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Preface

This book has been written in three volumes for teachers and students of IELTS preparation courses who have had trouble finding a textbook that they easily teach or study. Too many books on today's market, according to these teachers and students, are still unnecessarily complex, dry, or massive for the majority of students. Written simply, this three-volume textbook offers a step-by-step guide to writing a variety of 150 to 250 word essays for IELTS (Academic & General). The book, in essence, aims at the candidates who are seeking to prepare for Academic and General writing modules of IELTS. Moreover, those who are interested in learning writing academically may find it utilitarian. (We further find the first five chapters _volume one_ of the book useful for the candidates of the Writing Test of Paper-Based, Computer-Based, and Internet-Based TOEFL.)

The first volume of the book focuses on writing Task 2 in Academic and General Modules of IELTS as well as the development of different types of paragraphs. The focus of the second volume is on the academic practice for the Writing Task 1, Academic Module. This part provides you with many examples, strategies, and interesting points about graphs, tables, and processes. In addition, the third volume is aimed at the Writing Task 1, General Module. You will find many strategies and examples here that give you a deep insight into writing letters. One more point we have considered in this volume is the points and advice offered by examiners of IELTS. So, we recommend you study chapters 8 and 9 very carefully regardless of the fact that you are an Academic Module Candidate or a General Module Candidate.

The need for learning to write paragraphs before learning writing essays has been addressed in the book and we are hoping that the candidates, through doing the exercises and a step-by-step introduction to writing, will develop essential skills to write accurately as possible.

The graphs are mainly created by the authors and the exceptions have their references written. The sources of the sample essays and letters, except for the ones written by the students of the authors' IELTS prep and writing courses are also mentioned.

No part of the book reflects the authors' views and all names and graphs are fictitious.

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Introduction

Administered jointly by the British Council, the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), and IELTS Australia in two different Modules, Academic and General, IELTS – International English Language Testing System – is comprised of four separate sections, namely Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. The focus of this book is the writing section of both Academic and General Modules.

The writing test in the IELTS exam lasts for 60 minutes. This writing test contains two compulsory tasks, i.e. Task1 and Task2. Task1 assesses the candidates' ability to analyze data objectively without giving an opinion. For this purpose, graphs, bar charts, pie charts, and diagrams are specially designed to be described by the candidates. Task 2, on the other hand, usually requires a subjective piece of writing on a fairly general Topic. In addition, "it is worth noting that the exam is not testing knowledge of English language but rather competence in using English.... In fact, awareness of this might reduce some of the problems that many candidates have in the IELTS exam," MacCarter 2003."

In the exam, the minimum word limit for Task1 (Academic Module) is 150 words. Hence the candidate is strongly advised to spend no more than 20 minutes on this part of the test. For Task2, on which the testee is advised to spend 40 minutes, the minimum limit is 250 words. There is no upper word limit in both Tasks, though.

This volume provides you with very practical strategies to describe graphs, tables, and processes. Further, it contains a lot of writing samples and useful exercises which help you practice what you have learned.

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