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OverAll 7.5 Listening 8.0 Writing 6.5 Reading 8.0 Speaking 7.0

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Overall Band Score

Listening

Overall 7.5 Good User Test Score Your result explained Test takers at Band 8 can typically follow extended speech involving complex and detailed argumentation. They can identify and process

language and grammar automatically, and so are able to concentrate on the development of the overall meaning of what is said by a speaker or speakers. They can understand a wide range of vocabulary, including idiomatic language and fixed phrases or unusual collocations, as well as technical and academic language.

Test takers at Band 8 can typically deal effectively with a variety of factual and opinionbased texts that are often complex and dense with information. They are skilled at using their very wide vocabulary knowledge to create meaning, from sentence level to text level, on a range of general, specialised, and technical topics. They are good at following complex arguments and distinguishing between main ideas and supporting details, and at understanding attitude, opinion and implication. They are good at using appropriate reading strategies, such as skimming and scanning, and at synthesizing information and drawing inferences.

Test takers at this band can typically speak with ease, clearly and at length, although with some repetition, self-correction, or hesitation to search for words or grammar. Speaking is generally well-organised, and ideas are generally clear and hesitation as much as possible. Ask yourself: Am well linked. They use a range of vocabulary to discuss a variety of topics, and can use some less common or idiomatic vocabulary, although not always accurately. They can paraphrase well if needed. They can use a range of grammar structures. Sentences are frequently accurate, although there are some errors. Pronunciation is generally natural and clear, but with occasional problems. They are usually easy to understand, and their accent does not have much effect on understanding.

The test taker has operational command of the language, though with occasional inaccuracies, inappropriate usage and misunderstandings in some situations. They generally handle complex language well and understand detailed reasoning.

Advice to improve your score Listen to discussion programmes, especially those on abstract topics you're less familiar with, without pausing or repeating the recording. Try to predict how the conversation might develop, then see if you're correct. Make it a point to notice how the speakers express and qualify their opinions, noting ways they say things that make their arguments particularly effective. Where speakers have different points of view, notice how they respond to one another's comments. Use strategies to infer ideas and meanings that are not directly stated. Afterwards, try to reconstruct the discussion to yourself, to check how much you have understood. Your reading skills are already guite good. Continue to develop your awareness of how to read different types of texts differently. What features does that particular type of text typically have? How is information structured and arranged in such texts? Use your knowledge of these and approach the reading task in an appropriate way. Limit the amount of time you give yourself to read a text. As an exercise, try to find several texts on the same topic so that you can compare opinions, views, definitions and conceptualisations of ideas. Academics often make fine distinctions, so see if you can determine these. You may even try to see if you can capture those differences by writing a one sentence summary.

Talk to other people about abstract and difficult current issues. Focus on delivering your ideas well in presentations and discussions, minimising arranging and conveying my thoughts in the best possible way? Am I using the best possible words and phrases that I know to express my ideas? How can I vary my delivery so that my ideas are understood better? Then work on those things you're not completely happy with yet. Continue reading and listening to natural English language materials and TV to note precise words and particularly effective ways of saying things. Think about how you might use these yourself.

Reading 8.0

8.0

Speaking 7.0 Writing 6.5

Test takers at this band can typically address all parts of the question, some more fully than others. (AC) They can give an overview. (GT) The letter has a generally clear purpose; the tone is sometimes not consistent. Key features and bullet points are covered. The point of view and main ideas are relevant but the conclusion(s) may be unclear. Some details might be irrelevant or wrong. Test takers can arrange their ideas logically, so that the writing has a clear progression from start to finish. They are able to use some linking words well, but others with mistakes. They can paragraph their Task 2 writing, although not always logically. They have enough vocabulary to answer the question. They try to use some less common words. They make some spelling mistakes, but the reader can still understand. They can write a mix of simple and complex sentences. The grammar and punctuation mistakes do not usually cause difficulty for the reader.

Practice writing to give information and make arguments. Make sure you cover all the points that need to be covered, providing supporting ideas and details. Reread your work and see if you can make your points clearer. Is the ordering of your ideas logical? Sometimes, rearranging them can make things clearer. You can also try joining up or separating sentences, using the right connecting devices, and changing where you divide your paragraphs. Continue to develop your vocabulary. Words can be similar in meaning but differ in formality, in their tone, and in their implications. Focus on learning the best words to use for the writing task, the situation, and what you want to say. Challenge yourself by producing sentences that are more complex. If you make mistakes with them, don't worry too much; just check and see how you can fix them.

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