

# ZIMSEC English Essay Marking Report

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**Grade:** C

*Good*

## Original Essay

[Your Address] [City, Zip Code] [Date] Dear [Friend's Name], I hope you are doing well. It been long time since we talk! I miss you much. I want to tell you about some changes happening here in Zimbabwe. First, the weather. It seems like every year it get hotter. Many people say it because of climate change. We have more droughts now, and it make farming very hard. Farmers struggle to grow maize, which is our staple food. Sometimes, we have to import food from other countries. It is not good for our economy. Also, our government is trying to do some reforms. They say they want to improve the economy and bring back investors. But many people are not sure if it will work. Prices of goods keep rising, and many families cannot afford basic things like bread and sugar. It is very tough out there. I also notice more people using technology. Many young people have smartphones now, and they use social media a lot. It help them connect with the world. Online businesses are growing too. Some of

## Teacher Feedback

This is a well-structured letter with clear ideas about the changes in Zimbabwe. You've touched on relevant points like climate change, economic reforms, and technology. To improve, focus on refining your grammar and expanding your vocabulary for more sophisticated expression.

## Key Corrections Needed

- Grammar: Subject-Verb Agreement** - 'it get hotter' should be 'it gets hotter'. Remember that for singular subjects like 'it', verbs in the present tense usually end in 's'. This also applies to 'it make farming' (makes) and 'It help them connect' (helps).
- Grammar: Verb Tense** - 'It been long time since we talk!' should be 'It has been a long time since we talked!' or 'It's been a long time since we last spoke!' Ensure your past tense verbs are correctly formed.
- Vocabulary: Adverb Usage** - 'I miss you much' is informal and grammatically weak. Use 'I miss you very much' or 'I miss you a lot' for better expression.
- Sentence Structure/Variety** - Avoid starting too many sentences with 'It is...' or 'It seems...'. Try to vary your sentence beginnings to make your writing more engaging. For example, instead of 'It is not good for our economy,' you could say 'This situation negatively impacts our economy.'
- Punctuation: Formal Letter Opening** - After the salutation 'Dear [Friend's Name]', always include a comma.

## Improved Version (Sample)

[Your Address] [City, Zip Code] [Date] Dear [Friend's Name], I hope you are doing well. It has been a long time since we last spoke! I miss you very much. I wanted to share some significant changes happening here in Zimbabwe. Firstly, the weather patterns have become quite noticeable. It seems like every year it gets hotter, and many attribute this to climate change. We are experiencing more frequent droughts now, which makes farming incredibly challenging. Our farmers struggle to grow maize, our staple food, and sometimes

we even have to import food from other countries, which negatively impacts our economy. Secondly, our government is attempting to implement some reforms. They aim to improve the economy and attract foreign investors. However, many people remain uncertain about the effectiveness of these measures. Prices of essential goods continue to rise, making it difficult for many families to afford basic necessities like bread and sugar. Life is quite tough for many households. I've also observed a significant increase in technology use...