

IELTS

WRITING SESSION 3

Exercise One - whereas / although / because / unless / if

1. Global warming will not be solved _____ all governments take immediate action.
2. China has a high level of outward migration, _____ Japan's is quite low.
3. _____ the government has tried to reduce people's sugar intake, it has not been successful.
4. Fewer and fewer people will attend university _____ the government does not provide student funding.
5. People are continuing to get sick in cities _____ there is so much pollution produced by cars.

Exercise Two while / until / despite the fact that / in order to / as

6. _____ the number of people eating hamburgers rose, the number eating pizzas decreased.
7. Unemployment is increasing _____ the economy is doing well.
8. Healthy eating should be encouraged _____ avoid obesity.
9. The sales of CDs continued to fall _____ they levelled off in June.
10. Road accidents are rising _____ there are too many cars on the roads.

'..Another problem that needs to be considered is that a lack of exercise contributes to obesity. As a result of leading a busy life and pressures at work, many people are just too tired to go to the gym or join a sports club. For example, after a hard day at work, many people prefer to just come home and sit in front of the TV and on weekends go out with friends. When people do have time off or a vacation they tend to relax and recover.'

being overweight / laze / hectic / an additional / free time / holiday

take it easy / due to / issue / activity / fat / thought about / adds to

should be / tough / as opposed to / citizens / taken into consideration / recreation club

non stop / would rather / not enough / exhausted / take part in / responsibilities

*'..An **additional issue** that **should be taken into consideration** is that a lack of exercise **adds to being overweight**. **Due to** leading a busy life and **responsibilities** at work, many people are just too **exhausted** to go to the gym or **take part in** a sports club. For example, after a hard day at work, many people **would rather** just come home and sit in front of the TV and on weekends go out with friends. When people do have **free time** or a **holiday**, they tend to **take it easy** and recover **as opposed to** going to a gym.....'*

| Band score | Skill level | Description |
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| Band 9 | Expert user | You have a full operational command of the language. Your use of English is appropriate, accurate and fluent, and you show complete understanding. |
| Band 8 | Very good user | You have a fully operational command of the language with only occasional unsystematic inaccuracies and inappropriate usage. You may misunderstand some things in unfamiliar situations. You handle complex detailed argumentation well. |
| Band 7 | Good user | You have an operational command of the language, though with occasional inaccuracies, inappropriate usage and misunderstandings in some situations. Generally you handle complex language well and understand detailed reasoning. |
| Band 6 | Competent user | Generally you have an effective command of the language despite some inaccuracies, inappropriate usage and misunderstandings. You can use and understand fairly complex language, particularly in familiar situations. |

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| Band 5 | Modest user | You have a partial command of the language, and cope with overall meaning in most situations, although you are likely to make many mistakes. You should be able to handle basic communication in your own field. |
| Band 4 | Limited user | Your basic competence is limited to familiar situations. You frequently show problems in understanding and expression. You are not able to use complex language. |
| Band 3 | Extremely limited user | You convey and understand only general meaning in very familiar situations. There are frequent breakdowns in communication. |

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| Band 2 | Intermittent user | You have great difficulty understanding spoken and written English. |
| Band 1 | Non-user | You have no ability to use the language except a few isolated words. |
| Band 0 | Did not attempt the test | You did not answer the questions. |

Task 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

You are renting a flat from an agency. Your contract was for one year but you need to leave the flat two months early.

Write a letter to the agency. In your letter

- introduce yourself
- ask to leave the flat before the contract finishes
- explain why you need to break the contract.

Write at least 150 words.

Task 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In the past, most people used to travel to their place of work. With increased use of computers, the internet and smart phones, more and more people are starting to work from home.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of this development?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Task 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

You recently bought a camera while travelling overseas. When you got to your destination you discovered that some important items were missing from the box.

Write a letter to the local representative of the company. In your letter

- give details of the camera and where you bought it
- explain what has happened
- say what you want him/her to do about it

Write at least 150 words.

Task 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In the modern world, the image (photograph or film) is becoming a more powerful way of communicating than the written word.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.