

TEST 3, WRITING TASK 1

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

The two plans present the changes between the current and the future features of South West Airport after redevelopment.

On the whole, the south part of the airport will be expanded and certain facilities will be moved or newly placed at both the departure and the arrival halls. Firstly, according to the expand of the gate hall, the more gates are added. The extended distance will be connected by sky trains as the Y-shaped new gate area is inappropriate to walk for passengers with luggage.

Secondly, some existing facilities will change their locations. For example The cafe and check-in desk at departures will be rearranged in the same hall and Bag drop counter will occupy the previous location of check in desk.

Lastly, new services will be introduced at arrivals in order to help the passengers who finish their journey and are going to travel after the airport, such as ATM service and Car hiring service. Additionally shops will be sited in duty-free area, which can be used after passing the security and passport control.

Here is the examiner's comment:

The response covers the main changes and additions at the airport; however some details are missing, such as the new café in arrivals. There is an attempt at an overview at the beginning of the second paragraph, but it is quite general [*certain facilities*] and the overview could be improved by a summary of the changes, e.g. to provide a wider range of facilities to benefit passengers.

Some effective linking devices have been used at the beginning of sentences [*Firstly* | *Secondly* | *Lastly*] and within sentences [*as* | *who* | *such as*]. The response has been organised into four paragraphs, but it does jump from the *arrivals* back to the *shops* in departures. It would be better to organise the information more logically, e.g. starting with departures and ending with arrivals.

Vocabulary is adequate and there are some attempts to use less common items [*expanded* | *certain facilities* | *connected by* | *duty-free area*] although there are some errors [*On the whole* / overall | *expand* / expansion] and a few slips with spelling [*frop* / drop | *travele* / travel].

There are some examples of more complex sentences, e.g. the final sentence, and future structures [*will be connected* | *is inappropriate to walk* | *can be used*]. The errors in grammatical structures do not interrupt the message. To improve the score, a wider range of grammatical structures could be used overall.