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OverAll 7.0 Listening 8.5 Writing 6.5 Reading 7.0 Speaking 6.0

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Overall Band Score

Listening

7.0 Good User Overall Score Test Your result explained Test takers at Band 8.5 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 7 can typically deal with a variety of factual and opinion-based texts that may be complex and dense with information. They are very good at using their wide vocabulary knowledge to create meaning, both within and across sentences, on a range of general and specialised topics. They can follow an argument and distinguish between main idea and supporting details, and are good at understanding attitude, opinion and implication. They are able to do this by using reading strategies such as skimming and scanning, and by synthesizing information and drawing inferences.

Test takers at this band can typically speak at length, although they are sometimes less clear or Talk to other English speakers about more fluent because of repetition, self-correction, or hesitation to search for words or grammar. Speaking is generally well-organised, and ideas are generally well linked, but with some errors. They have enough vocabulary to discuss topics clearly and at length, although there are often errors, and they can usually paraphrase well. They can use simple and complex grammar structures but with limited range. There may be frequent grammar errors, particularly in more complex structures, but language is usually easy to understand. Pronunciation can be clear and effective, but there may be problems. They are usually easy to understand, although words may the stress on the right words? be unclear at times.

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. At this level, it is important to broaden the range of texts you read further. 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? Will it require making inferences? Will there be a summary somewhere? Use your knowledge of these and approach the reading task in an appropriate way. Where you want to know the overall argument or specific arguments, try to do this as efficiently as possible. As an exercise, try to find several opinion-based texts on the internet, and then determine the similarities and differences in their opinions and

abstract topics or more difficult current topics. Keep the discussion going for as long as possible. At the same time, try to express your ideas as accurately as you can, using the best words you know. Many of your ideas will also require the use of complex grammatical structures. If you're using several simple sentences, try to join them up in a way that makes your point clearer. Listen (and read) in English more to help you pick up natural and idiomatic phrases. When listening, note the rhythm and also the words that the speaker stresses. Is your rhythm similar? Are you putting

Reading 7.0

Speaking 6.0

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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Writing

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