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International English Language Testing System

Through the objectives to help others using our “ASK. FIND & SHARE webpage”, HRCCA is glad to see more people engaged. We are pleased to introduce Mr. Kevin Lam here to share useful information about IELTS as he is in the top as an IELTS tutor in our community.

Kevin holds a Juris Doctor degree and a qualified lawyer. He has previously been an official mock test writer. Understanding student needs and having the expertise, he will share his original method of **Studying Smart Not Hard** to help students overcome speaking and writing obstacles. Following is a brief write-up on IELTS from Kevin, especially for those who is unfamiliar with it. More articles will follow based on community interest. At the same time, feel free to connect with Kevin for your individual needs and questions (Feel free to add him on WeChat with QR code posted). Alternatively, you can always submit your input, questions & suggestions to hrcca@hrcca.ca



IELTS is a language test which measures the language proficiency of people who want to study or work in places and countries where English is used as a main form of communication.

There are two main forms of the test. The Academic and the General Training test. For students who are planning on studying higher education such as University or College then you need to select the Academic Test. If you are planning to immigrate to Canada then you should take the IELTS General Training exam. Both exams will consist of four parts (listening, speaking, reading and writing). Your scores are valid for two years. Therefore, if you are grade 11 or grade 12 student, you should be preparing for the IELTS exam as soon as possible.

2019 IELTS Worldwide Statistics	
Reading Band Score	6.2
Listening Band Score	5.9
Writing Band Score	5.5
Speaking Band Score	5.4
Overall band score	5.8

From my experience teaching China students, the writing and speaking modules are the most difficult and students have difficulty attaining a grade of a 6 or higher. As most Canadian Universities and Colleges have a minimum requirement of an IELTS score of 6 and above for admission, this has posed many challenges to students. Many students will

also take the IELTS test numerous times in order to achieve a grade of a 6+. According the IELTS statistics of 2019. China students scored the lowest in both the Writing and Speaking Modules with only a 5.5 in Writing and 5.4 in speaking. Their overall band score is below the required 6 at only 5.8.