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前 言

在准备标准化考试（例如雅思）时，考生必须首先熟悉考试的形式、常见问题以及判分依据等。然后，对考生来说十分重要的环节是通过一定的模拟测试了解自身的优劣势，并掌握考试所要求的技能和策略。*Prepare for IELTS: Academic Practice Tests* 和 *Prepare for IELTS: General Training Practice Tests* 就能帮助考生达到这些目标，无论是自学还是培训课都非常适用。

Prepare for IELTS: Academic Practice Tests 和 *Prepare for IELTS: General Training Practice Tests* 根据 2006 年雅思考试写作部分的改革，作了全新的修订。该最新版本还包括了下列额外的内容：

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Prepare for IELTS: Academic Practice Tests 和 *Prepare for IELTS: General Training Practice Tests* 中的大部分内容都被广泛运用在 INSEARCH 全世界各个学院的培训教学中，并取得了全球公认的教学效果。本书更是以一种充满趣味的方式呈现，使雅思考试的准备更加有意思。

本书还有一个显著的特点：CD1 和 CD2 中的听力测试题包括了形式多样的英语以及来自澳大利亚、北美和英国的多种口音，而且对所有的听力和模拟口试都附有完整的文字脚本和答案，确保考生进行深入的学习。

Prepare for IELTS: Academic Practice Tests 和 *Prepare for IELTS: General Training Practice Tests* 的编写者都是经验丰富的雅思考官和 INSEARCH 学院的资深雅思培训专家。

INSEARCH 学院帮助来自世界各地的学生掌握必需的英语及学术能力，以进一步学习深造和发展职业，并以此著称。INSEARCH 提供进入澳大利亚悉尼科技大学、英国埃赛克斯大学的学位衔接课程，并在中国与上海大学合作成立了上海大学悉尼工商学院，同时，INSEARCH 学院还在越南、泰国和印度尼西亚开设合作机构。

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总之，这两本书不仅包含雅思应试的最新相关资料、操作策略和重要提示，同时多彩和精心的版面设计也十分富有吸引力，对于任何备战雅思学术类和普通类考试的学生，都是最佳的选择。

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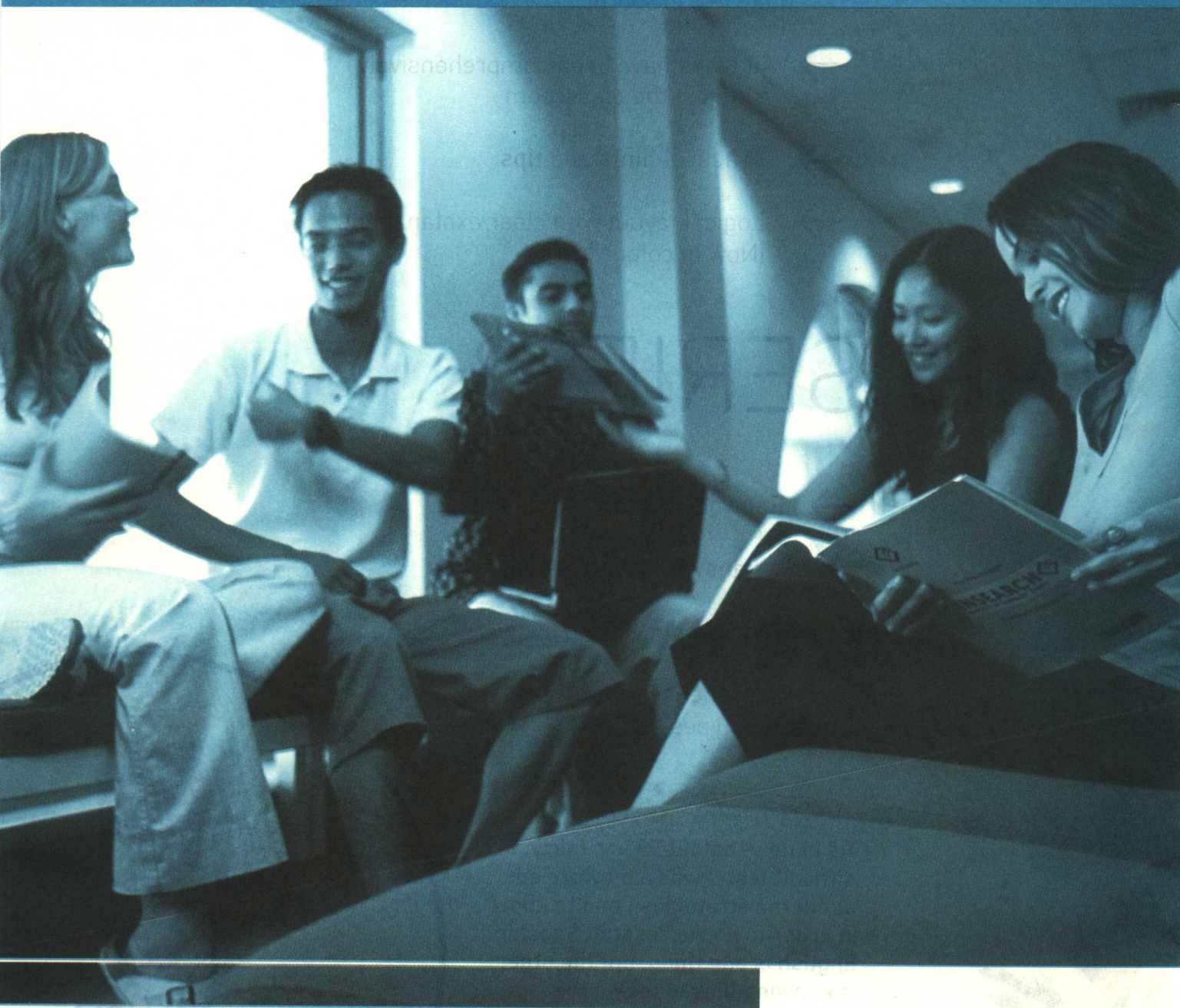
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ABOUT THE IELTS TEST

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT THE IELTS TEST

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) was introduced in 1989 to help universities and colleges assess the English skills of applicants wishing to study or train in the English language. It continues to be used for this purpose and is also used as a general test of English for immigration and employment in many countries.

Candidates must choose to sit either the **Academic** or the **General Training** IELTS test.

- ▶ The **Academic** IELTS test is for individuals who plan to study in English at university (undergraduate or postgraduate level), and is designed to test the understanding and use of complex academic language.
- ▶ The **General Training** IELTS test is suitable for individuals requiring a more general level of English proficiency for college, high school, employment or immigration purposes.

The IELTS test is divided into four sections: **Listening**, **Reading**, **Writing** and **Speaking**.

All candidates sit the same **Listening** and **Speaking** test. However, **Academic** and **General Training** candidates each sit a different **Reading** and **Writing** test. Detailed information on each test is provided at the beginning of each unit in this book.

THE TEST FORMAT

30 minutes

Listening Test

60 minutes

Academic
Reading Test

General Training
Reading Test

60 minutes

Academic
Writing Test

General Training
Writing Test

11-14 minutes

Speaking Test

There is no pass or fail mark in the IELTS test. Candidates are marked on a band scale of 1 to 9 in each part of the test. These bands classify a candidate's ability to use and understand English in particular contexts, and correspond approximately to the categories of English proficiency as listed below.

Band 9	Expert User
Band 8	Very Good User
Band 7	Good User
Band 6	Competent User
Band 5	Modest User
Band 4	Limited User
Band 3	Extremely Limited User
Band 2	Intermittent User
Band 1	Non User
Band 0	No Original English Used

The Test Results Form (TRF) contains a score for each part of the test as well as an average (overall) band score.

Depending on various English language requirements, individual universities, organisations and countries decide which IELTS band score is suitable for their applicants.

For more information on IELTS you can visit the IELTS website at www.ielts.org or ask your IELTS centre for a copy of *The IELTS Handbook*.

IMPROVEMENT TIPS

INTRODUCTION

ON IMPROVING YOUR ENGLISH FOR IELTS

Candidates may sit the IELTS test as many times as they wish.

Before sitting the test it is important and helpful to:

- 1 Familiarise yourself with the test **FORMAT** (page 13) **F**
- 2 Improve your **TEST** skills with practice tests (page 14) **T**
- 3 **USE** your English skills every day (page 15) **U**

Many candidates enrol in an IELTS Preparation Course at a language school to help them prepare fully for the test. Combined with independent study, and daily practice using the English language, a preparation course will help candidates achieve their target band score. (See page 16 for an overview of what an IELTS course will usually cover.)

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An important part of preparing for the IELTS test is understanding the test structure. What are the sections of the test? Which section comes first? Second? How much time is allowed for each section? How many questions are there? How long must I speak for?

- ▶ Familiarise yourself with the question types used. There are many different types of questions, and they do not all appear in each test version. However, knowing different question types will save you time because you'll interpret the questions in the test more easily.

Once you are familiar with the test format, you will be more relaxed. You can focus on answering the questions rather than worrying about how many questions there are or how much time you have left.

