

Higher ESOL Writing – Work

Candidate 7

The evidence and commentary for this candidate were used within the ESOL National 5 and Higher Writing webinar in January 2025.

The candidate was awarded 9 marks, although the task is achieved and does not fail in any category, there are noticeable errors across grammar, vocabulary and punctuation.

Mark awarded: 9

Content and organisation

The candidate fully achieves the task with clear support for points made. Writing is coherent and cohesive, and the message is clear. Style and layout are appropriate, structure and paragraphing is clear.

Vocabulary and spelling

A wide range of work-related vocabulary is used appropriately, for example, 'financial gain' 'increase profits', 'very costly', 'significantly', 'temporary effects', 'investing in' but there are noticeable errors such as, 'an increase in team relations', 'customers/staff'. Spelling is mainly accurate – exceptions include 'extreamly'.

Grammar and punctuation

A sufficiently wide range of grammatical structures is used. There are errors such as prepositions 'recommend on', articles 'due to a fact that' and suffixation 'awarding/award'. Punctuation is sometimes lacking, especially after 'However', 'In addition' and 'Therefore'.