

TEST 4, WRITING TASK 2

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

I agree that now is the perfect time to live. I think the best time to live means we can live conveniently and fast. In terms of convenience, I can bet this is the best time in history.

We currently have advanced technology like computer, mobile phone, and the internet. Thanks to computers, we can get our jobs finished earlier than before and we can enjoy our extra time with our family. Owing to mobile phones, not only wherever you are but also whenever you are, you can have a chat with your family members or friends in a long distance.

We also enjoy our convenient life because of a bunch of transportation such as a bus, ship, plane, and train. Now is the time you can go wherever you want to go using the transportation. Even though you are somewhere in Asian continent, if you decide to go to Africa, you can go there.

Lastly, we have never had more accessibility to food than before. Like 3000 years ago, if you are hungry, you have to carry a huge ax or sharp weapons to kill beasts like boars. Besides, you never bet you can turn back home after hunting. However, now as a human being, you can either go grocery shopping at the super market or eat out at the restaurants. There is not need to carry a big tool for hunting at all.

If I had a chance to say what other time is interesting to live in, I would have chosen 1980s right before 21 centuries. The reason why I chose this is there exist both analog and digital things. You can enjoy having the emotion with analog and convenience with digital things at the same time. Although we are short of emotions than before, still, in terms of convenience, now is the most perfect time.

Here is the examiner's comment:

This response presents three clear advantages to living today: technology for communication, transportation and access to food. There is also reference to another time in history, with reasons offered for why it would be interesting to live then. This is a strong response, although it is unclear what [*short of emotions*] refers to in the final paragraph and more clarity on this could improve the rating. The ideas are arranged clearly within each paragraph and there is a range of cohesive devices [*Owing to* | *Even though* | *Lastly* | *However*].

Vocabulary is a strength and there is an adequate range [*the perfect time* | *accessibility to food*] despite some errors in spelling [*convenient* / convenient | *befor* / before | *exist* / exist | *alalog* / analogue] and word choice [*not need* / no need]. There are some examples of complex sentence forms [*Even though ... if you decide* | *If I had a chance ... I would have chosen*]; however, there are errors in the use of tenses [*if you are* / if you were | *you never bet you can* / you could always? | *accessibility to food than before* / accessibility to food than now] which do reduce communication.