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8700-2 Q5 Levels 1-4

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EXAMPLE RESPONSES



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[40 marks]

Dear Editor of the Newspaper

Simple awareness of purpose

I am ~~the~~ writing to you to tell you that snow is very bad.

Some evidence of conscious punctuation

This is because when people are going to work there can might get stuck and they won't be able to move again or if they do not have a car there train, bus, taxi, or plane, might get

Simple vocabulary

cancelled. So that's why it is bad.

Accurate basic spelling

Children love playing in the snow because the ~~th~~ like throwing it at each other and making snowmen and snow angels. That's why kids like it but not adults.

Content and Organisation – Upper level 1: 6 marks

Simple awareness of register/audience/purpose; simple vocabulary.

Accuracy – Level 1: 4 marks

Occasional use of sentence demarcation with some evidence of conscious punctuation; accurate basic spelling.

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Is Snow really that lovely?
Many people believe snow
is ~~and~~ just a bit of
fun that it will go away
~~later~~ within a few days but
it's the trouble it leaves
along the way that people
get worried about. The car
accidents increase by 10%
as ~~the~~ drivers cannot control
their car and this results
in more ~~a~~ injuries and lives
that are being put at risk.
It becomes a great inconvenience
when the gritters don't come
out as then roads become
slippery and drivers have to
shovel out their cars in
~~a~~ the morning.

Attempts to match
purpose

Attempts to write in paragraphs but not always appropriate

Some accurate spelling; some inaccurate spelling

Variety of linked and relevant ideas

Attempts a variety of sentence forms

Which wastes more time.
The "picturesque, exciting and fun" snow just happens to ruin and disrupt the local economy, as many high businesses cannot open as they are not able to go into work and customers don't bother because they will probably get stuck along the journey. Buses stop when it snows which ruins a lot of people's plans and pickup services.

Slippery snow gives people many reasons not to get from one place to another. It also traps people so that they get stuck in one place. Would you want to get stuck on the road?

Sustained attempt to match purpose

Although children may find snow amusing it is a big nuisance that makes everything come to a stop. Work, School everything shuts down and it put on local mode till the weather picks up.
~~think~~

Conscious use of vocabulary

Young drivers have to take a break when the snow comes ticking down from the white sky. ~~Many~~ ~~are~~ And it creates a very lonely atmosphere

Overall I feel that snow is a dangerous ~~and~~ cold weather that is made to look pretty and sparkly however it is just ~~more~~ an illusion. ~~and~~

Content and Organisation – Upper level 2: 11 marks

Some successful communication; sustained attempt to match purpose; increasing variety of linked and relevant ideas, although not sufficiently developed nor organised for Level 3.

Accuracy – Level 2: 6 marks

Attempts a variety of sentence forms but not always accurately demarcated; some accurate spelling.

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Generally accurate
spelling

To a certain extent, I agree with the statement for several reasons - snow does look exciting and fun especially for younger children but it is mainly a hazard and dangerous for them too.

For example many young children like to play in the snow but it causes accidents for them when they slip and bang their head on the floor. However, it is not just young children but older adults such as ^{the} elderly too. For example the elderly struggle to walk anyway on a daily basis and when it snows, it creates an even ~~more~~ bigger hazard for them as they can't step out the house for important reasons such as medical appointments. Therefore it creates a danger for both the elderly and young children.

Range of connected
ideas, on task, with
accurate use of
discourse markers

Generally matched to purpose and audience

It is proven that 48% of people have fallen in serious injuries due to the snow, so wouldn't you say that it is a danger for them?

Another problem or disruption that it causes is about schools. Many schools like to be open when it snows as they clear it away and put grit on the roads for people to drive. However, I would still say that it causes a disruption as students find it difficult to attend this day. Many students who live further away from school come on a bus and ^{most} buses ~~are~~ ^{are} shut on this day so it causes a disruption for them. It is proven that 73% of schools in the UK continue to be open when it snows so ^{the} majority of students still have to attend this day. Also it causes a problem for those students who are able to attend as most students do not attend and lessons ~~aren't~~ ^{aren't} on as normal and so they miss out on their education. So wouldn't

Generally matched to purpose and audience

you just agree and say that
m. snow isn't all a show; it
causes more problems than
excitement?

Linked, engaging ideas

linked to this, I would also
say that it causes a problem
for people who work. ~~important~~
people who have important jobs
are not able to take this day
off such as doctors as they need
to continue and fight for people's
lives and it causes a transport
problem for them as ~~trains~~ don't
get cleared off ^{early} in the morning
or during the night. I would
say that it's not fair for some
people to work and for some people
to not.

Usually coherent paragraphs

on the other hand,

to a small extent I would disagree
with the question because when it
snows, young children like to play
outside and have fun and it creates
a little excitement in their life.
It is proven that 47.7% of children
have snowball fights and ~~increase~~ play

Variety of sentence forms for effect

with the snow. It only snows once or twice a year and so they don't get this opportunity every day, so therefore I would say that snow is fun and exciting, wouldn't you?

In conclusion, overall I would say that it causes more disruption and problems for people rather than excitement and so I agree with the statement. Wouldn't you also agree with me?

Content and Organisation – Lower Level 3: 15 marks

Clear communication; generally matched to purpose and audience; range of connected and developed ideas linked with discourse markers.

Accuracy – Level 3: 10 marks

Sentence demarcation mostly secure and mostly accurate; generally accurate spelling, including complex words.

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Snow. The joy and/or sorrow that floods into our bodies when we wake up in the morning to see that cars are camouflaged into the driveway by a wash of a white substance. // Snow. Thinking of endless things to do on our bucket list of the day which somehow always manages to include the outdoors, i.e. building a new friendly snowman (before it melts into the ground later), sledging down a steep hill for a local (and free) exhilarating ride, and snowball fights with the ones you love. // Snow. It somehow excites you and motivates you for the most common thing associated with the cold weather, Christmas time. "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas", unless of course the snow randomly comes in April time (which is no surprise for the British weather), and Christmas Day

Increasingly sophisticated vocabulary and phrasing

Wide range of accurate punctuation

ends up looking like any other normal day. The snow makes the day special, no matter what the occasion. // It is also the tell-tale sign of the utterly ecstatic feeling of soon receiving the news that work or school is cancelled. That, my friends, is ~~what~~ you want to thank the snow. Work being cancelled for the day is the best possible outcome. // Snow. It isn't just linked to brilliant events taking place, but what about its appearance? The crisp white colouring is the definition of picturesque, created by Mother Nature herself. Watching out of your window in your pyjamas as a five-year-old kid, gazing at the aesthetically pleasing miniscule snowflakes that clump together, to create a gigantic wash of mouldable ground. The cars being camouflaged into the driveway by a wash of a white substance. The overall joy that floods into our bodies.

Varied and effective structural feature – repetition of opening to round up positive aspects before moving onto negative

What about the negative aspects? Surely, after what I've just described you'd think that they don't exist. But they do. // Snow. It is a force to be

Full range of appropriate sentence forms for effect

Register convincingly
matched to purpose and
audience

Sentence demarcation
consistently secure and
accurate

Conscious crafting

Point of view structured
and developed

reckoned with. You may think that we have the upper-hand but you are sadly mistaken. The snow can make your practical day a living nightmare. Let's create a scenario. You have planned this day for weeks; visiting family down south in the hope to catch up before Christmas Day. Seems simple, right? Wrong. You have to catch two trains, with a fifteen-minute drive to the Station, and a 20 minute drive to your parents' house. Of course on a normal day, this would be simple but tiresome. However, when you wake up and snow/a wash of white fills up in your eyes, suddenly annoyance creeps up your spine. It is now your enemy. The snow is too thick, therefore the trains and buses are cancelled, and traffic is never-ending doom. Inconvenient. Cars are the only ~~best~~ option to travel, along with walking. Vehicles are dangerous in this weather; skidding, slipping and sliding. There is the risk of no control, leading to accidents. //

When snow is fresh, it is fun most of the time. However, the real problem lies when it melts into thin ice. In my opinion,

slippery roads and pavements are the worst conditions. Vehicles instantly have a loss of control which could lead to frightening events occurring. However, being a pedestrian, there is always the chance of falling over and being publically embarrassed. Although it is not much of a big deal, no one likes being laughed at. This is the sorrow that floods into our bodies.

Snow. You either love it, or hate it. You can decide.

Content and Organisation – Lower Level 4: 21 marks

Convincing communication, with register convincingly matched to purpose and audience; highly engaging with a range of developed, complex ideas.

Accuracy – Level 4: 15 marks

Full range of appropriate sentences; high level of accuracy in spelling and punctuation.

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