



Writing task 2 Assessment Criteria

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What have we learnt so far?

- **Writing T2 is argumentative. It means we have to be persuasive in our ideas by giving enough explanation and examples.**
- **There is a topic (called prompt) and the questions. Your answer is a direct one to the question.**
- **Iranians do not provide enough explanation and expect the reader to understand the connection. In English writing system however, the writer is responsible for all the details and connections.**



Writing task 2 assessment

- Your writing is assessed outside the country, mainly in Australia
- Sometimes two people read your work and rate it.
- For assessment, the examiners follow a guideline called band descriptors.
- Band descriptors has four criteria:
 - Task response
 - Cohesion and Coherence
 - Lexical range
 - Grammatical range and accuracy



Task Response

- **Addressing parts of the task.**
- **Taking a clear position.**
- **Presenting, extending and supporting main ideas.**
- **Format of your writing.**



IELTS 12 test 5

- Today more and more tourists are visiting places where conditions are difficult, such as the Sahara desert or the Antarctic.

What are the benefits and disadvantages for tourists who visit such places.

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 getting 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.



Body paragraph 1

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 Japanese goes to desert for some research about how to survive in deserts. His car stuck into the desert. He just keeps trying to get out of there and at the end he became succeed. After moving forward some distance he watch a cannel of water and he jump into that water but the depth is not so much and he dies. So it make us realize that when you found a cannel in deserts especially first make sure that how deep it is. Band 5 sample



Coherence and Cohesion

- **Logical organization of ideas and information**
- **Overall progression**
- **Range of cohesive devices**
- **Central ideas in each paragraph**
- **References**



Many people work long hours , leaving very little time for leisure activities . Does this situation more advantages or more disadvantages ?

On the other hand , some people work overtime to save much money. They predict probable economic crisis in their life like losing job because of unemployment or retirement. In other words, they believe that they will have enough time in the future for entertainment . Furthermore , competitive environment in business forces people to work long hours in order to move up the career ladder at a fast pace . They boost their skills faster than others and become professional as fast as they colleagues . Having said that, appropriate and reasonable break time is necessary to achieve better performance . So even if the first priority of someone is career advancement or earning much money , they need to allocate some hours for leisure activities .



What to do to score 7 in CC?

- Use that, which or participle phrases to create connection between sentences instead of too many connectives.
- Keep one central topic in each body paragraph.
- Make sure your references are clear (they, which, who, etc.)



IELTS 12 test 6 (band 7 sample)

Opponents of urbanization 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, powerlines, means of water supply and such. The construction of those engineering projects leads to destruction of natural biomes of ponds, rivers and forests, causing many animals to migrate or go extinct. The arguments of environmentalists do make sense, but there are also valuable ideas supporting the countryside occupation.



Lexical range (LR)

- **Range of vocabulary use, appropriate and to the point**
- **Less common and idiomatic language**
- **Conveying precise meaning**
- **Spelling and word formation**



There is a disagreement on the impact of increased business and culture contact between countries on a country's identity. What is your opinion?

The existence of global-village returns from the close connection between the countries, using the internet and cutting-edge technologies. Such developing connections lead to evanesce of borders, letting people and cultures to exchange information and traditions. This can lead to reducing cultural values by replacing them with foreign tastes, but adopting appropriate policies to save valuable local traditions like festivals and teaching them in schools, can eliminate these negative issues. People also would boost their lifestyle by learning positive points of other cultures. What is more, as higher as people's knowledge is, the possibility of improving their lifestyle is more.



Grammatical range and accuracy

- **Variety of structures (complex, compound, and simple)**
- **Error-free sentences**
- **Punctuation**



Points to remember to score higher

- Keep the topic in front of you as you write, especially in introduction and conclusion.
- Make sure all the keywords, major and minor, are present in introduction.
- Avoid using too many connectives. This is what we do!
- Present one central topic in each body paragraph.
- In your introduction, paraphrase the task carefully and state your opinion.
- In conclusion, restate your opinion based on your main ideas.
- Avoid repetition of ideas.



homework

- IELTS GT 12 -6
- 15 GT, 1 & 2
- 12 AC, 7

