



ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 25: ACADEMIC WRITING

Practise and consolidate your learning about Task 1 of the IELTS Test by completing our activities. Remember you can refer to the study notes and transcript for this episode if you need help.

ACTIVITY 1

Choose the correct preposition to complete the following sentences.

Question 1: Over the next couple of years the price of plasma televisions is expected to drop _____ 20%.

Answer:

- a. by
- b. at
- c. in

Question 2: The price of such televisions should peak _____ a little over \$1200.

Answer:

- a. by
- b. at
- c. in

Question 3: This price should be reached _____ 2009.

Answer:

- a. on
- b. at
- c. by

Question 4: This drop _____ 20% will make plasma televisions affordable for the average person.

Answer:

- a. by
- b. of
- c. at



Question 5: The prices of televisions have been falling _____ 1956, when they first came on the market.

Answer:

- a. on
- b. from
- c. in

Question 6: _____ 2001, the first plasma televisions became available.

Answer:

- a. by
- b. at
- c. in

Question 7: Most are imported _____ Japan.

Answer:

- a. by
- b. from
- c. in

Question 8: The journey from Japan _____ the local market adds to the cost.

Answer:

- a. from
- b. at
- c. to

Question 9: The biggest sales are _____ Christmas.

Answer:

- a. from
- b. at
- c. to

Question 10: Shops open at 8.00 _____ 27 December.

Answer:

- a. in
- b. at
- c. on



ACTIVITY 2

Choose the correct word from the box below to complete the sentence.

rate	significantly	expected	approximately
rose			
doubled	doubling	shows	increasing
increase			

- Question 1:** The first graph clearly _____ that numbers of international students are increasing.
- Question 2:** The _____ of increase in the number of international students has been dramatic.
- Question 3:** The numbers have _____ every few years.
- Question 4:** The rise has been dramatic, _____ every few years.
- Question 5:** The local student population was _____ 16,000 in 1999.
- Question 6:** It _____ to 20,000 two years later.
- Question 7:** This is an _____ of 25% for period.
- Question 8:** The rate, however, dropped _____ in the next decade.
- Question 9:** The graphs show an _____ demand for Australian university education.
- Question 10:** The growth is _____ to continue beyond 2000.



ACTIVITY 3

Choose the correct word from the box below to complete the sentence.

finally	when	next	two	firstly
first	last	then	while	before

Question 1: The process consists of three stages. _____, the raw material arrives at the factory.

Question 2: The _____ stage is where the sand is poured into the furnace and mixed with soda and limestone.

Question 3: The _____ part of this process is where the sand mixture is melted at over 400°C.

Question 4: _____ it becomes liquid and is ready to be poured into the moulds.

Question 5: _____ this can happen however, it must be thoroughly mixed.

Question 6: There are _____ ways the molten glass can go.

Question 7: _____ the molten glass is being poured into the moulds, air is pumped into the fluid.

Question 8: _____ the moulds have cooled, the bottles are removed.

Question 9: This is the _____ stage in this long process – the process is now complete.

Question 10: _____ the bottles are ready to be transported to bottling plants.



ACTIVITY 4

Write the correct form of the word in brackets.

Note: Verbs will be in present tense if they are used in a process.

Question 1: The increase was quite _____ (drama).

Question 2: In the first stage, the sand _____ (transport) to the factory.

Question 3: The bottles are ready _____ (deliver) to bottling plants.

Question 4: The _____ (remove) mould _____ (hold) in place by strong clamps until the bottles _____ (cool).

Question 5: Sewage that already _____ (pass) through the filters _____ (collect) next in large tanks by a series of pipes, gutters and pumps.

Question 6: Water _____ (remove) from the mixture under pressure.

Question 7: The _____ (complicate) process can _____ (break) into three main stages.

Question 8: From this point the wastewater _____ (continue) on to the final series of fine screens.

Question 9: Before the sewage _____ (arrive) at the treatment plant, already most larger particles and objects _____ (remove).

Question 10: The _____ (treat) waste water _____ (release) into the sea, and the cycle _____ (begin) again.



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