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Journal Name:	<a href="#">Asian Journal of Education and Social Studies</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJESS_126121
Title of the Manuscript:	Exploring Financial assistance options to overcome the challenges IELTS test-takers face in Bangladesh: A study on Sylhet
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	<p>This manuscript is important because it highlights the financial hurdles IELTS test-takers face in Bangladesh, especially in Sylhet. By examining the sources of financial assistance and the reasons behind them, the study offers valuable insights into how socio-economic factors shape language education and migration. This understanding can help educators and policymakers improve access to resources in developing countries.</p> <p>I like this manuscript for its clear focus on a relevant issue at the crossroads of education and economics. The use of quantitative methods strengthens the findings, making them useful for broader discussions on educational equity. However, it would be great to see the authors explore possible solutions to ease the financial strain on test-takers, as this could make their work even more impactful.</p>	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title is fairly clear and specific about the study's purpose and location. However, the phrase "financial assistance options" might imply a broader examination of potential solutions, while the abstract primarily discusses the current state of assistance and its impact. <b>Suggestions:</b> Financial Support and Challenges of IELTS Test-Takers in Sylhet, Bangladesh <b>OR</b> Financial Challenges Faced by IELTS Test-Takers in Sylhet, Bangladesh: An Exploration of Family Support and Assistance	

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<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p><b>Suggestions for Improvement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Aim Clarity:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The aims can be refined for clarity. For example, you could rephrase it to specify that you are examining not just the sources of financial assistance but also the implications of those sources on test-takers' experiences.</li></ul></li><li><b>Study Design:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The "Study Design" section could be made more concise. You might want to integrate the mention of quantitative techniques into a single, coherent sentence rather than listing them separately.</li></ul></li><li><b>Methodology Details:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Include a brief explanation of the questionnaire's structure or key areas covered, as this will help readers understand the focus of the data collection.</li><li>Mentioning the type of statistical analysis used in MS Excel and STATA would provide insights into how the data was processed.</li></ul></li><li><b>Results Summary:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>While some results are mentioned, it would enhance the abstract to include specific findings, such as any notable statistics (e.g., percentages of financial contributions from family) to substantiate your claims about the challenges faced by test-takers.</li></ul></li><li><b>Implications and Conclusions:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The conclusion could be expanded to highlight the potential implications of your findings. For instance, mention how this study could inform educational policies or support systems for IELTS test-takers in Bangladesh.</li><li>Consider rephrasing the final sentence to avoid redundancy; you can summarize the broader implications of financial challenges without restating specific examples.</li></ul></li><li><b>Grammar and Punctuation:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ensure consistent punctuation and capitalization throughout the abstract (e.g., "IELTS test" vs. "IELTS test takers").</li></ul></li></ol>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Rationale of the study should be after Literature review.</p> <p><b>Subheadings:</b> Consider adding subheadings within sections, especially in the Results and Methodology, to improve clarity and navigation for readers. This can help emphasize important aspects of your findings and processes.</p> <p><b>Visual Aids:</b> If applicable, incorporating tables or figures could enhance the presentation of data in the Results section, making it easier for readers to digest key findings.</p> <p><b>Consistency:</b> Ensure consistency in formatting, terminology, and citation style throughout the manuscript to enhance professionalism and readability.</p> <p><b>Transitions:</b> Improve transitions between sections to ensure a smooth flow of ideas. This can help readers understand how each section relates to the overall study.</p>	
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This manuscript demonstrates scientific robustness through its clear and systematic approach to investigating the financial challenges faced by IELTS test-takers in Bangladesh. The use of quantitative research methods, including in-depth interviews and surveys, provides a solid foundation for data collection and analysis, ensuring that the findings are based on empirical evidence. Furthermore, the detailed methodology section enhances the manuscript's credibility by outlining the specific techniques employed for data gathering and analysis, including the use of software like MS Excel and STATA for data interpretation. The literature review effectively situates the study within existing research, highlighting gaps in knowledge while justifying the need for this investigation. Overall, the combination of a well-defined research framework, appropriate methods, and a thorough literature context contributes to the manuscript's scientific validity and technical soundness.</p>	

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<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p> <p>-</p>	<p>The references in the manuscript provide a solid foundation for the study, addressing various aspects of the IELTS test-takers' financial challenges and motivations. However, the majority of the references appear to be from earlier years, with the most recent one from 2024. While this can be acceptable, incorporating more recent studies or data could enhance the manuscript's relevance, particularly as the landscape of language testing and financial assistance may have evolved.</p> <p>To strengthen the literature review, I suggest including more recent articles or reports on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The impact of economic changes on educational expenses, particularly in the context of language tests like IELTS.</li><li>2. Studies focusing on financial assistance programs or scholarships for students in developing countries.</li><li>3. Research that specifically addresses the challenges faced by low-income students in accessing language proficiency resources.</li></ol> <p>Including these types of references could provide a more comprehensive view of the current situation and potential solutions for IELTS test-takers in Bangladesh.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article are generally suitable for scholarly communication. The writing is clear and coherent, effectively conveying the study's aims, methodology, and findings. The use of appropriate academic terminology demonstrates an understanding of the subject matter. However, there are a few areas where improvements could enhance readability and precision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Clarity and Conciseness:</b> Some sentences could be streamlined for brevity and clarity. For example, reducing redundancy in phrases or simplifying complex structures can improve the overall flow.</li><li>2. <b>Grammar and Syntax:</b> While the overall grammar is sound, a thorough proofreading could help identify minor errors or awkward phrasing that may detract from the professionalism of the manuscript.</li><li>3. <b>Consistency in Terminology:</b> Ensuring that terms are used consistently throughout the paper (e.g., referring to "IELTS test takers" consistently rather than alternating with "test takers") can help avoid confusion.</li></ol> <p>Overall, while the manuscript is largely suitable for scholarly communication, addressing these aspects would enhance its quality and professionalism.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>		

PART 2:

	<p>Reviewer's comment</p>	<p>Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</p>
<p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p>	<p>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</p>	

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