

TEST 2, WRITING TASK 1

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Claudia Helena Silva and I am from Brazil. The reason I am writing to you is because I read your article about town centres in Brazil all look very similar to each other.

I could say that I agree with you that the big cities as Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Belo Horizonte, Curitiba and some others, the town centres have the same kind of buildings, tall with many glasses, large streets and some historical places. another reason is all these cities have really beautiful and old churches.

However, my home town named Taubate is a small and old town which the centre is not similar as the big cities in my country. It does not have tall buildings, the streets are not large and does not have historical places.

I would like to offer you a guide town in my town, and show you all the different beauty that Taubate has from the others cities and towns around Brazil.

I am looking to hearing from you

Yours sincerely

Here is the examiner's comment:

This response addresses all three bullet points and uses the correct format for a letter. In this task, more than one reason is required for the first two bullets to explain the points agreed with and the ways the town centre differs – and more than one idea is provided for each. Further extension of the bullet points would enable a higher score.

Information is arranged coherently, but there are errors in the devices used [*which the centre is not similar*] with some repetition [*town*].

The range of vocabulary is adequate and appropriate for the task, but there is repetition [*tall buildings* | *large streets* | *historical places*] which limits the range. There are some complex structures, but overall flexibility is limited [*all look* / all looking | *the big cities as* / in the big cities such as | *others cities* / other cities] and the range is limited.