

## TEST 3, WRITING TASK 1

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 4.5** score.

Dear Little Friend,

First, I am writing to you this letter to answer your questions. At the university, I studied English course. The course is divided on 6 modules in each session. We have 2 sessions in the year means you will study 12 modules with different themes and issues such as culture, history and literature. Personnally, I chose this university because the teachers are so helpful and it is the university of my city. Finally, I advice you to be a hard worker and do not hesitate to ask the teachers if you need a help believe me they enjoy helping their students

Here is the examiner's comment:

The writer has covered the first bullet point well, but for the second, reasons are given for choosing the university, not for recommending it. The third bullet is covered, but could be expanded. The opening to this rather short response is inappropriate and there is no closure to the letter. Addressing these issues would improve the rating. There are some cohesive devices [*First* | *Personnally* | *Finally*] but the letter lacks overall progression. The range of vocabulary is adequate for the task [*modules* | *themes* | *issues* | *culture* | *history* | *literature*], although there are some spelling errors [*Personnally* / *Personally* | *advice* / *advise*]. There is only one attempt at a complex sentence structure [*do not hesitate to ask the teachers if you need a help*]. All the other structures are simple sentences. Punctuation could be improved and a greater variety of structures would help to raise the score.