

Sample answers for Writing tasks

TEST 5, WRITING TASK 1

SAMPLE ANSWER

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 6.5** score. Here is the examiner's comment:

The response covers all the requirements of the task, shows a clear purpose and uses an appropriate tone. All the bullet points are well covered. Organisation is logical and there is a clear progression throughout the response. Cohesive devices are used flexibly. The range of vocabulary is sufficient and appropriate for the task, and, although there are errors [*Houman Resourse* | *hard driver* | *at least* | *metters*], the meaning is still clear. There is a mix of simple and complex sentence forms, but complex structures are produced less accurately than simple forms [*I was have many works should finish by yesterday* | ... *I couldn't wait to fix that so long*].

Dear Sir or Madam,

I work as a Houman Resourse manager and I do all my work at home. Few months ago I needed to buy extra hard driver for arrange my all work files. I bought sony 1000GB hard driver from your store in O'connell street in May. I was really happy to use this hd until yesterday. Yesterday morning I started to use work files from hd but was reading so long and at least it stucked I tried turn on and off computer but still same and couldn't open the files.

I was have many works should finish by yesterday. Also all of my meeting appointments files was in that hd but all cancelled because I couldn't see the time and places. Yesterday afternoon I called to your customer service but they explained that I have to wait 3 working days.

I have many urgent metters in this hd so I couldn't wait to fix that so long. This hd have still a guarantee.

I have request to fix this hd and recover all my files by today!

I belive you are good and well known company so I'm waiting for your best and user friendly service as soon as possible.

Thanks and regards

TEST 5, WRITING TASK 2

SAMPLE ANSWER

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 5.0** score. Here is the examiner's comment:

The candidate focuses on tourists visiting the desert, rather than on visiting places where conditions are difficult, so the prompt is not fully addressed. There is an attempt to discuss some benefits and disadvantages, but ideas are limited. The response is organised into paragraphs, but the focus of each is not always clear, while cohesive devices are sometimes faulty [*as compare to*] and the subject of reference pronouns is sometimes ambiguous [*Although the conditions are a bit more difficult in such type of places but they are excited... | The benefits to visit such areas is that they actually want to ...*]. The range of lexis is sometimes limited [*The people discovering the things*], yet the candidate is quite adventurous at times [*some research about how to survive in deserts | cannel of water | depth | deep | casualty rate*]. There are attempts to produce complex structures, but these usually contain errors [*what is the reasons for that | Although ... but | Here is another example that ...*].

The globalization is the most important topic for all the people. They want to know what is happening around and what is the reasons for that. The people discovering the things and geting well aware about hidden things. The tourists are visiting the deserts more as compare to other places. Although the conditions are bit more difficult in such type of places but they are excited to know about each and everything.

The benefits to visit such areas is that they actually want to let people know what is the difference between the life in desert and other normal places. It is shown in one of the australian movie which is cast on a Japanese. In movie the Japese goes to desert for some research about how to survive in deserts. His car stuck into the desert. He just keeps try to get out of there and at the end he become succeed. After moving forward some distance he watch a cannel of water and he jump into that water but depth is not so much and he dies because his neck hit by stone into the water. So it make us realize that when you found a cannel in deserts especially first make sure that how deep it is.

ISecondly, the disadvantages to visit the deserts is that the casualty rate is more in deserts as compare to other discoveries. When tourists go to the desert, they even don't know either they will return back to home or not.

The case is that the people are going to desert more because there are more things to discover like mines, minerals, medical related preventions etc. Here is another example that once people got diamonds from desert which was in UAE. They took it as pebbles but when they came back to home they realize that were diamonds.

TEST 6, WRITING TASK 1

SAMPLE ANSWER

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 6.0** score. Here is the examiner's comment:

The purpose of the letter is clear, but the tone is not entirely consistent [*Dear Sir / I am not working at the moment and I need some money*]. All three bullet points are covered quite well, however. Information and ideas are arranged coherently and there is a clear overall progression, with sufficient use of cohesive devices. The range of lexis is adequate and appropriate for the task [*I really want to work in your chain of restaurant(s) | working ... as a chef | experience working with other people | consider my application*]. Spelling is generally accurate. There is a mix of simple and complex sentence forms, and grammatical control is generally accurate.

Dear Sir,

I am Alejandro Garcia, we met last week in a plane journey from London to Manchester. I am writing to tell you that I really want to work in your chain of restaurant because I am not working at the moment and I need some money.

In my last two years I had been working in restaurant as a chef and I have been doing an Indian and an Italian course in a very famous academy. So if I had to choose I would like to be the chef. However, if you already have chefs I wouldn't have problem to work as a waiter

I think I will be suitable for this job because I am a very responsible person and I have been training very hard to have a possibility like this. Also, I have experience working with other people and how to manage a group.

I hope you would consider my application. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully

Alejandro Garcia

TEST 6, WRITING TASK 2

SAMPLE ANSWER

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 7.0** score. Here is the examiner's comment:

This is a well-organised piece of writing, presenting ideas on both sides of the debate, developing these ideas effectively and also showing the candidate's own position throughout the response. Ideas are logically organised and there is a clear progression in the train of thought. Each paragraph has a clear central topic, which is developed, and there is effective use of cohesive devices. The lexical resource is sufficient to allow some flexibility and precision and there is use of less common items [*natural ecosystem* | *human settlement* | *engineering projects* | *the most extreme supporters of* | *in harmony with surrounding nature*]. There are occasional errors in spelling and collocation [*prominence* | *heavy debates* | *go extinct*], but these do not detract from overall clarity. There is a variety of complex structures, used with flexibility and accuracy, while grammar and punctuation are generally well controlled. Errors do not adversely affect the overall message.

Presently, the problem of a living space has risen into prominence in many places of the country. There is absolutely no way to build new houses in some cities, and a lot of people suggest to carry out construction in the countryside. However, it is a controversial topic introducing heavy debates.

Opponents of urbanisation of former rural areas state that it would cause a dramatic effect on the natural ecosystem of such places. The most drastic consequences are caused by infrastructure that necessarily follows any human settlement - that is, roads, power lines, means of water supply and such. The construction of those engineering projects leads to destruction of natural bioms of ponds, rivers and forests, causing many animals to migrate or go extinct. The arguments of environmentalists do make sense, but there also valuable ideas supporting the countryside occupation.

First of all, not even the most extreme supporters of spreading urbanization maintain that all of the countryside should be filled with homes all over the place. In fact, there are good examples of even larger cities living perhaps not in harmony with surrounding nature, but at least in some form of cooperation. Having a considerable amounts of parks inside inhabited area help both people to feel themselves better and plants and animals to have some sort of home. If I may to present an example, the city of Zaporizhka where I live has a large island between the parts of the city which is covered with trees and largely unoccupied, being a nice counterpart to heavily populated nearby districts.

In conclusion, I would like to stress that while opponents of countryside settlements have many valid points, the situation is not as drastic as they portray it, and the co-existence of human population with nature is quite possible.

TEST 7, WRITING TASK 1

SAMPLE ANSWER

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 5.0** score. Here is the examiner's comment:

The response addresses all three bullet points, but the ideas that are presented show little development. The purpose of the letter is clear, however, and the writer's position is given at the end. Information is presented with some organisation and some basic linking devices are used [*Firstly* | *Secondly* | *In fact*]; there are also examples of simple reference words [*this team* | *This solution* | *this case*]. The writer would need to use a wider range of cohesive devices to achieve a higher score here. There are attempts to use a range of vocabulary [*obtain* | *advertising campaign/campaign* | *maximum savety/safety* | *alhcolic/alcoholic beverages* | *in according/accordance with the Council*], but these usually show errors in spelling or word formation. Other errors could cause some comprehension problems [*sctisfect/satisfied?* | *challenging/competitions?* | *sujection/subject?* *possibility?* *proposal?* | *reguilty?*]. There are attempts to use complex sentences [*I would explain in witch ways, you'll be obtain ...* | *sponsoring a sport children team* | *We could mixte with... when the team need...*], but the level of error is high and can cause some difficulty for the reader.

Dear Sir or Madam,

According to your letter, I'm very grateful and sctisfect, by you confidence. I would explain in witch ways, you'll be obtain a good feedback from the general public.

Firstly, sponsoring a sport children team could increase the numbers of visitors (for examples, family, friends), and also the level of this team, and check the place too. We could mixte with an advertising campain when the team need to move for challenging.

Secondly, we have another sujection it's create two open-air concerts. This solution have a big advantage, because a lot of range of people could beneficted.

We can offer a large range of free item included. But it's this case we reguilty a maximum savety of people to controlled the side and avoid alhcolic beverage. It's very huge risk for evrything and we need to have in according with the Council.

In fact, I prefered to give my advice for this sponsored local children, is very a good mark for the community and for the further customers.

I'm wainking you respond sooner, and I'll hope to expose dearty my wiew point.

Best regards,

TEST 7, WRITING TASK 2

SAMPLE ANSWER

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 6.0** score. Here is the examiner's comment:

The response addresses all parts of the prompt, although the idea that children should learn how to occupy themselves on their own is not as fully explored as the first part of the prompt. Even here the candidate only mentions educational activities organised by teachers: a stronger response might consider other types of organised activities, such as sports teams, dance or orchestral groups, which could develop other aspects of a child's growth. Ideas are organised, however, and there is a clear overall progression. There is some effective use of signalling devices [*However* | *On the one hand* | *On the other hand* | *For instance* | *To sum up*] and other examples of cohesive devices are also used [*such events* | *during this time*]. Paragraphing is signalled, though not consistently. The range of vocabulary is quite wide and shows awareness of collocation [*participate in group activities* | *schedule their time* | *current generation* | *give them permission to* | *encouraged to attend* | *in certain circumstances* | *spare time* | *supervise children*], but there are rather too many errors for a higher band here [*intellegent* | *possitive* | *throught/through* | *distinguish* | *recieve*]. The use of [*kids*], repeated twice as [*kinds*] is not appropriate in this type of response. There is a mix of simple and complex sentence forms and although errors occur, they rarely reduce communication.

In today's world many people tend to believe that children should better participate in group activities that organised with certain purpose by teachers or their parent. However, others do not agree and suggest that kids become more intellegent whilst occupy themselves as in their future lives children will have to schedule their time.

On the one hand, I must admit that teachers have much more experience and knowledge in how to amuse pupils and provide them with some useful education at the same time. In this case society can count on school workers as they help to bring up good change for current generation. Parents should give them permission to occupy their children's free time with organised group activities and provide all possible help. Children have to be encouraged to attend in such events as it have possitive contribution in their studying process.

On the other hand, in certain circumstances parents should let their children to plan part of their spare time by themselves. For instance, kinds have to be wise about how to schedule their time at the evening when no other activities are available. But still parents should supervise children during this time in order to not let them play video games all night throught.

To sum up it is important to notice that children in their young ages are not so self-confident and intellegent to destinguish what is useful for them and what is not. That is why teachers parents should always participate in activities which kinds involved in. To help them recieve more useful knowledge during their childhood.

TEST 8, WRITING TASK 1

SAMPLE ANSWER

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 7.0** score. Here is the examiner's comment:

The letter opens with a clear statement of purpose and goes on to address each bullet point, covering the first and the third at some length. There is room for expansion of the second bullet point. Information and ideas are logically organised, following the bullet points, and there is a clear progression throughout the response. There is a range of linking devices [*as well as* | *due to* | *What is more* | *In addition* | *which leads to* | *Needless to say* | *Taking everything into consideration* | *Moreover* | *Finally*], although not all of these are strictly necessary. There is evidence of less common vocabulary [*outline* | *improvements* | *implemented* | *spacious* | *overcrowded* | *beneficial* | *advantageous*] and use of collocations [*expressed their dissatisfaction* | *image of a company* | *first impression*]. There are only occasional spelling errors [*reseptionist* | *equipt* | *sesirelly*], but the meaning is always clear (the position of [*sesirelly*] makes it clear that [*sincerely*] was intended). A variety of complex grammatical structures is used flexibly, while control over grammar and punctuation is good, apart from the use of a full stop rather than a comma in the phrase [*area.due to the fact that*].

Dear Mr Smith,

I am writing to outline the complaints that have been made about the reception area as well as to suggest several improvements to be implemented.

A number of visitors expressed their dissatisfaction with our company's reception area. due to the fact that it is not spacious and overcrowded. What is more, there are not enough desks to fill in the various forms. In addition, only one reseptionist can be addressed to with a great number of questions which leads to the place being overcrowded.

Needless to say, the area where visitors arrive is extremely important as it is the image of a company and gives the first impression about the organization.

Taking everything into consideration, it is highly recommended to widen the reception area by using the room next to it

Moreover, it would be beneficial to equipt the place with additional furniture for visitors to use. Finally, hiring a second receptionist would be definitely advantageous.

I am looking forward to the changes being implemented.

Yours sesirelly,

TEST 8, WRITING TASK 2

SAMPLE ANSWER

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 5.0** score. Here is the examiner's comment:

The candidate identifies some positive and negative aspects of the topic, but does not offer any conclusion, which weakens the effectiveness of the response. The ideas presented are not always developed and or relevant (*celebrities making marketing with this products | local shops may be big factories in the future*). Ideas are organised into paragraphs and there is some use of linking devices [*Nowadays | Usually | that's why | instead of | all of this*], but there is a lack of overall progression because there is no conclusion. There is some good use of vocabulary [*outlet | popular stores | local shops | promotions*], but spelling errors are noticeable [*differents | Usually | demande | diarectly | you/your home | clossing*]. Errors in word formation also occur [*exportation | this/these shops*] and there is first language influence in the use of [*Fabric*] instead of [*factory*] which could cause some comprehension problems. There are attempts to use complex sentences, but errors in grammar and punctuation are frequent. The punctuation errors can cause some difficulty for the reader.

Nowadays there are differents ways to buy clothes, but it is known that people love to go shopping, the problem is that some store that are near to our home doesn't have the clothes we like, so we need to go far away to a big outlet, where we can find popular stores even if we have local shops with quality clothes.

Ussually the big stores are popular because the demande of the products that's why the Fabrics are outside the cities, IF you go diarectly to a Fabric it is easier For you to find a promotions or products that are more cheap, instead of going to a store that is close to you home where, sometimes it is more expensive because they bring the clothes and the transportation or if we are talking about an international product the exportation. Most of the people prefer to save some money going to the principal store.

The negative aspect of all of this is that a lot of local shops are clossing, thats why they are creating projects that help this local stores, some companies are investing in this shops by putting them a lot of marketing that help the shops to be popular and Famous, this is really helping the shops, a lot of celebrities and famous people are making marketing with this products and making them a popular product. So now this local shops may be big factories in the future.