IELTS NOTE: Burger

How about I present you an IELTS Writing Test summary. I will write it down in the next sentences.

Why a note of Writing Test first? It is because I believe that the Listening and Reading Test, taken place before the Writing, is priorly depend on our innate ability to familiarize with English voices and texts; however, some people argue that the tips to be learned are available. Have it your way*, anyway.

I will focus on Task 1. Task 2 will be on my next post. Here I also suggest some of the Internet pages useful to deal with IELTS in general.

Task 1

1. People doing the Academic test will write a report on a data set, map, or process. People doing General Training will write a letter.
2. Write 150 words or more.
3. Spend around 20 minutes and don't take more time because task 1 is only worth 1/3 of your total mark on the Writing test.
4. You will be assessed in four areas: Task Achievement (25%), Coherence and Cohesion (25%), Lexical Resource (25%), Grammatical Range and Accuracy (25%)
5. The most important thing is that you can demonstrate that you can clearly communicate in English.
6. The key to doing well is to know exactly what the examiners want and giving it to them.

Tips:
1. Take a deep breath, pray first
2. Take a time to plan what you want to write and start writing based on your plan
3. Write the task in your own words and do not take times to look the other writing, it is a shame
4. Stick and focus to the plan, do not devilishly betray your plan

Here is the type of illustration we must explain in our own word:

- Graphs Over Time
- Map/Changing
- Pie Chart
- Process
- Two graphs together
- Tables
What to write. I barely copied and pasted the text from here. Visit this blog when you have the time.
1. The Introduction should describe the purpose of your report and say what overall trends you see. For example, if the graph is climbing up or dropping down, you should mention that. You need to remember that you are describing a graph to someone who doesn't see it. Write what the graph is about, its dates and location.

2. The Body should describe the most important trends, while all information is summarized to avoid unnecessary details. For example, if there is a graph that has 2 peaks, you should mention them; tell when those peaks appeared and what the peak values are. Notice how many distinctive features the diagram has and divide information into paragraphs, one paragraph per feature. You should link the paragraphs by sentences that logically connect them to one another.

3. Important! You need to write about all the periods of time and all the subjects of graph. If it shows several years (1992, 1993, 1994) – write about all of them, if it is about men and women – write about both. Remember, summarizing doesn’t mean throwing away information. The secret here is to select what’s important, organize it, compare and contrast.

4. The Conclusion should sum up the global trends shown on the graph and compare them if possible.

* a Burger King motto, a negative feeling phrases. used to indicate angrily that although one disagrees with something someone has said or proposed, one is not going to argue further. It will be done your way.; You will get your way. (Usually shows irritation on the part of the speaker.)
"have it your way—we'll go to Princetown"

References: