

May 2018 IELTS Writing Task 2 Questions

Two-Part Expository: Mixed

The increasing production of consumer goods damages the natural environment. Why is this the case? What can be done to reduce this problem? (24th May) (AC)

Opinion

Some argue that it is not important to study history and that it is more essential to focus on the present. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (5th May) (AC)

Some people believe that it is not necessary to have internet access to live a full life. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (5th May) (AC)

The availability of entertainment such as playing video games on handheld devices is harmful to individuals and to the society they live in. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (5th May) (AC)

Some people think that a huge amount of time and money is spent on the protection of wild animals, and that this money could be better spent on the human population. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (12th May) (AC)

Looking after children is one of the most important jobs in the society. Some people think that it should be mandatory for all parents to attend childcare training courses. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (12th May) (AC)

Some people think that large international sporting events cause many problems to the host country and it is not worth holding them. Do you agree or disagree? (24th May) (GT)

Discussion

In many countries, the number of old people is increasing. Some people think this will cause a problem for their country while others think that old people play a very important role in society. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. (12th May) (GT)

Some people believe that the best way to travel within a city is by car. Others believe it is best to travel by bicycle. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. (12th May) (GT)

Some believe that modern technology is increasing the gap between the rich and poor people, while others disagree. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. (19th May) (AC)

Others: Two-Part Expository and Opinion

Some people say that people spend too much time on family celebrations such as birthdays and weddings. What is the importance of these celebrations? Do you think people spend too much time on them? (5th May) (GT)

Many people believe that parents should teach their children about the value of money. Why is it important to teach children about the value of money? What are the best ways for parents to do so? (5th May) (GT)

May 2018 IELTS Speaking Part 1-3 Questions

Speaking Part I

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>School</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What subjects are you studying?• What is your major? What is it about?• Why did you choose that university?• What makes your major difficult?• How much time do you allocate to studying?	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Where You Live</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do you live in a house or an apartment?• How far is it from here?• Can you describe your place?• What is your favorite room there?• Would you like to move to another place in the future? Where would you move to?
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Boredom</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do you get bored?• How often do you get bored?• What makes you feel very bored?• What do you do when you are very bored?• Do you think you get bored more than when you were a child?	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TV Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is your favorite TV program? Why do you like it?• Do you think the TV can be used as a tool for education? Why?• What is the most popular TV program people watch in your country?• How different are TV programs in your country from those of other countries?• What do you think of foreign TV programs?
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What type of maps you are using? Why?• What type of map are people using these days?• Do you prefer paper maps or electronic maps? Why?• Have you used a paper map before?• Do you like to plan in advance? Why?	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Plants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do you like plants in your house? Why?• Did you look after any plant when you were younger?• Would you consider giving plants as gifts? Why?• Would you accept a plant as a gift? Why or why not?• Do you think plants require adequate care? Why?

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Entertainment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What entertainment activities are available for children in your country? • Do children get bored with the same activities? Why? • Is it difficult for parents to find new activities for kids? • What entertainment activities are available for adults? • What kind of entertainment activities do you prefer? 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mobile Apps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How often do you use mobile apps? • What are your favorite apps? Why? • What apps do you want to use in the future? • Why do you need them? • Would you like to write your own app? What kind of app would you make?
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sleep</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many hours do you sleep during the day? Is it enough for you? • What happens when you don't sleep enough? • Do you think the elderly should sleep more or less than young people? Why do you think so? • How can a person have a peaceful sleep at night? • Should people sleep for 8 hours a day? Why? 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Teachers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you remember any teacher from your elementary school? Who was your favorite? • Did you want to be a teacher? Why or why not? • What was the difference between the teachers you had compared to the ones your parents had? • Do you think patience is an important trait for teachers? Why? • Would you consider your parents as your first teachers? Why?

Speaking Part II and III

Changes/Plans

Part II

A time when you made a plan and you changed your mind about it.

Part III

- Why do you think people often change their mind?
- Do you think recent advances in technology lead people to change their mind? Why?
- Do you think these changes are good?
- Do you think it would be better if these changes happened gradually?
- Why do emotional people tend to change their minds more quickly than rational people?

Websites/Internet

Part II

A website you frequent or use regularly.

Part III

- How can the Internet be helpful for education?
- How has the Internet changed our lives?
- How different are online courses from face-to-face courses or classes?
- Do you think teachers will be replaced by computers in the future? Why?
- Do you think e-books will replace libraries soon? Why?
- Do you think people buy more e-books than books these days? Why do you think so?

Competition

Part II

A competition you would like to participate in.

Part III

- Why do you think people like to participate in competitions?
- Do you think people can learn something from competitions? How?
- Do younger or older people participate in competitions more? Why do you think so?
- Is competition at the work place a good thing? Why?
- In which professions do you often see competition?

Item That Needs Replacement/Shopping

Part II

An item you own that needs to be replaced.

Part III

- How often do you go shopping?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping?
- Do you think online shopping makes people lazy? Why do you think so?
- Do you think there are ways in which people can be prevented from wasting their money?
- How will shopping be in the future?

Sports

Part II

A sport that you have watched on TV before and would like to try.

Part III

- What kind of sport is the most popular in your country?
- Why is the sport you mentioned the most popular?
- Do you prefer watching sports or doing sports?
- Are sports facilities for watching located nearby or far from your home?
- Why do you think many sports stars appear in commercial advertising?

Happiness

Part II

A situation that happened to you recently that made you happy.

Part III

- Do you agree that money is a source of happiness? Why do you say so?
- What are your views on happiness?
- Do you think people can be happy because of their work?
- Where or how should people find happiness?
- Which is better, to get happiness from money or from a good relationship? Why do you think so?

Friends/Communication

Part II

A friend of yours who likes to talk a lot.

Part III

- Do you think communication is important? Why do you think so?
- In what situations is it helpful to be communicative?
- Should parents teach their children to communicate properly? Why?
- How can one improve his or her communication skills?
- Why do you think we should do it?

Pastime/Elderly

Part II

A favorite pastime of yours that you spend with older people.

Part III

- How often do you meet older people?
- Do you think youngsters should spend time with their elders? Why?
- How do you show respect to the elderly in your country?
- Why is it good to stay close to old people?
- Do you think old people can help in a family? How?

Saving Money

Part II

A time when you saved money to buy something.

Part III

- How does online marketing help increase the public spending on products and services?
- Can money buy happiness?
- How can children be taught the right way of spending money?
- Do you think credit cards have helped people to do more shopping or increase their spending power? Why?
- What kind of projects should the government spend money on?

Party/Leisure Activities

Part II

A party that you attended recently.

Part III

- How often do you go to parties?
- What type of parties do people love to attend in your country?
- Some people don't like going out for parties. Why do you think so?
- What type of leisure activities do people enjoy in your country?
- What is more beneficial, playing computer games or outdoor games? Why?

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Lastly, I believe a teacher is only as good as the results he or she produces. On the next few pages are a selection of testimonials from students who passed their IELTS exam:



Ashton

to jonathan ▾



Good evening Jonathan,

I hope this email finds you well.

Results

Listening: 8.0

Reading: 9.0

Writing: 7.5

Speaking: 8.5

Overall: 8.5

You're an excellent instructor and your 4 classroom sessions are 16 hours of intense instruction which focuses on the techniques required to ace the IELTS exams. The voluminous notes helped with the continuity of your instructions outside of class and the exercises you supplied to us to practice ahead of the exams were priceless.

Thank you Jonathan!

Sincerely,
Ashton



Winston (Class)

last seen today at 16:47



Country of Nationality	SINGAPORE								
First Language	ENGLISH								
Test Results									
Listening	8.5	Reading	9.0	Writing	8.0	Speaking	8.5	Overall Band Score	8.5

Winston failed to get 8.0 for his IELTS Writing for 8 times before attending my Writing Classes. After just 2 of my Writing Classes, he achieved his 8.0 finally!

Hi Jonathan. I've finally scored 8 for writing. This is great news!

16:25

Ya, that's great news! 16:26 ✓✓

How many times have you tried before this and failed to get 8.0? 16:27 ✓✓

This is 9th time 16:45

Wow, that's great :) Happy for you! 16:46 ✓✓

And thanks to your class. Very good!! 16:47

I'm glad you got your 8 finally after my writing classes. You can apply for your PR now? 16:47 ✓✓

Yes 16:48



Natalia (Class)

online



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Listening:	6.5
Reading:	7.0
Writing:	6.0
Speaking:	5.5
Overall:	6.5

15:09

Thanks!!!!!!!

15:09

Hi Natalia what was your target score?

16:25 ✓✓

6.5 minimum, that is what i need to my master!!!

16:31

My writing score in the last test was 4.5

16:32

And my reading 5.5

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So I really improved

16:32

Thanks a lot

16:32

Congratulations, you really improved a lot in those areas - especially Writing. A 1.5 improvement is a huge improvement :)

16:35 ✓✓

Yes, I know!!! I am so happy

16:36

to me ▾



Dear Jonathan,

I am writing to inform you that i have achieve my goal, i scored writing 7.0 speaking 7.0 reading 8.5 and listening 9.0 in IELTS general training.

Over the past two years, i have sat for IELTS at least 15 times, i scored 7.0 or above for speaking, reading, listening. However, for writing module i never scored more 7.0 but 6.5 every time. i have attended at least 3 IELTS workshops and classes.

I came across Jonathan class on Google while i was looking for IELTS class. i was persuaded by his testimonials and 4 steps to writing videos. I had 2 writing classes with Jonathan, the classes were intense. We were given a lot of study material and videos to study at our own pace. I never get videos from other workshops and classes. Jonathan has developed his own technique and strategy to succeed in IELTS such as

. After attended Jonathan's classes, i realised how important grammar and word pattern is, i have been using incorrect grammar and word pattern. Another mistake i had been making was i wrote my essay with only one style, but there are 7 type of essays in IELTS. Jonathan's technique help me to write between 250 and 300 words in essay, i was writing too much in my essay and i found it difficult to complete essay in 40 minutes. There are much more i learnt from Jonathan's classes.

Jonathan, thank you so much. You have made IELTS and English interesting again. Jonathan's class is the cheapest i found on the market and the best i had experienced. If you want to achieve your IELTS goal, Jonathan is your answer.

Best regards,
Marwandi

to Jonathan ▾

Hi Sir Jonathan!

I am very glad to inform you that I've got an overall Band Score of 6.5 from last May 19 IELTS exam. Listening 6.5, Writing 6.5, Reading 6.5, Speaking 7.0.

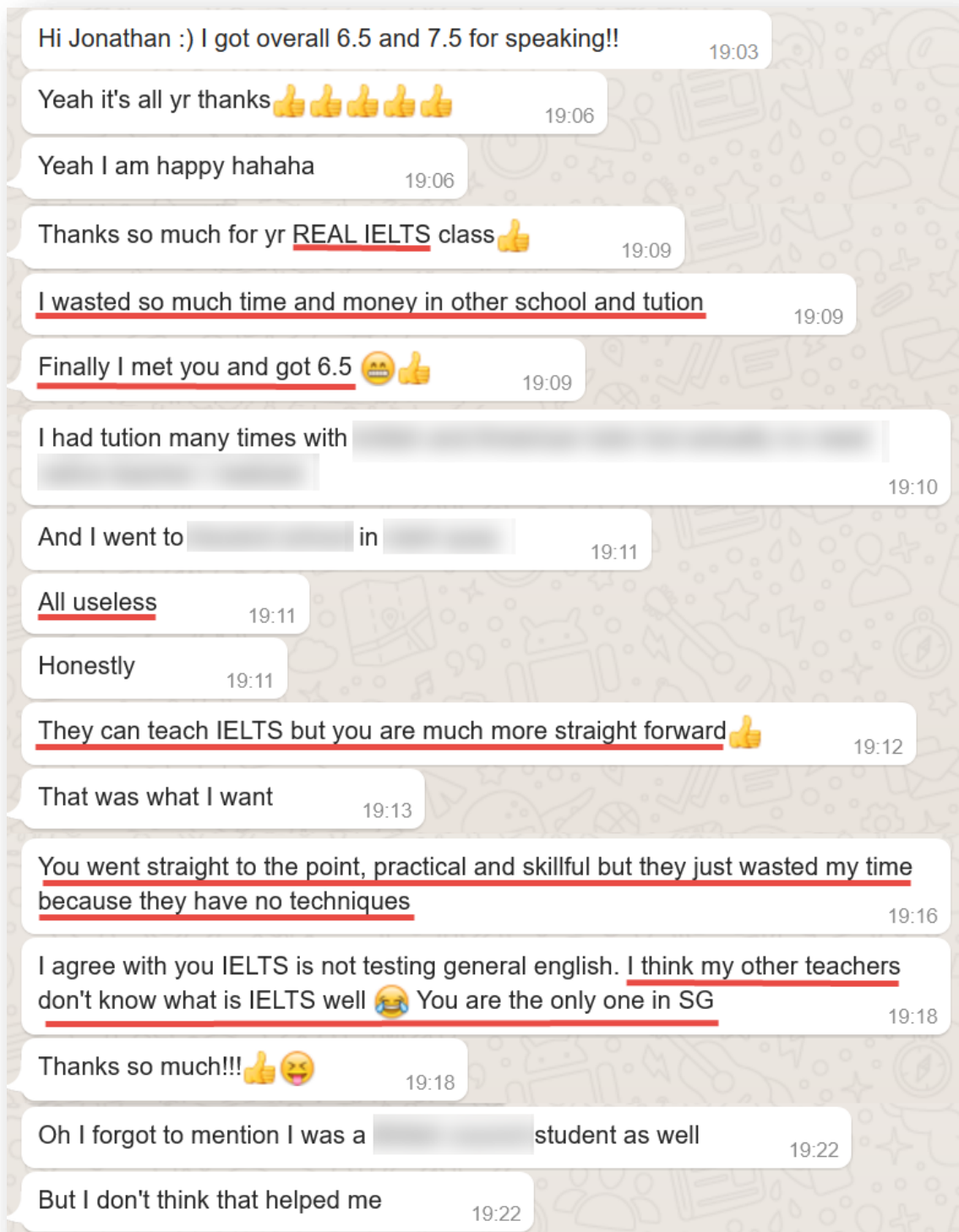
I did not expect to get a score higher than 6 because my anxiety level on the exam day is very high and I did not have enough rest due to my work sched. On first part (listening) I did not even catch some questions. Good thing I follow your advice not to worry if this happen and just focus especially on section 2 and 3 for it has higher value on the exam. In writing part, I noticed that the techniques you taught us is very effective as well. I was able to reach a minimum 250 words without much difficulty and surprisingly faster than I had expected. I do the 2nd part of writing first since you said it gives higher score. In reading part, I made used of your techniques also and I finish this part of exam 20 minutes earlier. It gives me extra time to review my answer. Thanks to your extra advice and very detailed techniques, I am able get higher than 6 even though I am not on my best state for the exam that day.

I also follow your advice to take the speaking test on seperate day and I'm glad I did. As shown in the test result, I actually do better on that day cuz I'm more relax and mostly because of your help as well. I especially remember you telling us to

. What I am trying to say is that I really consider you as one of the best mentor I ever had, like that past college prof. of mine. Thank You Very Much Sir !!! May you and your students will have greater success in the future.

P.S. please ignore my wrong grammar and sentence construction in this email, I'm just so ecstatic/excited right now to worry about it. 😊

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