

IELTS Preparation Course A

Objective:	All of the four components (listening, reading, writing, and speaking) will be covered in full in this IELTS course. Essential techniques and skills will be taught so that students will understand the exam format in detail. A combination of theoretical knowledge and practice will allow students to gain a solid understanding of how to get a satisfactory score in the IELTS exam.
Target:	Undergraduates and postgraduates who intend to pursue further study abroad, in which IELTS score is one of the admission requirements.
Instructor:	Mr. Samuel Vong , training instructor of the Career Development Centre
Venue:	UM Classroom (The course arrangement will depend on the further development of the pandemic. If the pandemic is getting worse, the course will be moved online.)
Medium of Instruction:	English
Remarks:	Students are required to bring their laptops to class
Prerequisite:	Students are required to complete a pre-course mock test and send their answers to the course instructor by email on or before 7 Jan 2022. The pre-course test consists of a reading test and a writing test as those in an IELTS Exam and each test has a time limit of one hour only. Students are expected to take the test on their own without any assistance such as a dictionary or mobile phones within the time limit. The test will be marked and scores will be given for reference at the beginning of the course.

Course Schedule and Content:

15 January to 6 March; every Saturday and Sunday; 10:00-13:00 (12 sessions; 36 hours in total)

Session	Date		Topic
Pre-requisite	7 Jan	(Fri.)	Students are required to complete a pre-course mock test and send their answers to the course instructor by email on or before 7 Jan 2022. All materials will be sent via emails, and students are expected to follow instructions to achieve an accurate score prediction.
1	15 Jan	(Sat.)	Listening Reading Writing Speaking Form/ Notes Completion - Part 1 History (Passage 1) Task 1: Basic Introduction & Line Graph Lexical Resource – Advanced vocabulary, Phrasal verbs Group Practice – Family and Relationship
2	16 Jan	(Sun.)	Listening Reading Writing Speaking Form/ Notes Completion – Part 3/4 Archaeology (Passage 1) Task 1: Pie Chart & Bar Graph Lexical Resource - Collocation, Paraphrasing, Idiomatic Expressions Group Practice – History and Hometown

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3	22 Jan	(Sat.)	Listening Reading Writing Speaking	Multiple Choice - Part 2 Technology (Passage 2) Task 1: Table & Mixed Graph Grammatical Range & Accuracy - Generalising & Distancing Group Practice – Jobs and Studies
4	23 Jan	(Sun.)	Listening Reading Writing Speaking	Multiple Choice - Part 3/4 Science (Passage 2) Task 1: Map & Process Diagram Grammatical Range & Accuracy - Speaking Hypothetically & Modal verbs Group Practice – Media
5	12 Feb	(Sat.)	Listening Reading Writing Speaking	Matching - Part 2/3 Psychology (Passage 3) Task 2: Lexical Resources & Grammatical Range & Accuracy Grammatical Range & Accuracy - Talking about future & Emphasising Group Practice – Entertainment
6	13 Feb	(Sun.)	Listening Reading Writing Speaking	Map Labelling - Part 2 Art (Passage 3) Task 2: Coherence & Cohesion & Verb Form Fluency & Cohesion – Part 2 Referencing Group Practice – Arts, Music and Culture
7	19 Feb	(Sat.)	Listening Reading Writing Speaking	Plan/ Diagram Labelling - Part 2/3 Economics (Passage 3) Task 2: Task Achievement & Examples Fluency & Cohesion – Part 3 Referencing Group Practice – Social Issues
8	20 Feb	(Sun.)	Listening Reading Writing Speaking	Full Test Practice 1 Sociology (Passage 3) Analysis: Task 1 Examples of different scores Pronunciation – Sentence stress, word stress, Intonation Group Practice - Environment
9	26 Feb	(Sat.)	Listening Reading Writing Speaking	Full Test Practice 2 Management (Passage 3) Analysis: Task 2 Examples of different scores Pronunciation - Linking & Pausing, Rhythm& Chunking Group Practice - Technology
10	27 Feb	(Sun.)	Mock Test* (Listening, Reading and Writing)	
11	5 Mar	(Sat.)	Mock Test * (Speaking)	
12	6 Mar	(Sun.)	Mock Test * (Speaking)	
No class on 29-30 Jan, 5-6 Feb				

PS: Optional home practice will be given at the end of each week.

Attendance Policy: All participants are required to fulfill the following attendance policy, otherwise MOP500 per course will be charged:

- Achieve an attendance rate of 80%, AND
- Complete the **mock tests*** as prescribed in the course