

IELTS Academic

Name: _____ Score: _____

1. How many minutes is the Writing test?

2. A Task 1 answer describes every number accurately but has no overview sentence. What is the highest band it can reach on Task achievement?
☐ Band 5
☐ Band 7
☐ Band 9 — accuracy is what matters
3. In Task 1 you should explain why the trend happened.
☐ True ☐ False
4. Sales went from 40 to 60. Which sentence is correct?
☐ Sales rose to 20.
☐ Sales rose by 20.
☐ Sales rose of 20.
5. 'Do the advantages of studying abroad outweigh the disadvantages?' What must your answer do?
☐ List advantages and disadvantages and stop
☐ Decide which side outweighs the other
☐ Describe only the advantages
6. Why does a memorised opener lower the Lexical resource band?
☐ It is grammatically wrong
☐ Examiners are trained to discount memorised language, and it carries no information
☐ It uses words that are too simple
7. Complete: Task 1 needs at least _____ words.

8. How many times more does Task 2 count than Task 1 in the Writing band?

9. Which of these belong in a Task 1 overview? Choose all that apply.
☐ The biggest overall movement

- ☐ Every figure from the chart
- ☐ The point where two lines cross
- ☐ Your view on whether the trend is good

Tick every correct option.

10. Unemployment went from 6% to 9%. How big was the rise?

- ☐ 3%
- ☐ 3 percentage points
- ☐ 9 percentage points

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1. **60**

60 minutes for two tasks.

2. **Band 5**

Without an overview, Task achievement is capped at band 5. The overview is one or two sentences saying what the data does overall.

3. **False**

No. Task 1 reports what the figure shows. An invented cause is an opinion and caps Task achievement at band 5.

4. **Sales rose by 20.**

'By' gives the size of the change (20); 'to' would give the end point (60). 'Of' goes with the noun — 'a rise of 20'.

5. **Decide which side outweighs the other**

'Outweigh' asks for a judgement. Four advantages and four disadvantages with no verdict has not answered the question.

6. **Examiners are trained to discount memorised language, and it carries no information**

The phrases are correct English. They are discounted because they are memorised and say nothing, which is a different fault from an error.

7. **150**

Task 1 is at least 150 words, about 20 minutes.

8. **2**

Task 2 counts twice as much, so it gets 40 of the 60 minutes.

9. **The biggest overall movement; The point where two lines cross**

An overview names the overall shape — the biggest movement, the largest category, a crossover, or what did not change. It carries no specific figures and no opinion.

10. **3 percentage points**

3 percentage points. It is also a rise of 50%, because 3 is half of 6 — but writing 'a rise of 3%' is a factual error.