

WRITING

WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The parents of your Australian friend Chris have invited you to a surprise birthday party for him/her.

Write a letter to Chris's parents. In your letter

- *say why you think Chris will enjoy the surprise party*
- *explain why you won't be able to attend the party*
- *give details of a plan to see Chris at a different time.*

Write at least 150 words.

You do **NOT** need to write any addresses.

Begin your letter as follows:

Dear Mr and Mrs Collins,

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In some countries, more and more people are hiring a personal fitness trainer, rather than playing sports or doing exercise classes.

What are the reasons for this?

Is this a positive or a negative development?

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

Write at least 250 words.

TEST 2, WRITING TASK 1

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 5.0** score.

Dear Mr and Mrs Collins,

I hope you are well both of you. I am writing to chris's parents because they celebrate my friend surprise birthday party.

Yes, I think chris will very happy because he is feeling good. His birthday celebration some different types of give party. because he is coming from india sometimes so, he will enjoy this party.

I do not able to party because my father was heart attack in two days. I am going to Dehli and he is not well and Doctor says my father have a done angioplasty. So I have here in ten days. then I will come home together my father.

Let you know about I am meet chris after sometime and when my father is well then I will meet you and together with travelling outside. I have many planned but this time I am not able to meet you as well as I will meet you soon chris.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Here is the examiner's comment:

This letter addresses each of the bullet points. There is some detail on why the candidate will not be able to attend the party. More information could be given about why Chris will enjoy the party and the plan to see Chris as these points are less clear.

Ideas are arranged in the order of the bullet points so the reader can follow them in this letter, but the lack of cohesive devices mean progression is not clear.

Vocabulary is minimally adequate. There are some accurate examples [*heart attack* | *angioplasty*] but the range is limited and errors in word choice [*give party* | *have here in ten days* / *am here for ten days*] do cause some difficulty.

Sentence structures are limited and there are many errors [*types of give party* | *have a done* | *I do not able*] which cause difficulty for the reader.

TEST 2, WRITING TASK 2

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

The practice of training physically with personal fitness guides is getting increasingly common in some nations. Therefore playing sports or taking part in physical exercise courses are less preferred. From my perspective, this acts as a desirable development as it provides people with a multitude of benefits.

The growing need for personal trainers can be attributed to the following reasons. Firstly, due to the speedy pace of modern life, people are getting busier with their jobs as well as basic daily chores such as housework. As a result, taking part in a mutual exercise classes is quite impossible for busy people, as they can hardly flexify themselves with the schedules of other class members. Hiring a personal trainer seems to be the most appropriate resolution to the problem, since people will no longer depend on others' timetable and they can do exercise with their trainers whenever they have free time. Secondly, joining a mutual class offers people few opportunities to have private conversations with the teachers. The reason is that there are often a large number of learners in a class and teachers can hardly answer all members' questions. Unlikewise, personal trainers are responsible for one student per class, which enables students to have more time to consult their teachers.

The increasing demand for personal trainer has made significant improvements to modern people's lives. It is a new and suitable way of managing time efficiently, especially for those who have a little fund of time.

In conclusion, I hold a strong belief that hiring personal fitness trainer, which is time-saving and of remarkable convenience, has made positive changes to the way people doing exercise.

Here is the examiner's comment:

This response presents the position clearly, that this is a positive development overall. The first question is fully addressed, and the reasons presented include the fast pace of life, busy jobs, daily chores and the inability to fit in with the schedules of other people. For a stronger response, more could be written about the second part of the question, on why this is a positive development.

Ideas and information are logically organised but paragraphing could be used more appropriately, as the third paragraph is not well developed.

Vocabulary is the strongest feature and is fluently and flexibly used, with some precise meanings [*multitude of benefits* | *consult their teachers*], but occasional inaccuracies in word choice [*mutual* / *group* | *flexify themselves with* / *fit in with*?] or collocation [*fund of time*] remain. There are also a variety of complex grammatical structures with multi-clause sentences and frequent error-free sentences.