

TEST A, WRITING TASK 1 (GENERAL TRAINING)

SAMPLE ANSWER

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a Band 7 score. Here is the examiner's comment:

This is a well-developed response to the task prompt. The letter has a clear purpose, it is written in an appropriate style and it gives all the information required by the bullet points. The situation is described in a relevant way and the letter communicates effectively and fluently.

The information in the letter is organised, but there are no paragraphs so the reader has to work harder to follow the changes from one topic to the next and in some cases the links between sentences could be improved.

A good range of vocabulary is used accurately, including idiomatic expressions. But some words are not well chosen so there are also awkward expressions that do not sound natural, and there are several examples of these.

The writing includes a good range of grammatical structures which are usually used accurately. There are a few errors in grammar, and the first sentence lacks capital letters, which is a rather basic mistake.

Dear Sir or Madam,
my name is Liam Test, i'm the student that got hurt in the accident in front of your row of bean-tins in your supermarket. Let me give you some details about the accident first. I was just going around the corner from the vegetables to beans when a pregnant woman crashed into me with her shopping cart. It was impossible to see each other before the accident because this special corner is very dark and the lights didn't even work, probably because the eight bulbs were old and didn't serve anymore. Anyway, the floor was very slippery and wet because the rain was dripping through the non-waterproof ceiling, so I slipped, fell, and knocked myself out on the bean-tins. I lost consciousness. Your insurance payed for the accident but let me just give you some advice to prevent further accidents in your supermarket: make sure your ceiling is fixed and the floor is dry. You could also arrange your rows in a way that makes it possible for your customers to take care of each other. Always get the lights checked at leas once a week, and change damaged lightbulbs immediately. This would help making our supermarket a safer place.
Sincerely yours, . . .