

TEST 2, WRITING TASK 1

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 5.5** score.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter for share my opinion about the article which is say all town centres are same in Turkey. Unfortunately, I don't agree totally with this opinion. I see your point about most of city centres in Turkey don't have enough green area and all covered with big buildings.

In Izmir we currently finished our new beach just next to the city centre. Also we have big park with lots of diffrent type flowers and plants, picnic areas, playgrounds. At the same time you are very close to everything you need. You can find markets and shops around you.

I think our town centre is different than othe town centres in Turkey. I would like to have writer of the article as a guest in Izmir. I can give a guided tour in order to change him/her opinion about our town centre because I believe that our town centre is different than others.

Sincerely,

Here is the examiner's comment:

This response addressed all three bullet points required. The second bullet point could be more fully covered. The candidate does not clearly state what makes the town [Izmir] different from most other town centres and describes it rather than comparing it to others. The three main ideas are arranged in three paragraphs, one for each bullet point, and there is some limited use of cohesive devices [*which* | *Also* | *At the same time*], but there is also some repetition [*town centre*] in the final paragraph. Vocabulary is generally adequate, but the inaccuracies limit the score awarded [*Unfortunatelly* | *diffrent* | *othe*]. The range of grammatical structures is limited, and most sentences are short and simple, and contain errors.