

TEST 1, WRITING TASK 1

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 5.5** score.

Der Friend

I am writing this letter in order to guide you and give some advices so that you will enjoy your holidays.

Firstly, I would like to express my happiness that you have chosen the best place for camping out. I am surely appreciate that surrounding communities and environment are so friendly and hoping that you will be safe guarded by kindly people there.

However, there may be some bad things you need to avoid when you are alone or having a sightseering. For example, there a lot of posineous snakes which kill people who walk too far from the camping area. Despite the fact that the place is very attractive and hopefully you will enjoy your holiday.

Ultimately, I am also preparing for my break from worke after seven months so I advice you if could manage to Find out the atmosphre there. To the point I mean to find out how friendly the people and the condition of the areas you spend the most. I will be very much happy to receive any information from you and prepare to spend my free time there at the same place. To had that you can also find out the living costs and any expense. I hope to see you here when you to return

Here is the examiner's comment:

The candidate has made a reasonable attempt at this task and has dealt successfully with the first bullet point. However, only one disadvantage is described (the candidate is asked to describe SOME possible disadvantages), while the response to the third bullet is unclear. It reads as if the writer intends to visit the area to check it out, rather than go camping with the friend. The opening to the letter is rather unusual [*De(a)r Friend*] and there is no ending. Organisation is coherent, however, and there is an overall progression to the response, with some use of cohesive devices [*Firstly* | *However*], if it is not always correct [*Ultimately*]. The range of vocabulary is sufficient for the task and appropriate [*surrounding communities* | *environment* | *kindly people* | *attractive*]. Although there are some errors [*sightseering* | *posineous* | *atmosphre*], the meaning is still clear. There is a mix of simple and complex sentence structures, but grammatical control is weak, resulting in a sentence fragment [*Despite the fact that the place is very attractive and hopefully you will enjoy your holiday*]. There is also some difficulty for the reader [*To had that you can also find out the living costs and any expense*].