

TEST 4, WRITING TASK 2

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

Nowadays, there is being a discuss if is it ethical to encourage children to try hard to achieve anything they want in their lives. However, psychologists afirm that thesr are some advantages and disadvantages in the topic.

On the one hand, this encouragement can lead children to try things they may thought they could never accomplish. Studies have shown that children who had the support of their family, had more will to try new things in their lives. Also, children which are often told they can achieve anything if they try hard enough have now a mor sense of discipline on what they are doing.

On the other hand, this might be a problem to children. Stress among this children is increasing enormously due to self demand. The idea of the best on everything they try can be overwhelming. Also, if they fail in this task, it is likely that their self esteem will come down. But not only them, also their family seems to be affected because of this situation.

In my opinion, we shouldn't push so hard children to do anything. the psychological cost in order to achieve a goal does not seem worth it. As adults we ought to support and help our children in things they want to do and not to push them to do anything forcely.

Here is the examiner's comment:

The candidate puts forward some ideas for both sides of the topic, but could achieve a higher band by expanding and developing them. Paragraphs are also used correctly to structure the answer. Some cohesive devices signal topic shifts [*One the one hand* | *On the other hand* | *In my opinion*] and new ideas [*Also*], although the range is not very wide. There is also some use of reference [*this*]. The range of vocabulary is adequate for the task [*ethical* | *encourage* | *psychologists* | *accomplish* | *sense of discipline* | *overwhelming* | *self(-)esteem* | *achieve a goal*]. Although there are errors in spelling and word formation [*a discuss* / discussion | *afirm* / affirm | *thesr* / there | *forcely* / forcibly?], the meaning is usually clear. There is a mix of simple and complex sentence structures with some accuracy, but more complex structures tend to contain errors [*if is it ethical* / if it is ethical | *they may thought* / they may have thought | *shouldn't push so hard children* / shouldn't push children so hard *to do anything*]. There are also occasional mistakes with punctuation and the use of capital letters.