



IELTS LISTENING SKILLS

Subtitle: A compact course to train IELTS candidates preparing for the Listening Test including all essential concepts and practical features needed to sharpen listening skills for success in IELTS Listening Test or for moving from a low band score to a high band score.

NOC Number: 41200 University professors and lecturers

1.0 Course Faculty Information

Name: Prof. Dr. S. A. Ali
NSRIC-IELTS Professor

2.0 Course Information

Course Code	Course-ID : LAP--C-C00401
Class Days	Follow posting in NSRIC LMS system
Class Time	Follow posting in NSRIC LMS system
Course Credit Hours	1+1+1 = 3
Class Location	NSRIC online platform
prerequisites and/or co-requisites	n/a
Level /A, E, H, I, K12, M, P, S, T, U, V, W	Undergraduate / I

Note: The below classification of courses is related any areas of knowledge:

A: Advanced level academic level courses; **C:** Canadian Immigration Course; **E:** Executive courses; **H:** Higher-level courses (i.e., graduate courses); **I:** Intermediate courses (i.e., university preparatory courses – Grade XII+); **K12:** Foundational, and lower-level courses; **M:** Mid-level courses (i.e., undergraduate courses); **P:** Professional courses; **S:** Short/seminar courses; **T:** Training courses; **U:** Tutorial Courses; **V:** Vocational training courses; and **W:** Workshop courses.

3.0 Professor Information

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4.0 Target Audience

- Candidates intending to take IELTS Listening Test.
- Students who are required to take IELTS to study in international institutions.
- Individuals who are required to take IELTS for emigration purposes.
- Any individual interested in sharpening listening skills for whatever purpose.

5.0 Course Description

This compact Listening Course is designed to address the needs of candidates preparing for the IELTS Listening Test. It explains in the clearest possible terms the essential features of all four parts of the test, the progressive levels of difficulty, and conversation types therein. It also explains the examiner's expectations, how the Listening Paper is marked and the assessment criteria including the significance of spelling and grammar. It keenly focuses on the initial steps of accurate listening, following a conversation, recognizing paraphrase, describing places and following directions, describing an action or process, persuading and suggesting, following a lecture, understanding an explanation, comparing and contrasting ideas, and using notes for a talk. Explanations are reinforced with practice. This intense course equips you with LISTENING SKILLS essential to succeed, or to move from a low band score to a high band score, in the IELTS first part.

Keywords: listening skills, context, spelling, dialogues, speakers, categories, map, directions, place, mechanical parts, action, process, attitudes, opinion, persuading, suggesting, ideas, explanation, signposting, comparing, contrasting, notes to talk.

6.0 Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- CLO1: Understand the context of a dialogue and explanation.
- CLO2: Understand numbers and percentages and write them correctly.
- CLO3: Follow a conversation / talk / lecture.
- CLO4: Identify the speakers, function, and categories.
- CLO5: Recognize paraphrase.
- CLO6: Identify distractors in a dialogue/talk.
- CLO7: Describe a map and follow directions and label a map.
- CLO8: Describe an action and/or process.
- CLO9: Identify attitudes and opinions.
- CLO10: Identify and use signposting words.
- CLO11: Compare and contrast ideas.

7.0 How the course supports the attainment of the student outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes (1-6)						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
low	low	Low	Moderate	Good	High	Excellent

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8.0 Course Materials

Online course materials

- Online PowerPoint presentation slides in pdf form
- Video/audio recording of lectures (optional)
- Online practice sessions and practice tests
- Worksheets for practice.
- Quizzes / MCQs in the form of evaluation at the NSRIC online LMS system / Google Classroom

Textbook and resources (If any)

- 1) *The Official Cambridge Guide to IELTS For Academic and General Learning*

Support material:

- 2) *Cambridge English IELTS (Authentic Examination Papers From Cambridge ESOL) with Answers*

Online resources:

- 3) www.ielts.org
- 4) <https://ielts.org/take-a-test/preparation-resources/sample-test-questions>
- 5) <https://www.idp.com/australia/ielts/ielts-faq/>

9.0 Academic Integrity

Students are encouraged to have a look at the NSRIC's statement of academic integrity at NSRIC website. It is noted that by signing this syllabus, you will acknowledge that you have understood that any detected plagiarism should be reported.

10. Assessment for Grade

The course grade is only related to the undergraduate training courses based on performance as shown in Table 1:

Table 1: NSRIC Grading System

Type of Assessment	Grade %
Attendance/Participation/Engagement/Performance	20%
Quizzes/Drills	40%
IELTS LISTENING TEST	40%
Total	100%

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Important Note:

- i) The below classified courses (i.e., academic courses) will only be evaluated based on the grade system shown in Table 2. A grade and certificate will be issued for the student(s) and participant(s).

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- ii) The below classified courses will **not** be evaluated based on the grade system shown in Table 2. A certificate will be issued for the student(s) and participant(s).

E: Executive courses; **P:** Professional courses; **S:** Short/seminar courses; **T:** Training courses; **U:** Tutorial Courses; **V:** Vocational training courses; and **W:** Workshop courses.

Participation/Engagement/Performance

Your participation in every aspect of the course is important for the learning process. Your engagement in every discussion in the course with due delivery of all assignments and quizzes will be fruitful. These efforts from your side will reflect your performance in the course delivery and your commitments. This performance is the reflection of your dream grade!!

At the end of the term, below Table 2 will be used for translating your marks into a “Letter Grade” based on the NSRIC grading policy.

11.0 Advice and Additional Requirements

I advise you to:

- Please contact me if you need any help.
- Students are expected to attend all scheduled online lectures/classes.
- Students are expected to study from the course materials and/or textbooks which will help to easily read and understand.
- Students are encouraged to write their own notes during lectures/presentations (pdf PowerPoint presentations, and additional materials if any).
- Students are encouraged to attend online platform classes on time because late attendees disrupt the flow of the class for both the instructor and the other students.

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Table 2: NSRIC grading system

Marks	Letter Grade	Points	Description
≥ 93	A+	4.00	Outstanding
≥ 90	A	3.75	
≥ 87	A-	3.50	Excellent
≥ 84	B+	3.25	Very good
≥ 81	B	3.0	
≥ 78	B-	2.75	Moderately Good
≥ 75	C+	2.50	Good
≥ 72	C	2.25	
≥ 69	C-	2.0	Moderately Good
≥ 66	D+	1.75	Pass
≥ 63	D	1.50	
≥ 60	D-	1.25	Poor Pass
< 60	F	0	Failing

Additional information (During Online Course offering Period)

- Lectures will be delivered via **Zoom** or **Moodle**.
Quizzes / Practice Tests will be administered via: **Google Classroom**
- The PowerPoint course materials, and video lectures will be available at the NSRIC Platform.
- Students need to send an email request for personal consultation about any course-related problem they have so that a Zoom meeting can be arranged based on availability of the course instructor.

13.0 Course Topics

- Alphabets and Numbers.
- Money / Time / Date formats.
- Speakers / Function / Notes / Tables.
- Recognizing paraphrase / Sentence Completion.
- Place / Direction / Map / MCQs.
- Actions / Processes / Mechanical Parts / Diagrams.
- Attitudes and Opinions / Suggesting and Persuading / Matching Items.
- Main Ideas in a Lecture or Talk.
- Completing a Summary.
- Signposting Words.
- Comparing and Contrasting Ideas.
- Making and Using Notes to follow a Talk.

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Requirements/Instructions

Students are **advised** to register for all IELTS courses to gain full expertise in the subject area.

14.0 Course Contents and Schedule

Lec No.	Module	Topics	Quiz 40 points
01	General Introduction	What is a listening test? Four sections? How is it conducted? Question types. How is it assessed? Assessment Criteria. Examiner's expectations. How to prepare? Band score? Steps to improve Listening Exam score.	
02	Alphabets, Sounds, Numbers, Fractions	Understanding the context. Identifying the alphabets and their sounds. Understanding the correct spelling. Writing numbers, fractions, percentages correctly.	Quiz 1 5 points
03	Money/Time/Date / Address / Phone Number formats	Understanding and writing money, time, date formats. Identifying compound adjectives with numbers. Understanding and writing addresses. Saying and writing phone numbers and card numbers.	Quiz 2 5 points
04	Speakers, Function, Categories, Notes and Tables	Identifying speakers, function, and categories. Matching items. Completing notes and tables.	Quiz 3 5 points
05	Distractors, List, Paraphrase, Sentence	Identifying distractors. Recognizing paraphrase. Selecting from a list. Matching items. Sentence completion.	Quiz 4 5 points
06	Place, Directions, Map, MCQs	Describing a place. Following directions. Labelling a map. Understanding MCQs. Answering MCQs.	Quiz 5 5 points
07	Mechanical parts, Actions / Processes, Diagram	Understanding mechanical parts. Listening and describing actions and processes. Labelling a diagram.	Quiz 6
08	Attitudes / Opinions Suggesting / Persuading	Identifying attitudes and opinions. Persuading and Suggesting. Reaching a decision. Understanding and answering MCQs. Matching items.	Quiz 7 5 points
09	Lecture / Talk, Explanation, Summary	Following a lecture or talk. Identifying main ideas. Understanding an explanation. Completing a summary.	Quiz 8 5 points
10	Signposting, Compare and Contrast, Notes for a talk	Understanding and using signposting words. Comparing and contrasting ideas. Making and using notes to follow a talk.	
11	FINAL EXAM	AM/GTM LISTENING TASTER TEST	40 points

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