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1.1 Introduction

The Academic Reading sub-test of the IELTS Test takes exactly 60 minutes; it contains 3 passages and 40 questions:

Passage 1 (13-14 questions)

Passage 2 (13-14 questions)

Passage 3 (13 questions)

The passages are graded, which means that the first one is easier than the second one, and the last one is the most challenging of all. Questions are also graded, meaning they are easy at the start and become more difficult as the test progresses. The number of words to be read in the passages is between 2500 to 2750; along with the questions, there are around 3500 words, which means that you will need to read fast if you want to do well in this sub-test. **You also need to use appropriate reading skills** for each question type in order to complete the test in the time allowed.

Each question is worth one mark. The table appearing on page 485 shows how marks are translated into band scores. However, based on the difficulty level of the questions in each test package, there might be some minor changes to the scores needed for some bands both in the Listening and Reading sub-tests of the IELTS from the ones shown in the table. In other words, the table is approximate, but essentially candidates can rely on this table when translating their marks into IELTS band scores.

Unlike the Listening sub-test, in which time (10 minutes) is given to transfer answers into answer sheet, in the reading sub-test, candidates should transfer their answers into answer sheet as they read; **no extra time is given.**

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