

Sample Writing answers



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TEST 1, WRITING TASK 1

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 6.0** score.

Dear Emily,

I haven't seen you for a long time so I am very excited to meet you. I know that you are thinking of going on a camping holiday this summer for the first time. I am very happy about that and I am always ready to give you some advice.

Camping holiday is a wonderful idea. Especially in this summer. I think that not only do you want to go camping holiday in summer but also a lot of people because that is the best time for people to enjoy the life after hard-working day. One of the most important reason why you should go camping is that you are able to see the views and meet a lot of people. That is a chance for you to understand more a lot of culture in our country which you have never known before. The other reason is that you can take part in some social activities which are very interesting. On the other hand, going camping in the summer has a lot of disadvantages. In the first place, it will have negative impact on your skin so you have to wear hat before going camping outside. Secondly, it is easy for you to be ill because the weather in summer is quite hot so you have to prepare medicines before. I would also like to go camping with you this summer because my holiday in summer is very long so I hope that you can go on a camping holiday with me.

Hope to meet you soon.

Your close friend

Here is the examiner's comment:

The writer has addressed all three bullet points and organisation of the information is generally clear. There is some repetition [*camping holiday*] which could be avoided by using alternative words or phrases e.g. this kind of holiday. The range of vocabulary is sufficient for the task and there is some good use of collocation [*a wonderful idea | the best time | see the views | meet a lot of people | understand more a lot of culture | take part in some social activities*]. There is a mix of simple and complex structures with a fair level of accuracy. Occasional errors occur [*I am / I am | Especially in this summer* (sentence fragment) | *One of the most important reason(s) | it will have (a) negative impact on | prepare medicines before / in advance*], but the meaning is still clear.



TEST 1, WRITING TASK 2

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 7.5** score.

The reason behind the rising popularity of the crime novels and TV dramas, lies with the fact that the reality transmitted in the show/book, is our own. I am from Rio de Janeiro, a beautiful place with horrible people, and we know that what soap operas show, is not our reality. Sometimes happy endings only happen in fairytales, which leads me to "Tropa de Elite" (Elite Squad, roughly translated) and why it was a phenomenon.

The movie shows our dark side, the drug dealers with machine guns, the dangerous environment of the favelas and the corruption in our police forces. It shows that there is nothing glamorous about being poor in Brazil (an idea that has been growing lately). And that? We relate. We know the truth, and we want it to be seen and heard, even if it is a fiction vision of it.

this is where the fiction part enters. When we watch the brave policeman or the brilliant CSI save the day, it gives a slight comfort. We feel like someone can save us from our reality, someone can be our hero and get the job done. It is a rather gullible thought, but it is the truth. BOPE's popularity (Rio de Janeiro's elite police force) grew rapidly after the movie's success.

want to feel heard and to be saved, and in a mix of reality and fantasy, these books and shows do that. I, for example, love them and even considered to be a police officer. But after careful consideration, i gave up the idea, for i think the world's salvation lies behind a pen or inside a book, and not on the tip of a machine gun. But there is nothing wrong to daydream on our favorite shows.

Here is the examiner's comment:

This is a thoughtful response to the task and the writer explores both parts in some depth. The ideas are relevant, extended and well-supported. Information and ideas are logically organised and there is a clear progression throughout the answer. Paragraphing is handled well, with a clear central topic in each one. The range of vocabulary shows less common items [*transmitted* | *phenomenon* | *corruption* | *glamorous* | *salvation*] and good use of collocations [*rising popularity* | *soap operas* | *dark side* | *drug dealers* | *save the day*]. Errors in word formation are rare [*fiction* / *fictional vision*]. There is a variety of complex structures, well-controlled for accuracy, with only rare errors [*considered to be* / *being a police officer* | *nothing wrong to daydream* / *in daydreaming*]. Punctuation is generally well-controlled, apart from some lack of capitalisation in the final paragraph.

TEST 2, WRITING TASK 1

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 6.0** score.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I saw an advert that said that people that want to do voluntary at this museum should contact you. That's why I am writing this letter!

I would like to do voluntary work at your museum. I am keen on art and history, and especially I am keen on working with them. From what I kow, your museum is based on works of art that have fabulous history.

In the museum I could work as a guide. I already know some interesting information about the drawings that you have in the museum, but if there is something that I don't know or something that needs improvement, I am opened to studying and developing my knowledge.

I really like working with other people and explaining things that they are interested in, and that is a good skill I guess for guiding.

I am free every Monday, Friday and Sunday from 3PM to 7PM.

I am waiting for your reply and I hope that you agree with my voluntary work.

Here is the examiner's comment:

The writer has made a fair attempt at the task, covering all three bullet points, with the second bullet point covered in more depth than the first and the third. Organisation is logical and there is a clear overall progression, slightly spoiled by the lack of a closing formula (*Yours faithfully*). The range of vocabulary is sufficient for the task [*advert* | *contact you* | *keen on* | *work as a guide* | *drawings* | *studying and developing my knowledge* | *working with other people*] and there are only minor errors [*kow* / *know* | *opened* / *open*]. There is a mix of simple and complex structures, generally used accurately, although there is a minor error in the lack of an article [*have (a) fabulous history*]. The score could be improved by expanding on the first and third bullet points and by using a wider range of grammatical structures.



TEST 2, WRITING TASK 2

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 7.0** score.

In the modern world, it is argued that sleeping is not taken seriously as before. Some factors which influence this trend can be managed. This essay will discuss problems caused by lack of sleep and give possible solutions to avoid lack of sleep. It will outline the inefficiency of human beings as a result of lack of sleep and point at the importance of reducing work overload to sleep well as well as maintaining diet, physical and mental health.

Lack of sleep can cause inefficiency in human beings which results in accidents. Fatigue and tiredness tend to overwhelm human beings when they lack sleeping. The body requires enough rest and when this is not permitted it will shut down anytime. Overworking causes the body to be sore. A body which is sore from overworking might not get enough from a sleep but requires treatment. Accidents on roads and at work are sometimes a result of non-sleeping people. When a body is sore performance is decreased. It is advised to take enough sleep in order to perform duties swiftly. Accidents cause serious damage in human life there it is encouraged to take enough sleep to avoid mishaps.

It is now an individual's call to be responsible in doing what is best to avoid consequences of not sleeping. Reducing work overload is of the solution to combat fatigue. It is not advisable to work overload as this causes the body to be sore. Healthy eating according to dieticians provides remedies to human health. This greatly constitutes to the communications of mind and body and work for those who are consistent on the practice. Normal hours of working time per day and correct diet is essential in maintaining a wonderful balance in sleep and work.

In conclusion sleeping is essential. Work overloads should be reduced and dieting as well as physical health are encouraged. Governments and stakeholders must penalise those who work overwork themselves by more tax.

Here is the examiner's comment:

The writer addresses both parts of the task, presenting ideas and developing them. The writer's viewpoint is clear throughout the text. Ideas are organised logically, there is a clear progression and each paragraph has a clear central topic. The range of vocabulary shows a number of less common items [*fatigue* | *overwhelm* | *treatment* | *performance* | *mishaps* | *combat* | *dieticians* | *remedies*] although there are occasional errors in spelling [*inefficiency* / *inefficiency* | *maintaining* / *maintaining* | *consequencies* / *consequences* | *mainting* / *maintaining* | *deiting* / *dieting* | *pernalise* / *penalise*] and word choice [*constitutes* / *contributes*]. The word [*sore*] is overused and there are occasional errors in the use of dependent prepositions e.g. [*point at* / *out* | *importance to* / *of*]. There is a variety of complex structures used with good grammatical control. Occasional errors occur [*is not taking* (taken as) *seriously* (as) | *causes* (the) *body* | *is* (one) *of the solution(s)*] but the majority of sentences are error-free.



TEST 3, WRITING TASK 1

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 7.0** score.

Dear William,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As per your request, regarding advice, I am writing you so that you can have some more information about the course, the university and the application process.

First of all, the course I studied was Intensive English, offered either in the morning or the evening. The one in the morning goes from 7 to 11am Monday to Thursday, on the other hand, the one in the evening is from 5 to 9pm on the same days. The whole course is 8 weeks. They are always taught by the best teachers, that's really motivating.

As a second point, the university. It's so organized! Besides, it's near where you live so access is easy. The cost is something you can pay monthly and they give you different options. The university really cares for your learning process so they also offer a tutor to help you if needed. I really recommend you the institution.

In order to fulfill the application, you just have to call the number of registration office and the receptionist will ask you for the course code, which is 139, and some personal details. She'll let you know when the course starts.

I hope you find it useful! Do not hesitate to contact me again.

Regards, Jeanine

Here is the examiner's comment:

This letter covers all three bullet points in some depth, as ideas are developed and extended for each bullet point. Information is logically organised and there is a clear progression throughout the script. Cohesive devices are used well [*First of all* | *Besides* | *In order to*] and there is use of reference [*They*] and substitution [*The one in the morning* | *the one in the evening* | *the same days*]. There are some examples of less common vocabulary [*motivating* | *access* | *learning process* | *institution* | *receptionist*] and there are only occasional spelling errors [*whic* / *which*]. There is a variety of complex structures showing a good level of grammatical control.



TEST 3, WRITING TASK 2

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 6.0** score.

Our world is full of amazing places and almost every people would to visit such ones. On holiday they are given this opportunity and people leave their country and travel. But what they will choose in the future?

In my opinion, most people will prefer to spend their holidays travelling. First of all, people are fed up with own country and they will be in the future, especially. They want to try and see something new. Secondly, travelling improves language skills, broadens the horizons, gives an opportunity to communicate with foreigners. People learn about culture, taste local food. Thirdly, they get an brilliant experience which they will never forget.

Nevertheless, it is believed that people will leave in own country. To begin with, there are a lot of places in their country which is worth to visit. People think that it is enough for them. There will be more entertainment and interesting places in the future than nowadays. Of course, people will not want to go far if they have everything what the need in own country. What is more, much money is spent on travelling, so people will save it and travel towns in their country only.

I do not agree with this opinion. I think, people will a lot of opportunities to earn money in the future as the world is developing very quickly. So they can afford travelling.

To sum up, travelling abroad on holiday has as many advantages as staying at own country. But I strongly believe that people should not afraid of leaving their country. I hope, they will search another places all over the world.

Here is the examiner's comment:

The candidate looks at both points of view, presenting and developing ideas for each one as well as giving his/her own point of view early on in the answer. Organisation is evident and there is a clear overall progression. Some cohesive devices are used to guide the reader through the response [*In my opinion | First of all | Secondly | Thirdly | Nevertheless | To begin with | I think | So | To sum up*]. The range of vocabulary is sufficient for the task [*amazing places | travelling | see something new | broadens the horizons | entertainment*], although there are some errors in word formation and spelling [*fulled / full of | leave / live | foreigners / foreigners | another / other places*]. The meaning is still clear, however. There is a mix of simple and complex sentence structures, with a reasonable degree of accuracy. Sometimes words are omitted [*every people would (like) to visit | in (their) own country | travel (to) towns | will (have) a lot of opportunities | should not (be) afraid*] and there are some lapses in grammatical control [*But what they will / But what will they | which is / are worth to visit / visiting | everything what / that the / they need*], but again the meaning is still clear.



TEST 4, WRITING TASK 1

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 7.0** score.

Dear Sir and Madam,

I am a long standing Indian citizen who works as a professor in the Gjujarat University, Gjujarat, India. I am writing this to apply for a job at Hindi language teacher, what you are looking for your chids.

The foremost reason of applying for a job is I have done PHD in Hinda literature successfully from the reputed Gjujarat Univerity of India. Besides this I am teaching the Hindi language professionally since last 15 years. I have a wide experience of teaching among different institutions and from the children to younger one. Considering all these factors I feel that I am a suitable candidate for this job.

Moreover, I can also teach the Hindi language to other family member if required so I can make you all aware about Indian culture and its traditions, as I have a vast knowledge of all that too.

As I already have so many years in my home country India, now I want to migrate to different nations of the world so I can learn about the people, their culture and traditions. I will also provide me the opportunity to gain knowledge and some invaluable experiences. I strongly feel that coming to Australia could be great opportunity for me.

In anticipation waiting for your positive response at earliest.

Yours faithfull,

Vipal

Here is the examiner's comment:

This is a quite formal letter of application, but the tone is consistent throughout and all three bullet points are addressed, extended and supported. Information is logically organised and there is a clear progression throughout the answer. Cohesive devices are used and paragraphing is appropriate. The range of vocabulary is sufficient to show some less common items [*long standing* | *citizen* | *invaluable*] and collocations [*wide experience* | *suitable candidate* | *vast knowledge* | *great opportunity*], although there are occasional errors [*Gjujarat* / *Gujarat* | *at* / *as* | *chids* / *children* or *kids* | *Hinda* / *Hindu* | *family member(s)* | *I will* / *It will* | *faithfull* / *faithfully*]. Similarly, the grammatical range is wide enough to demonstrate a variety of complex structures, used with a good level of accuracy. There are occasional errors in the use of articles and tenses, but the majority of sentences are error-free.



TEST 4, WRITING TASK 2

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 6.5** score.

Technology nowadays is playing a major role in day-to-day life. It has made almost all activities very much easier. It has given us many benefits. One of the major benefits in today's life is 'Online Payment'. Today, I am going to highlight the positives and negatives of the same.

When the E-commerce websites were launched, people were very much pleased with the option of paying online, but they consider bit risky then. Net-Banking was not that very common. People were not able to believe or put trust Therefore, they preferred 'Cash-On-Delivery'. But when gradually time passed, people were comfortable with the 'Net-Banking' option and they used it, without any fear. Then the concept of 'E-wallet' came which meant that the payments were made using the mobile phone apps. One such popular application now-a-days is 'Paytm'. In this, you have to make your own account, and store some amount of money from Bank-Account. This is like a wallet where you directly pay your day-to-day transactions using this. This is increasingly becoming common from a small shops to big transactions. Each and every people are aware with this, specially after the demonetisation, where the major concept was going 'cash-less'.

People generally don't see this as an disadvantage, unless and until the application is leaking same details of users, as is not registered or not reputed. So, we can say that 9 out of 10 people are agreed and comfortable excluding its negative element.

Here is the examiner's comment:

The candidate covers all parts of the task, putting forward many of the advantages of using mobile phone apps to pay for purchases. The reference to disadvantages is rather brief, and the score might be improved by further discussion of these. Ideas and information are presented logically and there is a clear progression throughout the answer. Cohesive devices are used, including some reference [*they used it* | *In this* | *This is like a wallet*] and paragraphing is used adequately. The range of vocabulary is wide enough to show some less common items and collocations [*a major role* | *highlight* | *websites* | *paying online* | *risky* | *transactions* | *leaking* | *registered*] with only occasional errors [*from a small shops* / *shop* | *specially* / *especially* | *same* / *some* | *reputed* / *reputable*]. The opening paragraph consists entirely of simple sentence structures, but the range broadens later to include more variety. The majority of structures are error-free, although occasional errors occur [*they consider bit risky then* / *they considered it to be a bit risky then* | *People were not able to believe or put trust* / *People were not able to believe or put trust in it* | *pay (for) your day-to-day transactions* | *Each and every people are aware with this* / *Each and every person is aware of this* | *an* / *a disadvantage*].