## IELTS Writing Task 2 (Essay)

| **Criterion** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| **Task Response** | How well the essay addresses the question and develops a clear position |
| **Coherence and Cohesion** | Organization, logical flow, and use of transitions |
| **Lexical Resource** | Vocabulary range, accuracy, and appropriateness |
| **Grammatical Range and Accuracy** | Variety and correctness of grammar, sentence structures |

**Scoring**: Each criterion is scored **0–9**

**Overall Band Score**: **Average of all 4**, rounded to **1 decimal** (e.g., 6.5)

✅ **Total Score Range**: **Band 0 to Band 9**

## SAT Essay (Writing Part Only)

(SAT essay is discontinued officially in 2021, but still used in mock tests and practice exams. You’re focusing only on the **Writing** part.)

| **Criterion** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| **Command of Evidence** | Quality and relevance of examples/quotes used |
| **Focus and Coherence** | Clarity of central idea and logical flow of ideas |
| **Style and Formal Tone** | Academic tone, formal word choice, no slang |
| **Grammar and Usage** | Sentence structure, punctuation, grammar accuracy |
| **Vocabulary & Sentence Variety** | Use of varied sentence structures and appropriate vocabulary |

**Scoring**: One overall Writing score out of 8

**Evaluator**: Typically graded by 2 raters, but you're using **a single score (1–8)** in your system

✅ **Total Score Range**: **1 to 8**

## GRE Analytical Writing (Issue or Argument Essay)

| **Criterion** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| **Clarity and Logic of Ideas** | Presents a clear and well-developed argument |
| **Use of Reasoning & Evidence** | Supports ideas with sound reasoning and relevant examples |
| **Organization and Coherence** | Logical structure and use of transitions |
| **Grammar and Vocabulary** | Grammatical accuracy and varied, precise word choice |

* **Scoring**: Essays are scored from **0 to 6**, in **0.5 increments**
* **Types of Essays**:

### 1. ****Issue Essay****

You’re presented with a **statement or claim**.

Task: **Take a position** and support it with logic and examples.

Similar to persuasive writing.

### 2. ****Argument Essay****

You’re presented with a **short argument someone else wrote**.

Task: **Critique the logic** — point out flaws, assumptions, lack of evidence.

Like critical evaluation, not your own opinion.

* **Both essays are scored separately**, then **averaged** for a final **Analytical Writing score**.

✅ **Total Score Range**: **0 to 6**

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| **Test** | **Criteria Count** | **Score Per Criterion** | **Total Score Range** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| IELTS | 4 | 0–9 | **0–9 (1 decimal)** |
| SAT | 1 (Writing only) | 1–4 | **1–8** |
| GRE | 1 (Analytical Writing) | 0–6 (in 0.5 steps) | **0–6** |