

Level B2

Sample Test

Task One

An English website has called on young people to write about friendship. Write a composition (around 150 words) and speak about the following:

- *When and how did you meet your best friend?*
- *What do you like the most in him/her?*
- *What role does your friend play in your life?*
- *How do young people make friends today?*

Everybody needs a true friend. They are transforming us and make us what we are. However some contacts are difficult and need time to be a harmonic friendship. I and my best friend were classmates and know each other for 12 years. At the first school day we did not even notice each other. After nine years she sat next to me. We started meeting after school, and now we are best friends.

She is understanding and what I most like about her, that she always knows a good solution for every problem. We learn and spend our freetime together.

Unfortunately the contacts between people are more superficial then earlier. They meet new people at parties and discos. They have many friends but neither of them is a really good friend. Work and study is more important than human contacts. I think it is a mistake. It took me 12 years to build a friendship but it was worth it.

(156 words)

Assessment

FORMAL ACCURACY	WRITTEN ACCURACY	VOCABULARY	STYLE	COMMUNICATIVE EFFECTIVENESS
3	3	3	4	5
adequate use of grammatical structures required at this level, some inaccuracies but they do not hinder comprehension	partially adequate paragraphing, spelling and punctuation mistakes, however, these do not impair comprehension	adequate range of vocabulary with some errors not impairing comprehension	ideas are organized appropriately, adequate use of cohesive devices, clear organization of text, appropriate style	adequate elaboration and coverage of all the bullet points, effective elaboration of thoughts and opinion relevant to the topic

Task Two

The mayor's office of your town has launched a campaign called "Cycle to work". Write an email (around 150 words) to you English friend and include the following:

- *Would you cycle to work/school? Why/why not?*
- *the advantages of cycling*
- *the disadvantages of cycling*
- *public transportation at your place of living*

Dear Richard,

There is a new campaign in my city. It is about cycling. I cycle to work because it's a door-to-door service and I don't have to search for a parking place. Furthermore I'm planning to lose weight so it helps me to keep fit.

I would rather advise to the people to use their bike. It is important because of the environmental protection but also because of our own health. We can improve our condition and you can enjoy fresh air.

It is obvious that cycling has some drawbacks too. There aren't enough bike roads in the centre so it is dangerous to cycle in heavy traffic. In addition it's inconvenient to use your bike in in snowy and rainy weather.

I believe that public transportation in our city is pretty good. The network is extended and the frequency is acceptable. When it comes to prices I would say it is worth using it. Nowadays when prices are rather high cost efficiency is a key factor.

(158 words)

Assessment

FORMAL ACCURACY	WRITTEN ACCURACY	VOCABULARY	STYLE	COMMUNICATIVE EFFECTIVENESS
4	4	5	5	5
adequate and effective use of syntactic/morphological devices and structures required at this level	use of meaningful sentence construction and paragraphing, mostly correct use of punctuation	activation of vocabulary adequate for the topic, some idiomatic expressions	all ideas are organized in a clear and coherent way following the characteristics of the given genre, effective use of cohesive devices	task handled with complete effectiveness and communicative ease, content entirely sufficient and relevant for the topic, all bullet points are covered