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Preface

This book tries to expose potential IELTS candidates to a host of selected listening tests. The main purpose of this book is to enhance your ability to improve your listening skill and push up your band score.

Although this book is a self-study guide, it can also be used in classes so that teachers would provide essential guidelines and tips for their students to improve listening skills and develop the knack as how to answer the questions at ease.

The following are suggested if you seek to use the book more efficiently:

- Read the strategies and tips provided carefully and try to test and use them appropriately.
- Do the tests with no interruption without pausing the audio.
- Review the tests and try to find your pitfalls.
- Get acquainted with the domain words by reviewing the listening scripts, underlining key concepts and internalizing them.
- Expose your ears to listening materials using a tape-recorder, CD player, i-pod, etc.

Finally, we wish you success and hope you find this book useful.

Wishing you all the best,

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LISTENING TEST REVIEW

About the Listening Test

The second section of IELTS Test is the Listening sub-test. It takes about 30 minutes, with 10 minutes allocated for you to transfer your answers from the question booklet to the answer sheet. The listening part of the IELTS test is the same for Academic and General Training Module candidates. The test is in four sections. Each section is more difficult than the one before. Sections one and two- *social situations*- are about everyday events, such as conversations about accommodation or shopping, or short talks giving practical information for daily living. Sections three and four- *course-related situations*- are about the typical situations students face in their courses of study, such as discussions with tutors and administrators, and short, introductory course lectures.

The Listening Section tests your ability to understand spoken language in a variety of social and academic contexts. The test consists of four graded recorded sections. As you hear the recording just ONCE, success will depend on knowing what information to listen for. You are not expected to have any specialist knowledge, but you should be able to deal with a range of topics and a number of different voices.

The test measures how well you can manage the following skills:

- Listening for specific information
- Listening for main ideas and supporting information
- Understanding the speaker's opinion

There are four separate sections, each of which may have up to three different types of questions testing a range of skills. The listening passages become more difficult as you progress through the test. The four sections of the IELTS listening section are as follow:

Section One

- It is a conversation between two people on a general or social theme: for example, travel arrangements, visiting a new city, or making arrangements to go out.
- Sometimes a third person might be involved in the conversation.

- It is divided into two parts.
- It takes about four minutes.
- It can be a social or an academic setting.

Section Two

- It is a monologue or an interview on a general or social theme: for example, a news broadcast, or a description of college facilities.
- It can be a social or an academic setting.
- It takes 3-4 minutes.

Section Three

- It is a conversation between up to four speakers on an educational or training theme: for example, a group of students planning a project, or a tutor and a student discussing career options.
- It is usually in two parts.
- It takes about four minutes.