

4. Writing

Starter Quiz · 课前小测

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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.