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Introduction

The IELTS Academic Writing test lasts 60 minutes and consists of two tasks – Task 1 and Task 2. Let's look at **Task 2** in more detail.

What is the format of Academic Writing Task 2?

Task 2 requires you to write **at least 250 words** about a point of view, an argument or a problem. You will be asked to do one of the following things: Present a solution to a problem, present and justify an opinion, compare and contrast evidence and opinions or evaluate and challenge ideas, evidence or arguments.

Task 2 carries twice as many marks as Task 1, so you should spend **about 40 minutes** on this task.

Find out more about Task 1 in *IELTS Academic Mini Writing Task 1 - Understanding the Examiner Comments*.

How is IELTS Academic Writing Task 2 assessed?

Certified IELTS Examiners will mark your answers based on the following Writing assessment criteria each worth 25% of the total marks:

- Task response
- Coherence and cohesion
- Lexical resource
- Grammatical range and accuracy

How do I use this mini Academic Writing Task 2 practice test?

To help you understand what examiners are looking for, follow these simple steps:

- 1** Read and answer each of the two Task 2 question.
- 2** Look at the two sample answers.
- 3** Read the examiner's comments for each answer.
- 4** Do the activities on the worksheet on pages 6-8.
- 5** Review your own answer using what you've learned from the activities. This will help you understand where you can improve your own writing.

More information on assessing the Writing test, including the Writing Assessment Criteria, is available on the IELTS website, ielts.org.

WRITING TASK 2

TEST 1

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Many governments think that economic progress is their most important goal. Some people, however, think that other types of progress are equally important for a country.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.