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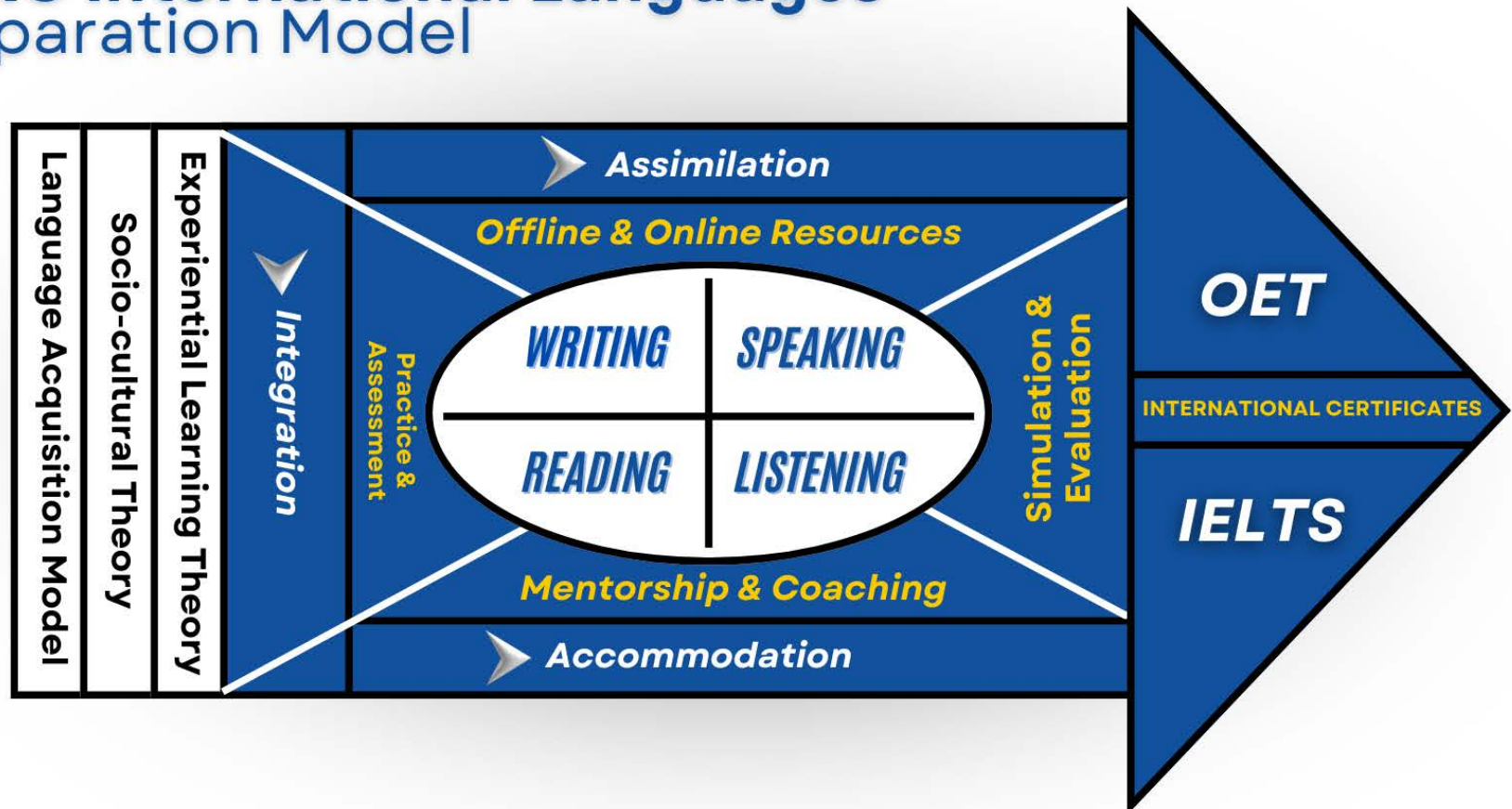| Maria Rhoda E. Sakall | Ezequiel Durendes Quijano | Joan Adrian C. Tabalanza | Angelique S. Noble | Christian Loid Valenzuela |

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What is IELTS?

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is the world's most popular high-stakes English language proficiency test for study, work and migration. Over three million tests were taken in the past year. IELTS results are recognized by more than 12,500 organizations, including educational institutions, employers, professional associations and governments, in 150 countries around the world and test centres available in 140 countries.

What are the types of IELTS tests?

The IELTS exam offers two formats: Academic and General Training.

- **Academic**: Designed for individuals pursuing higher education or professional registration in English-speaking settings, with a focus on academic language.

- **General Training**: Suitable for those seeking work, secondary education, or migration to countries like Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the UK, emphasizing everyday communication.

- Both formats have the same Listening and Speaking sections, but the Reading and Writing components differ.

How do I choose the right IELTS test?

Review the descriptions of Academic and General Training tests on the official IELTS website and confirm the specific requirements of the organization or institution you're applying to. Select the appropriate test type when registering online.

What is the test format and duration?

IELTS evaluates your English proficiency in four sections:
- **Listening**: 30 minutes (four recordings, various question types).
- **Reading**: 60 minutes (different for Academic and General Training tests).
- **Writing**: 60 minutes (two tasks; reports or letters and an essay).
- **Speaking**: 11–14 minutes (a face-to-face or video interview).

The total test duration is 2 hours and 45 minutes. The Listening, Reading, and Writing sections are completed consecutively. The Speaking test may occur on the same day or up to seven days before or after the other sections.

Can I take IELTS on a computer or online?

- **IELTS on Computer**: Listening, Reading, and Writing sections are completed on a computer, with the Speaking test conducted face-to-face with an examiner.

- **IELTS Online**: Available for Academic purposes only, this format mirrors IELTS on Computer and is conducted remotely with internet access, including the Speaking section via video call.

Where can I take IELTS?

You can take the IELTS Academic and General Training tests in test centers worldwide. The Academic test is also available online, allowing you to take the test at home with a stable internet connection.

When and how can I register for IELTS?

To register:
- Select your test date and location based on availability (paper-based tests have fixed dates, while computer-based tests are more frequent).
- Complete the application online and pay the fee via available payment methods.
- Registration confirmation and test details will be shared via email.

What accents are included in the test?

Since IELTS is international, you will hear various English accents, including British, Australian, North American, and others.

When will I get my IELTS results?

- **Paper-based**: Within 13 days.
- **Computer-delivered**: 1–5 days.
- **Online**: 6–8 days.

Can I retake a specific test section?

IELTS One Skill Retake allows you to retake one section (Listening, Reading, Writing, or Speaking) **within 60 days of your test date,** offered only for computer-based tests in select locations.

What if I need to reschedule or cancel?

Cancellations made well in advance may qualify for a refund, minus an administrative fee.

Requests to postpone within certain timeframes may be treated as cancellations.

Absence without notice results in a loss of the full fee unless you submit a medical certificate within two days of your test.

How are the tests scored?

IELTS uses a **9-band scale** to assess performance across sections and overall. Scores range from Band 1 (non-user) to Band 9 (expert user). There's no pass or fail, but institutions set their own score requirements.

What if I'm not satisfied with my score?

You can request a re-evaluation of one or more sections through the Enquiry on Results (EOR) process, available within six weeks of your test. A fee is charged, refunded if scores are improved.

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FAQS AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What is OET?

The Occupational English Test (OET) is an exam tailored for healthcare professionals aiming to work in English-speaking environments. It evaluates skills in Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking.

What's in the OET Test?

The OET Test is divided into four parts:

- **Listening (40 minute**s**):** Understand health-related conversations and lectures.
- **Reading (60 minutes):** Analyze and comprehend healthcare texts.
- **Writing (40 minutes + 5 minutes reading):** Draft professional letters like referrals or advice.
- **Speaking (20 minutes):** Role-play healthcare scenarios with a patient or caregiver.

What's a "pass" in OET?

There's no universal pass mark. Each organization sets its own OET requirements. Check their specific criteria before applying.

How Do I Book the OET Test?

Booking is easy through the OET online platform:
1. Visit oet.com/test/book-a-test.
2. Search for a test venue near you by location or test mode (paper/computer/@Home).
3. Complete your booking with Visa or MasterCard.

Can I book specific sub-tests?

OET on Paper:
- First booking: Full test (all four parts).
- Retakes: Option to book specific parts.

OET on Computer (at a venue or @Home):
- Must book the full test (all four parts).

What ID Can I Use for Booking and Taking the OET Test?

You'll need a valid passport or government-issued ID (with your full name, photo, and DOB).

1. Passport: Must include your full name, date of birth, photograph, and expiry date.
2. National ID (non-US): Includes full name, photo, and DOB on one document (e.g., EU Card). Translation required if not in English.
3. US ID: REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses are accepted. Ensure your ID meets this requirement.

Reminder: The ID used during booking must match the one you bring on test day. Update your OET profile if needed.

Can I Reschedule or Cancel My OET Test?

Yes, you can reschedule your test through your OET account.
OET on Paper:
- Reschedule until 11:59 PM the day before the test.

O**ET on Computer/@Home:**
- Reschedule up to 2 days before the test.

Speaking sub-tests can only be rescheduled once (fees apply). Tests purchased with discount codes cannot be rescheduled but must be canceled and rebooked.
Refunds are processed to your original payment method within 7–10 business days.
Important: Cancellation cannot be reversed.

TEST REGULATIONS

OET Test on Paper

- All four sub-tests (Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking) must be completed in your first sitting to receive OET results.
- After the first test, you may book one or more sub-tests individually. However, check with the Recognising Organisation you are applying to confirm if they accept scores for individual sub-tests.

OET on Computer

- The Listening, Reading, and Writing sub-tests must be taken together in the same test administration.
- The Speaking sub-test must be taken within the same test administration window, typically within 8 days before or after the Listening, Reading, and Writing sub-tests.
- Failure to complete the Speaking sub-test within this timeframe will result in a forfeiture of the Speaking test, and you will receive a score of '0'.

OET @Home

- The Listening, Reading, and Writing sub-tests must also be taken together.
- The Speaking sub-test must occur within the same test administration window, typically 8 days before or after the other sub-tests.
- If you fail to complete the Speaking sub-test within this period, your OET Test will be incomplete, and you will need to book another test administration.

When to Expect OET Test Results?

- Your OET Test results are typically published in your OET account approximately 12 business days after the test.
- Delays may occur due to public holidays or additional checks.
- You'll receive an email notification when your results are published. Make sure to monitor your inbox, including your junk/spam folder, for updates.

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