

IELTS™

Test Security

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What is IELTS?

- The 'International English Language Testing System'
- Jointly owned by 3 partners:



- Extensive collective experience in language testing and delivery internationally
- British Council and IDP: IELTS Australia: test delivery
- Cambridge English Language Assessment: test production, development, research and analysis

Facts and figures

- Two versions of the test: Academic or General
- Results released **13** days after test
- Over **3 million** tests taken in 2017
- Up to **48** Global Test Dates available per year on **3** Saturdays and **1** Thursday every month
- Tests administered in over **140** countries and over **1,100** locations worldwide
- Costs approx **\$309** - this differs from province to province and country to country

PQ for Bathinda City based Ramgarhia
Sikh innocently divorcee girl, 29/5',
BCA, B.Ed., M.Sc. (IT) 2nd year, IELTS
6.5, SGPC Teacher, 11000. Only brother
JE Pb. Govt. Send photo, biodata
reetaman21@ymail.com 080549-61614.

C1-89642

Match for beautiful Arora Sikh
innocent divorcee issueless girl, 5'-2"/
17.10.1980, 10:10 a.m. Patiala, M.Sc.IT,
MCA, Software Professional, CCNA,
French A2 Level, IELTS 6.5 Band.
Parents retd. from Gazetted post. M-
9646285766, mailus2k@gmail.com

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Content

- Test Security
 - Pre-Test
 - Test Day
 - Post-Test
- Test Results Verification



Pre-Test Security

Materials, People and Procedures

IELTS Test Materials

- 48 Fixed Test Dates
- Unique Test Versions
- Rigorous Question Paper Production Process
- Secure Printing and Despatch
- Secure Lock-Up
- Mechanisms to assure Material Security and Accountability



People in Test Delivery

- Accountability mechanisms at every stage for everyone:
 - Centre Managers
 - Supervisors, Invigilators
 - Markers
- Recruitment, Induction, Training, Monitoring and standardisation procedures for **all staff** involved in testing
- Separation of Duties Policy



Test Day Security

Test Delivery & ID Checking

Test Day – Key Points

- Optimal Testing Environment
- Material movement
- Secure Storage of Belongings
- Candidate Identity Checks
- Invigilation Script
- Speaking Test Arrangements



Identity Authentication Management (IAM)

- Biometric information captured at initial contact
- Verification conducted at every entrance to a secure area
- Original identity check procedures maintained as well
- Photo taken on IAM will be the photo displayed on the TRF

IAM Screen - Taking the candidate's test day photo



The screenshot shows the 'Walk-in Registration' software interface (Version 2.0.6). The interface includes the IDP IELTS and British Council logos. A candidate's photo is displayed on the left, with a pink oval highlighting the face. The registration form on the right contains the following fields and buttons:

- Database: C:\Candidates\2011_08_13_AU240.mdb (with a 'Select Database' button)
- Candidate ID: 00000001 (with a 'Check' button)
- Confirm ID: 00000001 (with an 'Enrol Finger Scan' button)
- Date Of Birth: Day (02), Month (08), Year (1995)
- Title: Miss, Gender: F
- Given Name: Stephanie
- Family Name: Goulding
- Buttons: 'Connect Camera', 'Take Picture', and 'Save Candidate Record' (highlighted in green)
- Status: Touch the finger scanner (with a 'Finger Scan Samples needed' checkbox)


At the bottom left, the text 'Ready to save the record.' is displayed.


IAM Screen - Verify the candidate's identity

Photo Registration Interface - Version 2.8.6


Database: C:\Candidates\2011_08_13_AU240.mdb

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Image from Database: 

Camera Image: 

Title: Miss Family Name: Goulding


Given Name(s): Stephanie 

Mode: [v] ISO: [v]

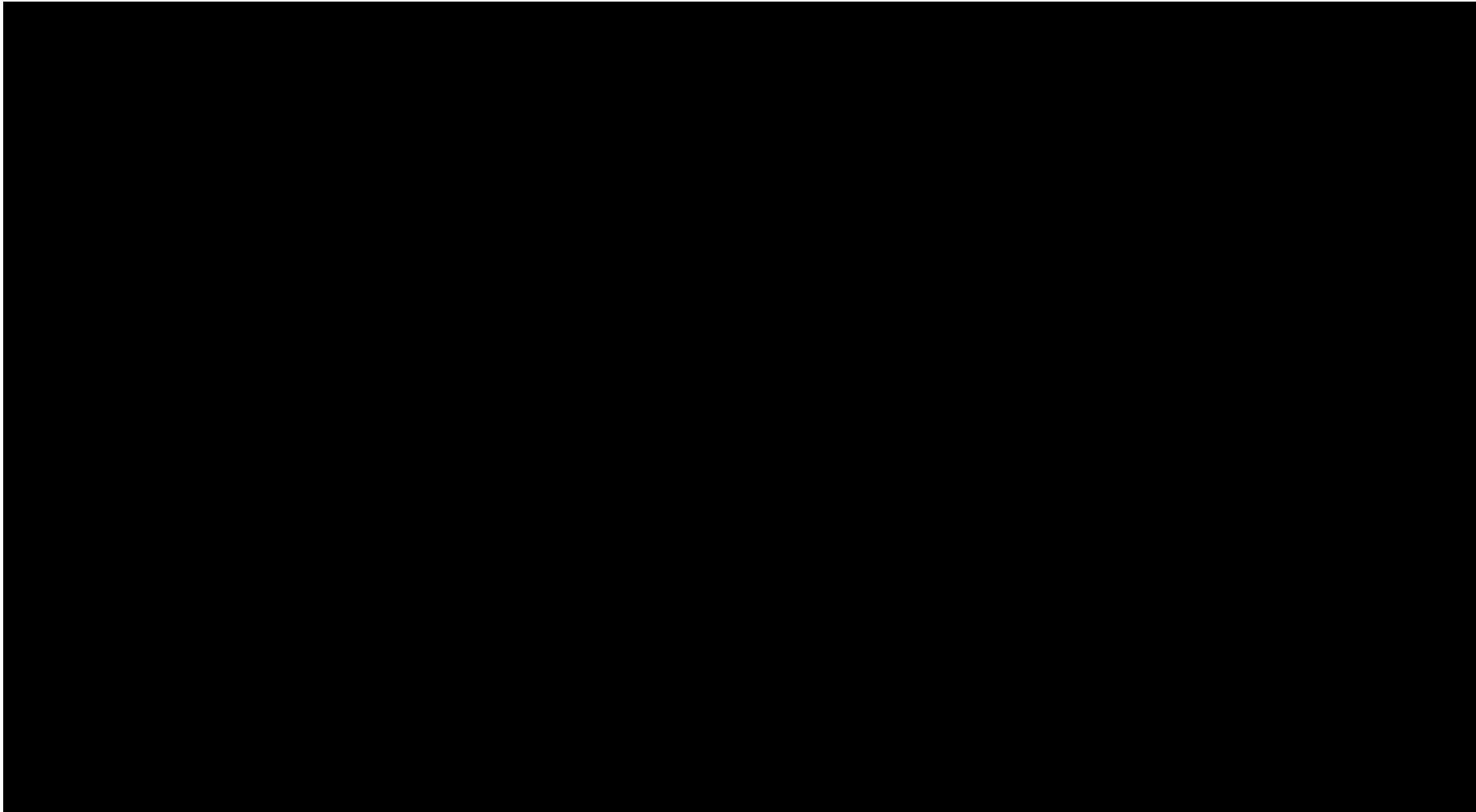
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000000001 - 17/08/2011 10:26:51 AM - Stephanie - Goulding - BIO_1 - Registered Walk In - 85
000000001 - 17/08/2011 10:32:30 AM - Stephanie - Goulding - BIO_1 - Registered Finger Scan - 85
000000001 - 17/08/2011 10:33:19 AM - Stephanie - Goulding - BIO_1 - Verify (room entry) - 65
000000001 - 18/08/2011 4:44:08 PM - Stephanie - Goulding - BIO_1 - Verify (room entry) - 85

Use cached Thumbnails
 Use Database Images



Identity Authentication Management (IAM)





Post-Test Security Marking Mechanisms and Results Processing

Results Processing

- Marking Policy
 - On-Site
 - Double-Marking
- Quality Control Systems
 - Results Double-Entry
 - Pre-Release Analysis
- Test Report Form (TRF) Generation
 - Secure storage, Authorised Signatories

Online Results

- Only for Candidates

Online Registration System

[Home](#) | [FAQs](#) | [Candidate Area](#) | [Results](#)



Please note that this online results service is only available through selected British Council managed test centres. The system will not display results for more than 40 days after the test date.

Search for your Result

Test Date: *

Date of Birth: *

Identification Document Number: *

Candidate Number: *

Results

Listening: 8.0
Reading: 8.5
Writing: 6.5
Speaking: 7.5
Overall: 7.5

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- Test Report Form (TRF)

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM
Test Report Form GENERAL TRAINING

NOTE Applicants for undergraduate and postgraduate courses should be aware of the Academic Reading and Writing Modules. Candidates for courses leading to professional registration should be aware of the Academic Reading and Writing Modules. It is recommended that the candidate's language skills are assessed within two years from the date of the test.

Centre Number: GB599 Date: 22/JAN/2011 Candidate Number: 000001

Candidate Details

Family Name: Grant
 First Name: Mike
 Candidate ID: P0123456 

Date of Birth: 10/01/1980 Sex (M/F): M Scheme Code: Private Candidate

Country or Region of Origin: United Kingdom First Language: English


Repeating IELTS (Y/N): N Previous Test Date: Previous Test Centre:

Test Results


Listening	6.0	Reading	7.0	Writing	6.5	Speaking	6.5	Overall Band Score	6.5
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Administrator Comments

Centre stamp




Validation stamp



Writing Examiner Number: 012345 Administrator's Signature: _____

Speaking Examiner Number: 012345 Date: 04/02/2011 Test Report Form Number: 10GB000001GRAV699G






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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM
Test Report Form ACADEMIC

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Centre Number: Date: Candidate Number:

Candidate Details

Family Name:  **CANDIDATE PHOTO**
 First Name: 
 Candidate ID: 

Date of Birth: Sex (M/F): F Scheme Code: Private Candidate

Country or Region of Origin: First Language:

Country of Nationality:


First Language:

Test Results


Listening	6.5	Reading	6.5	Writing	7.0	Speaking	6.5	Overall Band Score	7.0
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Administrator Comments

Centre stamp




Validation stamp



Writing Examiner Number: Administrator's Signature: 

Speaking Examiner Number: Date: Test Report Form Number:



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ACADEMIC

NOTE: Admission to undergraduate and post graduate courses should be based on the ACADEMIC Reading and Writing Modules.
GENERAL TRAINING Reading and Writing Modules are not acceptable and the full range of language skills required for academic purposes.
It is recommended that the candidate's language ability as indicated in this Test Report Form be re-assessed after two years from the date of the test.

Centre Number: Date: Candidate Number:

Candidate Details

Family Name: 

First Name:

Candidate ID:

Date of Birth: Sex: M F Scheme Code:

Country or Region of Origin:



Country of Nationality:

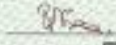
First Language:

Test Results

Listening	8.0	Reading	8.0	Writing	8.0	Speaking	8.0	Overall Band Score	8.0	CEFR Level	C2
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Centre stamp:  Validation stamp: 

Administrator's Signature:  Date: Test Report Form Number:

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Centre Number: Date: Candidate Number:

Candidate Details

Family Name: 

First Name:

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UKVI Number:

Date of Birth: Sex: M F Scheme Code:

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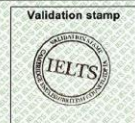
Country of Nationality:


First Language:

Test Results

Listening	1.0	Reading	1.0	Writing	1.0	Speaking	1.0	Overall Band Score	1.0	CEFR Level	Below B1
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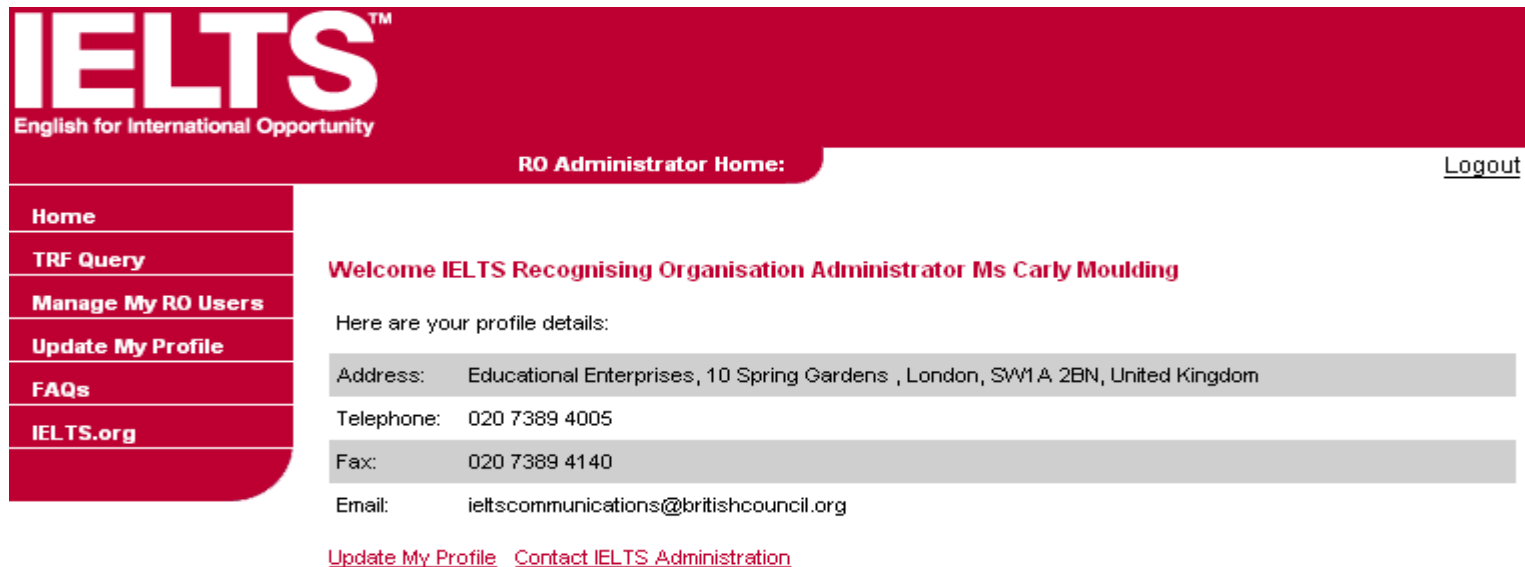
Test Report Forms – Key Points

- **One** personal Test Report Form (TRF) copy per candidate
- Additional copies can be sent **directly** by post (or electronically) by test centres to institutions
- **Test takers** can request this service up to **2 years** after the test

Test Results Verification

Online TRF Verification Service

- Log in at www.ielts.org/TRF and click on TRF Query



The screenshot shows the IELTS website interface for an RO Administrator. The header features the IELTS logo and the tagline "English for International Opportunity". The main navigation menu includes links for Home, TRF Query, Manage My RO Users, Update My Profile, FAQs, and IELTS.org. The page content displays a welcome message to Ms Carly Moulding and lists her profile details: Address (Educational Enterprises, 10 Spring Gardens, London, SW1A 2BN, United Kingdom), Telephone (020 7389 4005), Fax (020 7389 4140), and Email (ieltscommunications@britishcouncil.org). Links for "Update My Profile" and "Contact IELTS Administration" are provided at the bottom.

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RO Administrator Home: [Logout](#)

- Home
- TRF Query
- Manage My RO Users
- Update My Profile
- FAQs
- IELTS.org

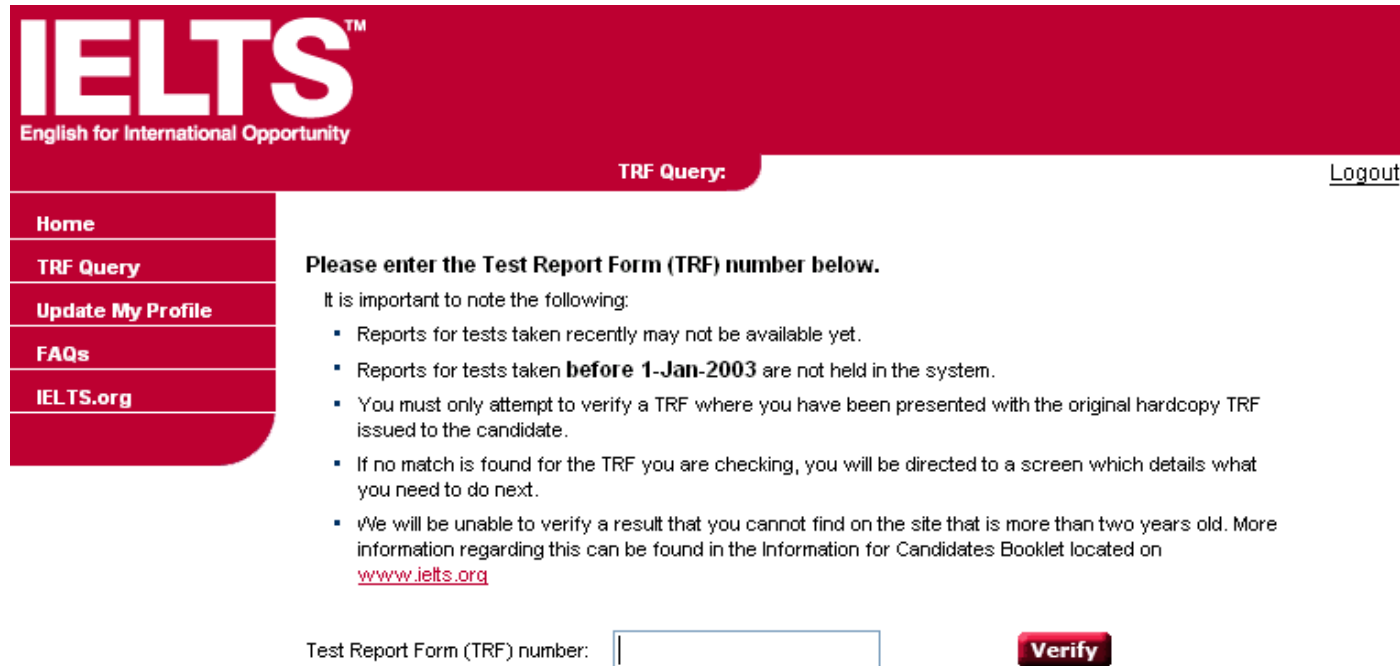
Welcome IELTS Recognising Organisation Administrator Ms Carly Moulding

Here are your profile details:

Address:	Educational Enterprises, 10 Spring Gardens , London, SW1A 2BN, United Kingdom
Telephone:	020 7389 4005
Fax:	020 7389 4140
Email:	ieltscommunications@britishcouncil.org

[Update My Profile](#) [Contact IELTS Administration](#)

- Enter the TRF number



The screenshot shows the IELTS website's TRF Query interface. At the top left is the IELTS logo with the tagline 'English for International Opportunity'. To the right of the logo is the text 'TRF Query:' and a 'Logout' link. A vertical navigation menu on the left contains links for 'Home', 'TRF Query', 'Update My Profile', 'FAQs', and 'IELTS.org'. The main content area features a heading 'Please enter the Test Report Form (TRF) number below.' followed by a paragraph of instructions and a bulleted list of important notes. At the bottom, there is a text input field for the TRF number and a 'Verify' button.

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Please enter the Test Report Form (TRF) number below.

It is important to note the following:

- Reports for tests taken recently may not be available yet.
- Reports for tests taken **before 1-Jan-2003** are not held in the system.
- You must only attempt to verify a TRF where you have been presented with the original hardcopy TRF issued to the candidate.
- If no match is found for the TRF you are checking, you will be directed to a screen which details what you need to do next.
- We will be unable to verify a result that you cannot find on the site that is more than two years old. More information regarding this can be found in the Information for Candidates Booklet located on www.ielts.org

Test Report Form (TRF) number: [Verify](#)

- **No match found**

The screenshot shows the IELTS website interface. At the top left is the IELTS logo with the tagline 'English for International Opportunity'. The main header area is dark red with the text 'TRF Results Details:' on the left and a 'Logout' link on the right. A vertical navigation menu on the left contains links for Home, TRF Query, Manage My RO Users, Update My Profile, FAQs, and IELTS.org. The main content area displays a 'No Match Found' heading followed by a message: 'No match was found for the Test Report Form (TRF) number which you entered. Please enter the [TRF Number again](#). Be very careful to make sure that you enter the correct details from the TRF.' Below this is a paragraph explaining that if the user is certain they entered the TRF number correctly but still no match is found, the system cannot provide verification and they should contact [IELTS TRF Verification](#). A final paragraph asks the user to provide specific information in an email: Test Report Form Number, centre number, name of candidate, candidate number, ID/passport number, test scores, and date of test. A note at the bottom states that results older than two years cannot be verified and directs users to the [Information for Candidates Booklet](#) on [www.ielts.org](#).

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