

Higher ESOL writing – Study

Candidate 4

Although the candidate has tried to use a wide range of language, it is often used inappropriately and with a high instance of error. This results in the overall task being below the standard required for Higher.

Mark awarded: 6

The task is achieved with some support for each point. Coherence is weak in places and the message is difficult to follow at times. The style is not always appropriate for the intended reader with inappropriate use of idioms throughout the task, which should not be present in a formal academic essay. Paragraph 4 is particularly inappropriate and becomes difficult to follow. The layout structure and paragraphing mainly follow conventions.

The range of grammatical structures is better than limited, but there are frequent errors, therefore 6 marks are awarded due to the high density of error and inappropriacy, for example paragraph 4.