iTEP Academic-Plus – IELTS™ Comparison Chart

	iTEP Academic-Plus	IELTS™ (Academic)
Total Exam Time	▪ 90 minutes (all five sections)	▪ 174 minutes (all four sections)
Skills Assessed	▪ Five sections/five skills directly evaluated: grammar, listening, reading, writing, speaking	▪ Four sections/four skills directly evaluated: listening, reading, writing, speaking (face-to-face interview; conducted on different day)
Target Age Group	▪ Graduating high school to university level students	▪ Graduating high school to university level students
Difficulty Level Tested	▪ Tests at different difficulty levels, from beginner to mastery	▪ Tests at one level of difficulty, from upper intermediate to advanced
Purpose	▪ Evaluate students' English ability for college and university admission purposes ▪ Place students in English language programs ▪ Perform pre- and post-course assessment ▪ Qualify candidates for scholarships and exchange program acceptance ▪ Evaluate language proficiency for placement	▪ Evaluate students' English ability for college and university admission purposes ▪ Place students in English language programs ▪ Perform pre- and post-course assessment ▪ Qualify candidates for scholarships and exchange program acceptance ▪ Evaluate language proficiency for placement
Price	▪ $119 (global retail price for applicants); significant institutional discounts	▪ $185 (variance by country/location)
Test Delivery Format	▪ Internet	▪ Paper, plus face-to-face interview
Security	Full security measures in place: ▪ Tests can only be administered at secured Certified iTEP Test Centers ▪ Certified proctors on-site; ensure that photo IDs match each test-taker ▪ Item bank feature ensures that no test is replicated and that test items are secure by streaming the content live during the exam ▪ FotoSure software photographs the test-taker throughout the exam	Full security measures in place: ▪ Tests can only be administered at secured IELTS Certified Test Centers ▪ Certified administrators on-site; ensure that photo IDs match each test-taker
Grading	▪ Multiple-choice sections (grammar, listening and reading) evaluated by iTEP software ▪ Writing and speaking sections evaluated by iTEP grad-ers-native English speaking ESL-trained professionals	▪ Scored by IELTS. Test Centers provide scores to test-takers
Scoring	▪ Overall score ranges from 0 to 6, with .1 level increments, as well as individual section scores, based on standardized rubric ▪ Scored linguistic sub-skill sections give a more detailed picture of skill level	▪ Overall score ranges from 1 to 9, as well as individual section scores, based on standardized rubric
Scheduling	▪ On-demand scheduling within three days of contacting a Certified iTEP Test Center	▪ Approx. 48 fixed test dates per year; test must be ▪ scheduled at least two weeks in advance
Results Delivery Time	▪ Results returned in five business days or less	▪ Results usually returned 13 days after test
Additional iTEP Benefits	▪ iTEP partners can get immediate online access to all test results, as well as access to the submitted writing and speaking portions ▪ iTEP available in customized and modularized versions ▪ iTEP partners can utilize their premises to become iTEP test centers and administer the exam on-site	

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