THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Summer Programme – Course Information

Course Title	:	"Top Tips and Tricks for IELTS" Workshop
Department	:	CLE
Contact Hours	:	20
Medium of Instruction	:	English

Course Synopsis:

This series of five workshops is designed to equip learners with the essential test-taking strategies needed for the IELTS test (Module A). This programme will introduce the top tips and tricks to tackle the four papers of the IELTS test.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to

1. Acquire a set of language learning strategies and test-taking skills to improve performance in IELTS Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing tests
2. Develop autonomy in English language learning and test preparation through utilizing e-learning tools

Course content:

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Test-Taking Strategies for reading, writing, listening, and speaking papers • Test-management strategies e.g. time-keeping/allocation, selecting a response • Test-wiseness strategies e.g. use of elimination method, guessing, relying on different knowledge sources; using knowledge about the test format and its peripherals
Language Learning Strategies for Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking skills • Memory-related strategies e.g. use of acronyms, retrieval via sounds, images, mechanical means • Cognitive strategies e.g. reasoning, analysis, note-taking, summarizing, synthesizing, outlining • Metacognitive strategies e.g. identifying one's own learning styles and needs, planning for and evaluating success of an L2 task, gathering and organizing materials, monitoring mistakes • Compensatory strategies e.g. guessing from context, using synonyms, using gestures • Social strategies e.g. asking for clarification, asking for help, talking with a

native-speaking conversation partner, exploring socio-cultural norms

Assessment:

Assessment Tasks (e.g. project, quiz, video/audio recording of oral work, written work, etc.)	Weighting
NA	

Resources (e.g. journal articles, readings, websites, etc.):

1. Online learning resources (apps, websites, self-study software) on CLE's website:
   http://www.eduhk.hk/cle/en/language_enhancement_programme/english_programme/english_enhancement_programme

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