

ESOL Higher Writing: Everyday Life

Environment

This candidate deals with only one part of the task, though this is covered quite well. Grammar and spelling are inadequate in places but other aspects such as vocabulary, punctuation and layout achieve a reasonable level. Taking a broad view, the candidate is consistent in that the task is not adequately fulfilled using language which is not up to standard. **Mark awarded 6.**

The candidate devotes the entire answer to the first bullet point: energy at home, while the other three points are not attempted. The relevant performance descriptor, 'Writing is mainly irrelevant to the task,' is inadequate here in that all of the writing is relevant to the task, but only to one part of it. The language is also a little formal in places for a lifestyle blog which should aim for a more informal approach.

In places, uncertainty over coherence and cohesion mean that the message is difficult to follow. Layout and punctuation are both adequate.

Vocabulary is sufficient without being highly developed but spelling is inconsistent in places, e.g. "strat" (for start), "frequentelly" and "reassure" in paragraph 3.

Punctuation is adequate.

In terms of grammar the candidate has particular problems with:

linking verbs, e.g. "end up to spend" (paragraph 2), "finish to watch the TV" (paragraph 4) and "they will automatically stop to run" (paragraph 4) – which is interesting as the initial correct form was crossed out.

number, e.g. "take minor thing for granted" (paragraph 2), "while they are doing other thing" (paragraph 3), "there should be more smart tv" (paragraph 3)

3rd person s, e.g. "this problem increase" (paragraph 3), and "that usually reussure them" (paragraph 3), "the technology need to step in" (paragraph 4).

Although some sentences manage to be both quite complex and correct, in general this candidate's level of grammatical awareness does not meet the Higher standard.