

WRITING TEST

TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

You rent a furnished apartment from a property company. The washing machine has stopped working. You contacted the company a week ago, but it has still not been repaired.

Write a letter to the company. In your letter

- *explain who you are and why you are writing.*
- *say how the problem is affecting you.*
- *say what you want the company to do.*

Write at least 150 words.

You do not need to write any addresses.

Begin your letter like this:

Dear Sir or Madam,

TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about this topic.

Students should be taught to read and write using a computer, as handwriting will not be used in the future.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

HOW TO MARK THE WRITING TEST

TASK 1

There are four criteria for marking the Part One tasks, which are equally weighted.

Task achievement

This is an assessment of how well the student has fulfilled the task.

A successful task will:

- include at least the minimum number of words
- have a text structure appropriate to a letter
- be relevant to the context established in the input material
- achieve the writer's intended purpose
- cover the functions indicated in the bullet points

Coherence and cohesion

This is an assessment of how clear and fluent the writing is.

A successful task will:

- be appropriately organised
- successfully link information and ideas
- contain logical sequencing
- make effective use of cohesive devices

Lexical resource

This is an assessment of the use of vocabulary.

A successful task will:

- include a range of relevant vocabulary
- use vocabulary accurately
- use vocabulary in an appropriate way

Grammatical resource

This is an assessment of the use of grammar.

A successful task will:

- use an appropriate range of grammatical forms at sentence level
- use grammatical forms accurately

TASK 2

There are four criteria for marking the Part Two tasks, which are equally weighted.

Task response

This is an assessment of how well the student has responded to the task.

A successful task will:

- make clear the writer's position on the issues raised in a question or statement
- develop arguments to support that position
- support the arguments with evidence and examples
- include at least the minimum number of words

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