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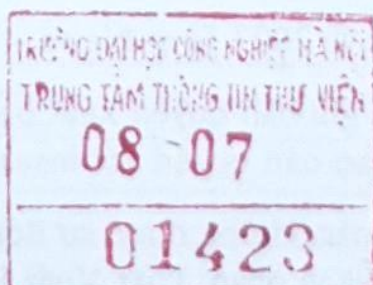
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Prepare for IELTS: Skills and Strategies focuses on the language skills and strategies candidates need in order to complete the four modules of the IELTS test. It aims to consolidate the skills required to perform well in the test and to familiarise the user with specific question types of the test. This book should be used with the companion titles **Prepare for IELTS: Academic Practice Tests** or **Prepare for IELTS: General Training Practice Tests** which contain sample tests.

Prepare for IELTS: Skills and Strategies is in two volumes: **Book One – Listening and Speaking**, and **Book Two – Reading and Writing**. Topics, skills and strategies studied in one volume are generic and complement those studied in the other, thereby enhancing your overall preparation for all four modules of the test.

Each module begins with a detailed description of the contents and format of each test. All question types are covered and practice opportunities given. Strategies are emphasised and developed across all modules, using a broad range of topics appropriate for all sections of IELTS. All modules include **Reports** for giving feedback or as a checklist. For Listening and Reading, these Reports cover all question types and skills, while the Reports for Speaking and Writing address the assessment criteria and their constituents or sub-skills for these tests. All sections of each book have **Photocopiable Materials**, including Answer Sheets for Listening and Reading. Photocopiable materials are identified by the icon .

All skills and strategies are further supported on-line with CALL (Computer Assisted Language Learning) **Tasks**, drawn from the INSEARCH Australia Network program **Study English: IELTS Preparation, Series 1** and **Series 2**, at www.australianetwork.com/studyenglish. These materials are identified by the icon .

The **Listening Module** includes an extensive range of listening tasks with transcripts and answers. Listening **Activities** are identified by the icon .

They not only provide practice in particular question types but also address general listening skills. **Practice Tasks** further develop language skills by focusing on numbers, distinguishing features and other key areas important to IELTS.

INTRODUCTION

The **Speaking Module** addresses the three parts of the test and focuses on assessment criteria used to establish a band score for this skill area. Language functions are examined using a range of IELTS topics. Again there are **Practice Tasks** and **Activities**, supplemented with practice **Prompt Cards** for Part 2, and **Topic Cards** to give further practice in speaking (fluency and coherence) suitable for all three parts of the Speaking test. A **Speech Analysis Form** for pronunciation feedback is provided, as well as **Vocabulary Work Sheets** to organise and develop vocabulary and word forms by topic.

The **Reading Module** provides practice for all question types through **Activities** and **Practice Tasks** with appropriate texts for both Academic and General Training Modules provided.

The **Writing Module** addresses Task 1 and Task 2 for both Academic and General Training Modules, and includes **Activities**, **Practice Descriptions** (Academic Task 1), **Practice Letters** (General Training Task 1) and **Practice Writing** (Task 2). All assessment criteria are examined throughout this section, and sample essays include commentaries addressing these criteria. There is also a **Checklist** for Essay Writing, a **Writing Analysis Form**, **Practice Essay Topics**, and **Sample Essays**.

The skills you learn as you prepare for IELTS will stand you in good stead when you are working or studying in an English-speaking environment, but more importantly they will certainly prepare you well for IELTS, the test.
Good luck!