

Comparison between CAE and IELTS

Module	IELTS	CAE
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only comprehension passages are available and the candidates have to do questions related to those passages. • 40 questions in 1 hour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The paper has 8 parts and only one part is comprehension related so the candidates have other types of questions through which the candidate can obtain marks if he/she is not good in comprehension skills. • 56 questions in 1 hour 30 minutes
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 parts • Part 1: one compulsory report (IELTS Academic) and one email/letter (General Training) • Part 2: one compulsory essay • At least 400 words in 1 hour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 parts • Part 1: One compulsory essay • Part 2: choice of one question from out of three questions (email/ letter/ report/ review/ proposals) • At least 440 words in 1 hour 30 minutes
Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 questions and 30 minute audio. • Audio recording played once only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 questions and 40 minute audio • Audio recording played twice for each question
Speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One examiner and one candidate • Examiner interviews the candidate • 16 to 20 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 candidates and 2 examiners (or 3 candidates or 2 examiners) • Candidates talk to each other most of the time. Examiner gives pictures and rubrics to candidates to encourage discussions and talk. • 15 to 17 minutes for 2 candidates (23 minutes for 3 candidates)



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