

## TEST 1, WRITING TASK 2

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

Nowadays stories about criminal events as well as TV serials and films depicting situations of breaking a law and the following investigations of these crimes are very demanded and popular among people of different ages and statuses. There are several reasons why we face such a situation: jobs of policemen, prosecutors, and detectives are quite modern and demanded; people want to read about them and watch movies based on real events and, at last, the art reflects the life we have and live now.

The first reason, I have already mentioned, is that our government did it best to increase the status of a policeman and a prosecutor, having attracted such art forms as literature and cinema industry. There were some state orders, and today a new generation has grown, and young people show great interest to these professions. And their parents just want to know what their children like, that is why soap-operas and detective stories about fortunes and professional lives of those who are involved in the legal area, are so demanded.

Another explanation to the popularity of this genre might be the fact the criminal level in our country, as well as in other ones, has risen significantly. It is related to a very unstable economic situation, including sanctions and climate issues, people's uncertainty in their future due to the lack of jobs and, therefore, health problems, absence of inner strengths and depression. Literature and cinema reflect what is happening in social life, and what we are observing, and consumers want to read about and watch what is clear, actual and close to them.

In conclusion I want to note that I see criminal fiction and TV criminal dramas catching and easy to understand. They also help me to unwind and to switch from problems to something more pleasant.

Here is the examiner's comment:

The candidate has covered the first part of the task quite fully, but the task might have gained a higher score if as much attention had been given to its second part. Ideas are presented and developed, and the writer's position is relevant to the task. Ideas are presented coherently, giving a clear overall progression. Cohesive devices are used [*Nowadays* | *The first reason* | *Another explanation* | *In conclusion*] and paragraphing is well organised. The range of vocabulary is sufficient for the task [*criminal events* | *depicting* | *soap-operas* | *detective stories* | *genre* | *unwind*] in spite of occasional errors [*demanded* / in demand | *explanation to* / for | *actual* / current]. There is a mix of simple and complex sentence structures that are generally accurate.