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Time to soak up the Diwali festivities after rather somber and to some extent even muted celebrations in many parts of the world last year, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, Hindus all over the world are set to celebrate Diwali this time around with reasonable fervor and community participation, though following the basic health safeguards will still be the buzzword. The best part about Diwali celebrations is that though primarily a Hindu festival, celebration of the 'festival of lights' – as it is known the world over – has traditionally seen the active involvement and participation of people across religious and social strata. And what better place than Chetanya to experience a slice of the Diwali festivities as people from various communities to celebrate the festival. As spectacular fireworks light up the night sky above Chetanya to mark the occasion, let us hope and pray that during this Diwali and the ones to follow, the world will have taken giant strides away from the shadow of the pandemic and usher in normality. Here's wishing everyone a 'Happy Diwali!'

HAPPY
Diwali



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A note from Editor

Dear Readers, while you are celebrating Diwali, we would like to wish you and your loved ones a healthy, and prosperous Diwali. We also want to promise you that we will keep the gleam of Diyas of premium knowledge for you. We will try our best to keep you ahead in the league, with the comprehensive insights, which will separate you from the others in continually changing world.

May you prosper and win over evil always.

8 Band in Speaking is Easy with Chetanya

A lot of candidates who take **IELTS speaking test** find this section the hardest one because it involves face-to-face communication. But in fact, IELTS Speaking is the easiest section of IELTS to improve your score. You may think, "But how? Interviews are so spontaneous! I just won't have enough time to plan a good answer. Moreover, I'll be worrying...".

You are only tested on your ability to:

- ✓ speak fluently and without hesitation
- ✓ use a range of vocabulary
- ✓ avoid grammar mistakes
- ✓ pronounce words well

But you can also **increase your score by following these simple IELTS Speaking tips and tricks**. Here we have gathered **top IELTS Speaking tips** to increase your IELTS Speaking score:

Be fluent

Speak fluently and spontaneously. You will gain more points. Do not worry too much about using clever vocabulary, it is more important to be fluent. But also do not speak too quick and mind your grammar. You should find a "healthy balance" between speaking too quickly and taking long pauses.

Ask the question again if you need to

Do not be shy if you want to clarify something. You will not lose points for asking the examiner.

Be emotional!

Speak with emotions. Nothing separates the experienced speaker from beginners as does tone of the speech. Express your feelings like you would do using your native language.

Extend your ideas

Try to speak at least more than the examiner. If you are asked a question using one sentence, respond with two or more. And never give short replies:

Examiner: Do you do any sport?

You: No, I don't like sports... [Do not stop there!] I'm not a very active person and I've never liked P.E. in school. But I like playing intellectual games instead. For example, I find chess very interesting.

Be coherent

Use linking words and structures. Words and phrases like however, nevertheless, all in all, moreover, will enrich your speech.

Give yourself time to think

If you are unsure how to answer the question, you can give yourself a bit more time to think by using this tip. First of all, you can say: "That's a tricky question...", "I've never thought about that before..." or "That's an interesting question...". This way you will have some extra time to plan your answer.

Made a mistake? Do not panic!

If you made a mistake - don't panic! Try to correct yourself as smoothly as possible. And if you can not - just continue speaking, you would not lose many points for a few mistakes.



How to Improve Your PTE Essay Writing Score?

One of the sections of the PTE exam is designed to assess your English writing proficiency. As soon as you complete the speaking section, you will be presented with two tasks entirely based on testing your writing proficiency.

PTE Writing Module Overview

➤ Summarise Spoken Text

In this PTE writing task, you will be given a paragraph that you have to summarize in your own words. You have to finish the summary in one sentence using more than 75 words. You will have 10 minutes to read the paragraph, summarize it, and proofread it.

➤ Essay Writing

PTE essay writing is the second task in this section that requires you to write an essay between 200 and 300 words. You will be given a prompt of one or two lines, and you have to write an essay on that given topic within 20 minutes. Your essay scores are based on the following aspects:

- ✓ Oral fluency, Pronunciation, Written discourse, Grammar, Vocabulary, Spelling

It is essential to keep these aspects in mind when you are writing your essay, irrespective of the topic given. Besides that, here are some tips to help you improve your writing score.

1. Focus on the key concept

Your prompt can be based on a debatable topic, current affairs, or any subject matter. You have to identify the core of your topic and incorporate it throughout your test. Stick to the topic and keep it crisp. When you read the topic, you can start making your rough notes, mentioning your key points before you begin writing your essay.

2. Plan a structure

It is best to divide your essay into three parts: the introduction, your argument, and the conclusion. Even when you are making notes, you should keep this structure in mind. This will not only help you



decide the content you want to write, but it will also help you stay within the word limit.

3. Use examples or facts

Using examples, facts or even anecdotes help making the material more engaging and credible. It shapes your essay and gives it a personality. If you have enough information about a topic, you should utilize it completely. Include important dates, statistics, or even names of personalities if you are sure of your facts.

4. Use quotes or idioms

Just like examples and facts, quotes and idioms add a flair to your essay. But you have to make sure that they are not colloquial or come from a slang language. You can consider using them if the context demands it. But do not compromise on the grammar and the academic writing style.

5. Use comprehensible vocabulary

If you consider learning hard vocabulary as one of the top PTE writing tips that you need to conquer, then it's time for you to rethink that. You must focus on using easy vocabulary that is quick to read and does not use most of your word count.

Latest Immigration Updates

Indian Students Receiving UK's Priority and Super Priority Visa

Under the Priority Visa service, the UK government decides on the student's visa application within five days.

The British ambassador to India, Alex Ellis, took to Twitter to announce that the United Kingdom (UK) has started issuing priority and super priority visas to students from India.

"Update for Indian students travelling to the United Kingdom -- Great Britain has now made a priority and super priority visas available for students. There is a high demand and we recommend you apply for your visa as early as possible with the required documentation," the tweet read.

Under the Priority Visa service, the UK government decides on the student's visa application within five days. This has been made available to students from India. However, as reported by Mint, certain extra charges are applicable for this.

"If you verify your identity at a visa application centre and the service is available in the country you're applying from, you can choose the 'priority service' when you apply. There will be an additional cost for this service," the UK government said.

Under the Super Priority service, the passport can be collected by the end of the next working day after submission of the biometric data. Apart from the normal fees of £363 for student visa, applicants will have to pay an additional £500 for priority visa. For super priority visa, additional £800 will have to be paid, according to official data.



Canada Withdraws 20-Hour Working Limit For International Students

The new policy of the Canadian government will only apply to students pursuing full-time courses.

Toronto: In a big relief for thousands of international students, the Canadian government has now withdrawn the 20-hour-a-week limit on the number of hours the international students can work off-campus as it continues to face a labour shortage. The job seekers in Canada were looking for nearly one million jobs as of July when Canada's job vacancy rate came down to 5.4 percent from a peak of 6 percent in April.

Giving details, Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Minister Sean Fraser earlier this week said that more job opportunities are there than workers in almost every community in Canada.

Canada lifts restrictions temporarily

It must be noted that Canada has lifted the restriction temporarily from 15 November 2022 until 31 December 2023 to deal with the labour shortage. The new policy of the Canadian government will only apply to students pursuing full-time courses.

IELTS & PTE REAL EXAM

Last month Chetanya organised IELTS & PTE Real Exam at various locations. IELTS Real Exam at Karnal & PTE Real Exam at Kurukshetra, where students appeared to get their skills assessed in order to find out how well they fare in final exam.

These Real Exams are really helpful for students to get an idea of what their real score will be and a feeling of conditions and procedures on the final exam day.



We are Expanding!

Chetanya is going to open at three different locations soon:-
Mohali, Jind and South Delhi.

Students' trust has made Chetanya such a big brand that now we are the fastest expanding family in North India.
Chetanya is now available at 17+ locations.

Students who want to clear their IELTS and PTE exams and make their dream of studying abroad a reality can visit our branches now in **Mohali, Jind and South Delhi** too.



Marking Successful Completion of Global Education Fair

We, Chetanya, a North India -based overseas education counselling outfit, successfully organized our highly awaited Global Education Fair from 16-09-2022 to 30-09-2022, across eleven pivotal cities of India, namely, Ambala, Ladwa, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Naraingarh, YamunaNagar, Panipat, Zirakpur, Kaithal, Assandh and Jind. The fair went on the road after last year of incredible success in connecting international universities and student aspirants. The response from student attendees was overwhelming, with a huge study abroad aspirants beelining to engage with university representatives of 75+ globally front-running institutions.

The education fair provided these students with umpteen benefits right from personally connecting with universities, scholarship prospects, application fee waivers, profile evaluation, and more. The students got a chance to understand the various aspects of the university application process, with assistance from Chetanya counsellors, and also gauge prospects of securing an education loan.





Establishing Career Counselling Cell



Choosing a career for the rest of the life is a hard decision. Due to a lack of proper information and awareness of one's skills and strengths, the decision becomes harder for students. One wrong decision means stress and discontent with their job or course. What is necessary for these situations is an expert's opinion. This is where career counseling comes into the picture.

For years, people who have been unsure of their career options or unhappy in their chosen career have sought out the advice from Chetanya's Career Counselling division. Subsequently, Career Counselling has become so widely highlighted and practiced that school, and even university age, students are now seeking career guidance and counselling from our trained professionals as to what and which direction they should take.

This recognition has enabled us to establish dedicated Career Counselling Cells in Doon International School's Riverside and Carzon Road Campuses. A qualified Clinical psychologist is available in these cells to guide students using various psychometric techniques and analyzing behavior patterns.

Chetanya Career Counselling department is standing proud and is ready to take the world by storm.

Kindness Corner-An Attempt at Giving Back



Social responsibility is the most important aspect that every organisation needs to keep in mind while stepping on the ladder of success.

The Chetanya Team, as they frequently do, visited an Orphanage, taught children language skills. We Chetanya strongly believe in our vision of "Service till eternity"

