

## TEST 2, WRITING TASK 2

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

Nowadays "the health" is the most important people's topic of discussion. Indeed, we can see everywhere in the street, in magazines, in the tram, lots of advertissments about the health as "Don't eat too much salt, too much sweet", "Eating healthy", "Doing sport", etc... Health become a real business and personal fitness trainers understood they can make a lot of money with this new lifestyle.

Playing sport, doing exercise had always been well for health, we know that. However, for years, having our own personal fitness trainer became fashion and usual. In fact, it is very interesting to have personal advice and someone to encourage to you everyday. Moreover it allow to stay motivated.

However, this new kind of training can be very expensive. The cost per hour of one personal trainer is huge and to have some results you have you have to train with him at least three time per week. That means that you don't have enough money to fall out his program until the end, you will be disappointed on you should borrow some money.

To conclude, take care of our health is very important and the gym is a good way to manage it. I think to have a personal trainer is a great idea if we need help to reach our objectives and if we have enough money. However the best combimaision to keep fitting is to eat healthy and find one sport we like to not be discaraged and having pleasure.

Here is the examiner's comment:

This response addresses both parts of the task, although the first part is more fully covered. The reasons for hiring a personal trainer include the [*fashion*] of having one, benefiting from one-to-one advice and staying motivated. The candidate's position is a little less clear. Both positive and negative elements are included. Hiring a personal trainer is negative for those who cannot afford it as they could end up in debt. The conclusion states that personal trainers are a good idea if we have enough money, but the main message is that we can stay healthy in other ways.

There is a clear overall progression in this response, with ideas grouped together in four paragraphs. Some cohesive devices are used effectively, but there is a tendency to overuse them: in the second paragraph, each sentence starts with a new linking device [*However* | *In fact* | *Moreover*].

There is some less common vocabulary [*make a lot of money* | *stay motivated* | *a good way to manage it*] but with some errors in word choice [*fall out* / follow] and formation [*fashion* / fashionable]. There are also spelling errors [*magazines* | *advertissements* | *combimaison* | *discaraged*], but they do not impede communication. There is a mix of simple and complex sentence forms with some effective use of conditionals [*if we need help*]. The grammatical errors rarely reduce communication.

The Band Score could be improved by making the candidate's position clearer and including more about 'playing sports or doing exercise classes'.