IELTS Writing Marking Criteria

Certificated *IELTS* examiners assess your performance on each Writing task.

There are four assessment criteria (things that the examiner thinks about when deciding what score to give you):

- Task achievement/response
- Coherence and cohesion
- Lexical resource
- Grammatical range and accuracy.

Task achievement (in Task 1) and *Task response* (in Task 2) assess how accurately, appropriately, and relevantly your response covers the task requirements, using a minimum of 150 words for Task 1 and 250 words for Task 2.

In Task 1, all the information you require is given in the diagram.

In Task 2, Task response includes how well you develop your argument in response to the task, giving evidence and examples which may be from your own experience.

This task asks you to formulate and develop a position in relation to a prompt in the form of a question or statement. Your ideas should be supported by evidence. You may draw examples from your own experience. You should write at least 250 words. If you write fewer words than 250, examiners will deduct marks

Coherence and cohesion assesses how clear and fluent your writing is, and how well you organize ideas and link information and ideas. It includes giving your ideas in a logical order, and using a range of cohesive devices (for example, linking words, pronouns and conjunctions, etc.) appropriately.

Lexical resource assesses the range of vocabulary you have used, and how accurately and appropriately you use it in relation to the specific task.

Grammatical range and accuracy assesses the range of grammar you have used and how accurately and appropriately you have used it.