。

G 类阅读考试的内容由三篇以上文章组成,阅读量为 1500~2500 词,题量从 38 到 42 不等,考试时间为 60 分钟。

阅读试题分三部分,文章的长度和难度逐步递增。

第一部分考查应试者在英语环境下的生存能力,含多篇事实性短文,如广告、旅行安排、药品说明书等等。

第二部分考查应试者就学或参加培训的基本英语能力,内容多与大学课程、学费、住宿、社团等有关。该部分一般由两篇各 500 词左右的文章组成。

第三部分一般由一篇 700 词左右的文章组成,内容涉及教育、科技、环保、体育等社会生活的各个方面。

IELTS G 类阅读考试的题型多种多样,常见题型有:判断题(TRUE / FALSE / NOT GIVEN)、匹配题(matching)、简答题(short answer questions)、完成句子题(sentence completion)、概要题(summary)、图表题(table / chart /





diagram)、多项选择题(multiple-choice questions)。其中多项选择题所占比例非常小。

请读者试做下面的一套模拟试题,限定自己的做题时间(60 分钟),复印书后所附答题卡,将答案直接写在答题卡上,做完后对照答案记录自己的做对的题的数目。通过实践感受 IELTS G 类阅读考试的大致难度与内容。





INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM

PRACTICE TEST 1 GENERAL TRAINING

READING

TIME ALLOWED: 1 hour
NUMBER OF QUESTIONS: 39

Instructions

All answers must be written on the answer sheet.

The test is divided as follows:

Section 1:	Questions 1–12
Section 2:	Questions 13–26
Section 3:	Questions 27–39

Start at the beginning of the test and work through it. You should answer all questions.

If you cannot do a particular question, leave it and go on to the next. You can return to it later.





Section 1 Questions 1-12

Questions 1-7 apply to the reading passage "Friends of the Earth Trust".

Friends of the Earth Trust

Friends of the Earth Trust is an educational charity set up to help people of all ages become aware of the threats to our environment. Pollution is just one of these. The destruction of wildlife and wasting our natural resources are others.

In Britain, the countryside is disappearing or being destroyed — modern farming, mining and quarrying, motorways and power stations are all adding to this destruction. By the year 2000 about half the world's animal and plant species could be extinct.

Every year a forest the size of Wales is cut down to make paper for use in Britain. If more people used recycled paper fewer trees would be cut down, and there would be less waste to dispose of. Another important benefit would be the new jobs created in the collection of waste paper.

New jobs would also be created if there was a large programme to save energy rather than to produce electricity, but vast amounts of money are spent on nuclear power. From the mining of uranium to the disposal of radioactive waste there are a number of threats to the environment. In addition there are close connections between nuclear power and nuclear weapons. There are safer sources of energy.

Energy could also be saved if more short journeys were made by bicycle. This would reduce pollution and traffic congestion. Cycleways should be built to make cycling safer.

The threats to our environment are all related. For instance building cycleways instead of unnecessary new roads would save energy, reduce pollution and the destruction of our wildlife.





Questions 1-7

Look at the statements below. In boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet write

- TRUE** if the statement is true;
FALSE if the statement is false;
NOT GIVEN if the information is not given in the passage.

Example**Answer**

By the end of the 20th century many types of animals are likely to have disappeared.

TRUE

1. The goal of Friends of the Earth Trust is to warn about pollution.
2. The main threat to the British countryside is from roadbuilding.
3. Large parts of Welsh forests are being destroyed to produce paper.
4. Recycling paper would increase unemployment.
5. More power is used in homes, shops and offices than necessary.
6. People should travel by bicycle instead of by car.
7. Special routes for cyclists are needed.

Questions 8-12

Read the following book reviews and answer questions 8-12. Write your answers in boxes 8-12 on your answer sheet.

Note: You may use any letter more than once.

Example**Answer**

Which book makes readers question their way of life?

B

8. Which book deals especially with rare creatures?
9. Which book involves different forms of transport?
10. Which book is about danger from unfriendly people?
11. Which book describes the author's diet?
12. Which book destroys a popular belief?

A**Walking to the Mountain**

Not just any mountain but Mount Kailash. It's a special place for pil-





grims of all religions and has been for thousands of years. Author Wendy Teas-dill took the hard route, the “Southern Road”. She hitch-hiked, rode trucks and walked the final 400 miles. She crossed flooded rivers and survived on biscuits, noodles and wild plants and lived to tell her story.

B

The Sea on Our Left

At the age of 52 and at the height of their careers (he a dentist, she a physiotherapist) Richard and Shally Hunt gave up their steady middle-class lifestyle to spend a year walking the 4,300 miles around the British coast. This book tells their story and leaves you wondering why you haven't got the courage to do the same.

C

Gobi: Tracking the Desert

Until recently the Gobi Desert was seen as a wasteland of intense heat, polar cold and frightening sandstorms. But it also has the world's second largest national park, the world's only desert bear, the world's only surviving wild horses, snow leopards and is where the first dinosaur eggs were found. Writer and broadcaster, John Man, explored 1,000 miles of this remote area to research his book.

D

A Grain of Sand

Author Brendon Grimshaw is a modern day “Robinson Crusoe”. For over 25 years he has lived alone on the tiny palm-covered tropical Seychelles island of Moyenne. Over the years he has had many experiences which show that living alone on a desert island is not as romantic as it sounds. During this time, Grimshaw has also led a never-ending search for buried treasure, said to be 30m pounds.

E

Tarantulas, Marmosets and Other Stories

Nick Gordon, the author, is one of those amazing wildlife cameramen





that spend their lives waiting for the perfect shot. For the last ten years Gordon has lived in the Amazon basin filming jaguars stalking freshwater turtles, and giant eight-eyed tarantulas in their underground homes. This book is an account of his time. It's a lot more than just a wildlife book though, with Gordon telling stories of escaping from hostile tribes as well as eventually gaining acceptance among these rarely contacted inhabitants.

Section 2 Questions 13–26

Questions 13–18

The following passage gives information about living in the UK.

Living in the UK

We have always invested a great deal of effort and resources into the welfare and quality of life of our students. If problems of a non-academic nature crop up, there are helping hands that can give you guidance on financial and personal problems or health matters. You will usually have a course tutor or research supervisor who can be approached on a personal as well as academic basis.

International Office

This office was set up in 1995 to provide a focal point for existing and intending international students of the University. As well as tutoring many countries to show potential applicants what Brunel has to offer, we can give advice to international students on a whole range of matters, from financial difficulties and Home Office regulations to individual personal problems. At the start of each academic year, we organise an orientation programme to help new international students adjust to life in the UK. Together with the Students' Union, the International Office also produces a handbook of per-arrival information which is sent to all applicants from overseas in August. We also arrange a "meet and greet" scheme whereby new students arriving from overseas are met at Heathrow airport and driven to their accommodation.

Students' Union

The Students' Union, which represents the interests of all its members, provides many services, including two Information and Advice Centres. In addition, the Union organises over 16 ethnic societies — Chinese and Hellenic,





for example — which bring together students from different parts of the world, as well as more general social events with a multi-cultural emphasis.

Information and Advice Centres

The Students' Union, with funding and cooperation from the University, runs two Information and Advice Centres, one at Uxbridge and one at Osterley. These aim to provide professional advice and information to all Brunel students about a wide range of issues, from immigration to the Council Tax. The staff of the Centres can help and advise overseas students in a variety of areas.

Counsellors

The University has an extensive network of trained counsellors who are available to give advice to all students on personal or emotional problems.

Medical Care

The Medical Centre houses a general medical practice on the Uxbridge Campus which is open throughout the year. Students resident on this campus or in the immediate surrounding area may therefore register with a doctor on campus. Students on the other three campuses must register with a doctor in their area. Free medical care under the UK National Health Service is normally available to all overseas students at Brunel provided that: a) they are registered with the University as an overseas student or are a dependent of one and, b) they are seeking treatment for a complaint which has developed since registration. It is essential to bring to the UK a certificate signed by your own doctor stating that your health is good.

Dental care is not provided by the University and students will need to register with a local NHS practice (non-NHS practices charge more for treatment).

You can also obtain further information before coming to the UK from the Department of Health, Alexander Fleming House, London SE1 6BY, or the Department of Social Security (overseas branch), Castle Buildings Stormont, Belfast, BT4 3HH, N Ireland.

Role of the British Council

The Council's headquarters, based in central London, organises trips, courses and other activities for overseas visitors. It also publishes a book called "How to live in Britain".





Look at the statements below. In boxes 13–18 on your answer sheet write

TRUE if the statement is true;

FALSE if the statement is false;

NOT GIVEN if the information is not given in the passage.

Example

Answer

A course tutor gives students advice on both personal and academic problems.

TRUE

13. The University began to enroll international students after 1995.
14. New international students take the orientation programme free of charge.
15. Overseas students must register with a doctor on campus.
16. Cost for treatment of an illness developed before one comes to the U.K. is not covered by the university.
17. Cost for dental care is covered by the NHS.
18. The British Council organizes free trips for overseas students.

Questions 19–26 apply to the following passage.

The reading passage “Union of Students” has nine sections (A–I). Choose the most suitable headings for sections B–I from the list of headings (i–x). Write the appropriate numbers in the correct boxes on the answer sheet.

Note: There are more headings than sections so you will not use all of them. You may use any of the headings more than once.

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| 19. Section B | 20. Section C |
| 21. Section D | 22. Section E |
| 23. Section F | 24. Section G |
| 25. Section H | 26. Section I |

Union of Students

A

The Union of Students enjoys a national reputation for providing some of





the best services and activities available in any university. *The Times Higher* described it as a “shining example of a union which provides excellent commercial services while placing a premium on improving welfare provision”. The Union also offers students a wide range of opportunities to develop new and existing interests.

B

Most students become involved in activities organised by the Union's societies and committees. Over 140 groups provide for academic, national, religious, political and other recreational interests.

Every fortnight, for example, students produce *Steel Press*, which is one of the country's leading student newspapers, the Arts Council organises regular exhibitions in the Union's Gallery, and the Theatre Company stages several productions each year in the Drama Studio, which is recognised as one of the best-equipped university theatres.

C

There are almost 60 Union sports clubs, providing a wide range of sporting opportunities. In addition to the traditional sports, there is a chance to take up activities such as hang-gliding, korfbal or snowboarding. The clubs offer opportunities for competitive sport at the highest level, as well as participation for the fun of it.

D

The Union has established the Octagon Centre as a major venue on the national circuit for the very best in live music. A varied programme offers the latest bands, together with jazz, rock and comedy. A range of other venues includes “The Foundry”, a popular nightclub, and rooms for private parties. The Union also has its own cinema, which screens four films each week.

E

The Union's services include a range of bars and food outlets, including a continental cafe bar, as well as two local pubs. There is a shop, travel agency, printing service and launderette. All these services offer good value and quali-





ty as well as generating funds to support other student activities. The Union Building also houses banks and other retail services, together with rooms to meet, study and relax.

F

Representatives appointed by the Union sit on most of the main University committees to put forward student views. There are also hundreds of students elected to serve on departmental and faculty committees, who receive support and training from the Union. Student views are also represented to local organisations, and nationally through the National Union of Students.

G

A team of experienced staff in the Union's Student Advice Centre handles more than 20,000 enquiries each year on grants, housing and other welfare matters. Specialist advisers deal with the problems of international, post-graduates and mature students. Information is published on a wide range of issues, and a student-run information and listening service is provided throughout the night.

H

Although all the facilities are open to all students, the Union recognises the particular needs of some groups. These include committees of mature and international students, and ones dealing with issues of gender and sexual orientation. Special facilities include a prayer room for Islamic students. Women students are provided with an evening minibus service from the central campus to their homes, as well as subsidised personal alarms and self-defence training.

I

The Union encourages students to play a full part in the life of the city. Many are involved in Student Community Action, which organises projects with children, people with disabilities, the elderly, the homeless and other groups. The Conversation Volunteers organise a range of activities in the city and the Peak District, and the Charities Appeal raises money for local and national charities through a variety of events.



**List of Headings**

- i Enjoying music
- ii Student activities
- iii Entertainment
- iv Sport
- v Female students
- vi Advice and support
- vii Community involvement
- viii Representation
- ix Meeting every need
- x Services and facilities

Section 3 Questions 27–39**Questions 27–31**

The text about “*The Dangerous Attractions of Paradise*” has 6 paragraphs (A–F). Choose the most suitable heading for each paragraph from the list below. Write the appropriate numbers (i–vii) in the correct boxes on your answer sheet.

Example

Paragraph A

Answer

vi

27. Paragraph B

28. Paragraph C

29. Paragraph D

30. Paragraph E

31. Paragraph F

List of Headings

- i Characteristics of religious cults
- ii A miniature society
- iii Keeping its members in control

