

IELTS Consultation Writing (Suggested Response)

Sample answers and notes

Task 1

A) Summary and Analysis

Part	Summary	Comments
Overview	The bar chart presents British further education statistics for male and female part- and full-time students in three periods of time stretching from 1970 to 1991.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview written by paraphrasing the rubrics
General Trend	The chart reveals two trends. First, the number of part-time students is significantly more than that of the full-time students. Second, there is an obvious increase in the number of full-time students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two obvious trends observed were given. The most obvious trend comes (i.e. part-timers more) first
Details	<p>Altogether, throughout 1970 to 1991, the number of part-time male students ranged from 1,000,000 to 1,200,000 and 750,000 to 1,150,000 for female students. The figures for male and female full-timers were merely between 100,000 and 220,000, and 50,000 and 220,000 respectively.</p> <p>As for the full-time mode of study, the number of male students increased from 100,000 in 1970/71 to 220,000 in 1990/91. Similar rise was observed for female students. The number skyrocketed from merely 50,000 in 1970/71 to over 200,000 in 1990/91.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting details for the first trend. Notice the details are gathered by adding up relevant numbers, an example of process of information - 'respectively' used for better organization - 'As for' used for signifying discussion of another trend. - 'Similar' used for enhancing cohesion - 'merely' used for extra emphasis
Exception	The major exception to the overall increasing trend is the part-time male students. The figure dropped from 1 million in 1970/71 to 0.9 million in 1990/91, despite a slight bounce back from 1980/81 to 1990/91.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep the exception short. The quota of words was already used up. - Noun phrase used after 'despite' for formality

B) Linguistic features observed

Linguistic features	Examples
1) Vocabulary related to chart description	ranged from ... to; between ... and; increased from ... to; Similar rise; skyrocketed from ... to; the overall increasing trend The number is significantly more than that of dropped from ... to; slight bounce back from ... to.... <i>Refer to pp.7-10 and pp.11-12 and p.15 of Module 5 for the lists of common vocabulary.</i>
2) The existential phrase 'there is'.	'Second, <u>there is</u> an obvious increase in the number of full-time students.'
3) Contrastive connective 'despite' and 'in spite of' followed by <i>noun phrases</i>	'The figure dropped from ..., <u>despite a slight bounce back</u> from 1980/81 to 1990/91.'
4) Nominalizations	'...there is an <u>obvious increase</u> in the number of full-time students.....'
5) Post-modification of nouns through:	
a) Prepositional phrases	'The major exception <u>to the overall increasing trend</u> is the part-time male students.'
b) (Reduced) relative clauses	'The bar chart presents British further education ... in three periods of time <u>stretching from 1970 to 1991.</u> '

Conclusion: The linguistic complexity results in a more sophisticated and accurate description.

Task 2 Sample Writing

Livability has been the prime factor for a sustainable community with greatness, quality life and prosperous prospect. But livability is not a universal term with succinct definition, many qualities contribute to maintaining a stable and vibrant downtown. Still, some of the most captivating cities share three crucial qualities- a proper education system, green living and maintenance of diversity.

已註解 [C16]: Need a semi colon here

已註解 [C17]: Not the best synonym

已註解 [C18]: Good transition and clear theme set. 😊

A wholesome education system has long been a determinant of a modern development of a society. Playing the role of the transmission of moral values and carrier of the local cultures, a well- organized education system provides a solid foundation for a harmonious community. Take Singapore as an illustration. Despite the diversity in cultures, Singapore performs unity and social cohesion in the community. The human workforce in Singapore also excelled in tertiary education and scientific inventions, which restates the importance of a decent education system.

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已註解 [C20]: Good language pattern 😊

已註解 [C21]: Excellent example and lexical/ sentence patterns 😊

The second quality weights as crucial as the first one, but is often being underestimated and denied- green living and engagement in environment protection. As to how little and trivial it may seem, green city design benefits the future of the community not only economically but also financially. If a community values the priority of environmental crisis, and endeavors to increase public awareness, this boosts the international image of a place and hence the oversea investment. The use of renewable energy reduces energy consumption, which in turns saving a large cost in electricity bills. As green living becomes more valuable and well-developed, being economically advanced will be a priority.

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已註解 [C23]: No need article

已註解 [C24]: Good elaboration throughout

Last but certainly not least, the acceptance of diversity in a community should be stressed, as people learn about various cultures and experiences, this grants them new skills of knowledge and new weltanschauung- the ways of looking at the world. Globalization is the new trend; a modern society should have the capacity of holding different opinions and values. Acquiring new skills and fresh perspectives helps develop 'out-of-box' ideas. Although diversity is not yet being welcome with open arms, opening to other ideologies is believed to be a growing and progressive part of a city.

已註解 [C25]: A full-stop is more appropriate.

已註解 [C26]: Impressive! 😊

The above-mentioned three qualities- fair education system, environmental awareness of society and the greatness of diversity, are of utmost significance in establishing a city with strong integrity.

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