

**Examiner's Comments**

Many of your mistakes in this Reading test were in **sentence completion questions (8-12)** and managed to successfully answer all other question types. But since gap-filling questions are very common in the IELTS, you should make it your priority to practice them. It seems like you don't have difficulty understanding the text and identifying the correct answer, however **you fail at writing the exact answer by writing your impression or understanding of the text**. Remember that in IELTS there are no similar or partial answers and you need to write exactly what you read in the text in order to get your mark.

You made **4 mistakes in True/False/Not Given questions**. This high number of mistakes in one category is alarming and you definitely need to work on it. In this exam, some of the mistakes you made in these questions were due to not paying attention to words such as "almost", "unlike", etc. and the important role they play in changing the meaning of a sentence. Some other mistakes were due to **mistaking "not given" with "false" statements**. You should know that unless a statement is clearly objected in the text, it is not false. Just because a statement does not agree with what you have read in the text, it doesn't mean that it is false. In other instances, you lost marks in these questions because of neglecting the **synonyms** or **paraphrases** that were presented in the statements. Beware that in most cases in these questions, the keywords in the statement are synonyms or paraphrases of what you have read in the text.

**In matching heading questions**, always begin with certain choices. These are those options that you are sure are correct. This elimination helps you answer the remaining questions more easily. This strategy could've helped you choose the heading for paragraph 2 correctly.

Some of the mistakes that you made could've been avoided by **identifying keywords**. Each question has keywords to help you locate the information in the passage and to spot the right answer. You should learn to spot keywords and use them correctly. You should also check whether the keywords can be paraphrased. You should learn to use keywords correctly by reviewing your answers in this test. Some keywords are obvious, for instance, names, dates, numbers, places etc. Other keywords are more subtle.

You have also shown weakness in the **"matching features" questions (questions 33 to 39)**. These questions are common in the IELTS Reading Test, therefore you should practice and develop a strategy for answering. Read the instructions before you start reading the text. Make sure you understand what the question is asking you to do. Read the names/ places/terms first and scan the text to find them, note that they may be mentioned more than once. Look for the connection between their name and what they represent. Be wary of synonyms and paraphrasing. Choose your answers through an elimination process. Which ones do not fit? Which ones can you dismiss?

Unless you know your weaknesses, you won't know how to improve. You must **check the reasons why you are getting your answers wrong or right**. If you are getting answers wrong due to your understanding of the passage, then you know you must improve your English language. If you are getting your answers wrong because you couldn't find the information or you didn't understand the question or you ran out of time, then the problem is your technique and strategies. Spend time reviewing your performance.