

TEST 2, WRITING TASK 1

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to apply for the part-time voluntary work at the museum.

I just finish my university two months ago and I would like to do some experience that maybe one day can help me in my career.

During my study I think that I get all the skill and qualities in modern art, a lot of knowledge about modern artists, specially the national artists that often are in display on your venue.

I spent last 5 years by studying hard the subject of art history, but also I learn various techniques about painting and restoring.

I would be gratefull if you could let me know as soon as possible so I will be able to organise.

Here is the examiner's comment:

The writer makes a good start to this letter, describing the reason for wanting to work at the museum and outlining what he or she can bring to the job.

Unfortunately the letter does not give details of availability for work and it has no closure: if both of these features had been covered, the score might have been higher. Information is organised logically, according to the bullet points. Vocabulary is the best feature of this letter [*help me in my career* | *modern artists* | *national artists* | *your venue* | *art history* | *techniques about painting and restoring*] and there are only two spelling errors [*appy* / apply | *gratefull* / grateful]. However, there are also some errors in the use of prepositions [*in* / on *display* | *on* / at *your venue*]. There is a mix of simple and complex sentence structures, but there are some basic errors in the use of tenses [*I just finish* / I finished | *I think that I get* / got | *also I learn* / learnt] and in word order [*often are* / are often].