

TEST 4, WRITING TASK 2

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 5.0** score.

Although behaviour at work is an important subject, when we start a career we don't learn a correct way to socialise with coworkers. New-workers doesn't know if they have to keep their working separate from their social life, an start to socialise with their colleagues.

But there are not a correct answer. All depends of your company and how you feel with yours colleagues.

In my case, I always had a good experiences at work. My last company was friendly with employees, and promote integration between them. I did really good friends there. They always support me, into work and out.

However, it's important that you know how to keep working subjects far from social life, and never lose respect of your coleagues. People are different. So, normally, their behaviour depends of their personality. If someone don't like mix working life with social life, coworkers has to understant and don't take in a bad way.

In my opinion, it's important that everyone work comfortable, with a grateful atmosphere and respect. It's independ if your colleague is your best friend or not.

Here is the examiner's comment:

This response is only 181 words long, well below the required minimum length of 250 words. Some main ideas are presented, but the focus is on working relationships during working hours. Ideas on socialising outside working hours 'during evenings and weekends' are not sufficiently developed. There are some effective cohesive devices [*In my case* | *However* | *In my opinion*] with some referencing [*their* | *your*], but paragraphs are short and generally not adequate, and the first and second paragraph should be joined together.

Vocabulary is limited, with some items adequate for the task [*behaviour at work* | *career* | *good experiences* | *lose respect*]. However, the errors in spelling [*an start* / and start | *coleagues* / colleagues | *understant* / understand] and errors with word choice [*independ* / irrelevant | *did ... friends* / made ... friends | *depends of* / depends on] and word form [*comfortable* / comfortably] limit the score. There are attempts to use more complex structures [*if they have to keep*], but the level of error is high throughout and most sentences contain grammatical errors.

To improve the score, ideas about socialising outside working hours should be included and extended. Examples could be given about the types of socialising that work colleagues usually enjoy. Vocabulary and grammatical structures would also need to be more accurate. In addition, it is important to write at least 250 words in any Task 2 response.