ELAT Explanation of Results

The maximum score on ELAT is 60. All scripts are double marked, with each examiner awarding a mark out of 30. Examiners base their marks on an assessment of a candidate's ability to do the following:

- respond perceptively to unfamiliar writing of different kinds, showing accurate comprehension of the sense of the passages;
- demonstrate skills of close reading, identifying and commenting on distinctive features of structure, language and style;
- construct a well-focused essay, based on comparing and contrasting two or three passages;
- write fluently and accurately.

The two marks awarded are added together to give the total score. Where there is a difference of five or more marks between the first two examiners, a third examiner assesses the script, and the two nearest marks are totalled. Where the third mark does not lie within two marks of either of the initial two, the essay is marked for a fourth time by a senior examiner, and the two nearest marks are totalled.

Candidates' scripts and final scores are sent to admissions tutors together with details of marks awarded by each examiner.

The distribution of the November 2020 ELAT scores is shown below.

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