Solutions

Marking: **B1** one mark for each correct point; writing tasks are marked by levels for **Content** (task points covered and developed, right register for the reader) and **Language** (range, accuracy, organisation).

Each answer shows the evidence or plan, then the **result**.

2.1

- **"I met a girl who plays in the school band."**
- **"Although the test was hard, I passed it."** / *I passed the test, although it was hard.*

2.2

- a detail and a feeling: **"On Sunday I went to Silver Bay with my cousins and swam out to the rocks. I was exhausted but so happy by the end of the day."**

2.3

- three precise, different words in a sentence without repetition: **"The hostel was spotless, the food was delicious and the staff were incredibly friendly."**

3.1

C: precise vocabulary, a complex sentence, varied punctuation

3.2

(a) any two:

- the points are **listed, not developed**: no details of the space room or the museum
- **"I learned things about planets"** is too vague: nothing specific learned
- **too short** (about 50 words); no opening or closing paragraph for the friend

(b) any two:

- **repetition**: *good* four times
- **only simple sentences**; no linking words
- **no paragraphs**; *Hi Max.* / *Bye* are abrupt

(c) Content (6): 5–6 all three points covered and developed with detail, friendly register throughout; 3–4 all points covered, some development; 1–2 a point missing or only listed. Language (6): 5–6 a range of vocabulary and sentence types, accurate, paragraphs well linked; 3–4 some range, errors do not block meaning; 1–2 simple language, frequent errors.

Model (146 words):

Hi Max,

How are you? I've just got back from our class trip to the National Science Museum, and I had to tell you about it!

The museum is enormous, with five floors of hands-on exhibits. We spent most of the morning in the robotics hall, where we programmed a small robot to find its way through a maze.

The best part, though, was the space gallery. It has a real piece of rock from the Moon, which you can actually touch! There's also a simulator that shows you what it feels like to take off in a rocket. My stomach is still recovering.

I learned that a day on Venus is longer than its year, which sounds impossible but is true. I'd never realised how much we still don't know about our own solar system.

You'd love it. Maybe we could go together in the holidays?

Write soon, Leo